**Argyll & Bute Council**

**Discretionary Housing Payment Application Form**

**2023/24 for Under-Occupancy situations only.**

This form should only be completed if you wish to apply for a Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) to cover an under-occupancy (bedroom tax) deduction and you are a tenant in social sector rented accommodation receiving Housing Benefit or a contribution of Universal Credit Housing Costs. Any award will be backdated to 1st April 2023 or whenever you started receiving under-occupancy deductions if that is later.

***SECTION 1 – PERSONAL DETAILS***

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| Title: |  | Forename: |  | Surname: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Email: |  |
| I would like to receive correspondence by: | Post [ ]  Email [ ]  |
| National Insurance Number: |  | Date of Birth: |  |
| I am in receipt of:(please tick one) | Universal Credit Housing Costs [ ]  or Housing Benefit [ ]  *Claim Number:*  |
| If you are a Care Experienced Young Person aged 26 or under, please tick this box [ ] and confirm which Council area you are registered as Care Experienced in:  |

***SECTION 2 – DECLARATION***

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| **Please read this carefully before you sign the form.**I declare that the information I have given on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge.I will notify Argyll & Bute Council if there is any change in the occupancy details of my home.I will notify Argyll & Bute Council if there is any change in my Universal Credit Housing Costs.**If there is no change in my circumstances, please treat this as a request for under-occupancy DHP to be carried forward for future years.**[ ]  Please tick this box to confirm that you have read and agree to the above. |
| Claimant’s Signature: |  | Date: |  |

**Completed forms can be returned by email to:** benefitsgeneralenquiries@argyll-bute.gov.uk

**or by post to:** Argyll & Bute Council, Customer & Support Services, Kintyre House, Snipefield Industrial Estate, Campbeltown, PA28 6SY

**or by hand:** At your local Customer Service Point.