# Tamworth Borough Council Housing Application Form



Please read this form carefully and complete all sections. Lack of proof of ID or an incomplete form will be returned to you.

The information you give us will be used to assess your housing need and prioritise you or Tamworth Borough Council's Finding a Home Scheme.
If you think you are homeless or threatened with homelessness, please tick this box.  Please provide proof so that we can prioritise your application. We may contact you for further information.

When you have completed your application form please return it to: Housing Solutions, Tamworth Borough Council, Marmion House, Lichfield Street, Tamworth, Staffs. B79 7BZ

If you need help with the form and have nobody to assist you, please contact Housing Solutions:

Tel: 01827 709709 Fax: 01827 709376

Email: housingsolutions@tamworth.gov.uk

You can also visit our website: www.tamworth.gov.uk/housing

Before we can process your application we will need ALL of the proofs that apply to your circumstances. See the list on section 1 in this form.

Provided we have received all relevant proofs and a completed and signed form, you should hear back from us within 14 days from the date we received your application. If your application is accepted, we will send you an application confirmation letter. Please keep your application confirmation letter. It contains your individual reference number, the number of bedrooms you are assessed to need and other information you will need in order to express your interest in properties we advertise on www.findingahometamworth.co.uk.

#### Change of circumstances

Once your application has been accepted, it is your responsibility to keep it up to date. You must tell us of any change in your circumstances as it may affect your application e.g. if you move, or your household changes. The Housing Solutions Team can provide you with a change of circumstances form (contact details above.) It is also available on our website www.tamworth.gov.uk/do-it-online

The enclosed Finding a Home Guide will help you to complete this form and gives you more information on how our choice-based lettings scheme works. Keep it safe, as you may need to refer to it again.

If you would like this document in another format (such as large print) or different language, or if you require an interpreter, please contact us on 01827 709709 or email enquiries@tamworth.gov.uk

#### 1. Documents and proofs we need to register your application

Please supply the following documents. We can only accept copies, not originals. If you bring originals in, we can copy them in reception but you must wait for them before you leave as Tamworth Borough Council is not responsible for any originals. If you fail to supply the relevant information it will delay your application.

Please tick the documents you have provided.

Proof of identity: you must provide one of the following documents for every person on your application, including children
<ul> <li>Full Birth Certificate – if you no longer use your birth name, please supply proof of change</li> <li>Valid Passport – see Section 5 if you are subject to immigration control or from the European Economic Area</li> <li>Full or provisional driving licence – we cannot accept counterparts alone</li> </ul>
Proof of current address: All adults on your application, whether or not they currently live with you, must provide one of the following:
<ul> <li>Current tenancy agreement</li> <li>Utility bill - gas ,electricity, water, telephone</li> <li>Full or provisional driving licence</li> </ul> Council tax bill DWP benefit document
Proof that your children live with you, or will be a part of your household when you move. You must provide one of the following:
Letter from Child Benefit Agency - confirming payment for children at your current address  A recent bank statement showing Child Benefit payments
Persons from abroad, or recently returned to the UK
<ul> <li>Applicants accepted as a refugee or granted Indefinite, Exceptional, Discretionary or Limited leave to remain in the UK, must provide Home Office documentation</li> <li>Nationals of the EEA must provide proof of current employment or self-employment</li> <li>If you are a UK citizen but have recently returned from abroad, please provide proof that you are habitually resident in the UK</li> </ul>
Proof of benefits
Copies of your most recent benefits award letters, including any disability-related benefit
Proof of pregnancy
Your maternity record from the hospital confirming your Estimated Due Date (EDD).  Your pregnancy will only be recognised in your bedroom entitlement after 20 weeks gestation.

Proof of local connection.
Applicants must have a local connection to be placed in any band above Band 4.  Please indicate your local connection and provide proof of one of the following:  Lived in the district for a period of at least six out of the last 12 months continuously before this application to the Housing Register  Previously lived in the district for three out of the past five years
Permanent employment within the borough  Close family members,* who have lived in the district for at least the last five years  A special reason for needing to live in the area
*Close family members may be defined as parents, children, siblings, grandparents or grandchildren including step relatives.  If your connection to Tamworth is because of your own residency, you must provide proof, such as dated utility bills, or tenancy agreements that cover the relevant period
<ul> <li>If your connection to Tamworth is because you have family connections in the area you must provide:</li> <li>Proof of your relative's residency in Tamworth, for example, a copy of a recent utility bill or</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>bank statement, or a tenancy agreement</li> <li>A copy of their full/long birth certificate to prove your relative's identification and proof of the relationship</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>If you work in Tamworth you must provide:</li> <li>A letter from your employer detailing your job, type of employment contract (permanent, fixed term or casual, full or part time) and confirmation that you are still employed by them or a dated contract of employment with your name on, together with your latest wage/salary slip</li> </ul>
If you have a special reason you must provide:
<ul> <li>A letter detailing what that reason is from the relevant agency or department, for example, a letter from the hospital explaining what your specialist treatment is, how long it is likely to last and why you need to live in Tamworth</li> </ul>
Proof of rent account on current property
If you are currently renting, you must provide one of the following:  Rent statement/book  Bank statements showing rent payment to your landlord for the last three months  Reference from your current landlord
Armed Forces
Armed Forces Discharge Note - where the applicant is currently in or recently left the Armed Forces, or is the surviving spouse or civil partner of Armed Forces personnel, and is required to leave Forces accommodation.

# 2. Personal Details - applicant/s

#### **OFFICE USE ONLY**

Application Reference Number: Input Date:

		Main Applicant	Joint Applicant
1	Please state the joint applicant's relationship to the main applicant (eg, spouse/partner)		
2	Title (Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / other)		
3	First names		
4	Surname		
5	Previous surname(s), or other names you have used		
6	Gender (male / female / transgender)		
7	Date of birth		
8	National Insurance Number		
9	Marital status		
10	Home phone number		
11	Mobile phone number		
12	Email address		
13	Do you need written correspondence to be in large print?	Yes / No	Yes / No
14	Can you speak English?	Yes / No	Yes / No
15	Can you read English?	Yes / No	Yes / No
16	If no, which language do you prefer?		
17	In some instances we may email you. If this is an issue, please state preferred correspondence method (state – email, post, telephone, text, home visit etc.).		

# 3. Your Current Address

### 18. Please give the details of your current address/es

	Main Applicant	Joint Applicant
Address including postcode		
Date that you moved in	/ /	/ /

### 19. Please state the number of bedrooms in your curent home:

	<b>Main Applicant</b> Total bedrooms	Joint Applicant (if not living with main applicant)
House		
Bungalow		
Flat – ground floor		
Flat - upper floor		
Maisonette – ground floor		
Maisonette – upper floor		
Bed sit / room		
Boat		
Caravan/mobile home		

### 20. Please state your current tenure:

	Main Applicant	Joint Applicant (if not living with main applicant)
Tenant		
Owner/Occupier		
Living with family		
Shared ownership		

# 21. If you are renting, who is your landlord?

	Main Applicant	Joint Applicant (if not living with main applicant)
Tamworth Borough Council		
Another local authority  – state which one		
Private landlord - provide name and address		
Tied accommodation provide name and address of your employer		
Housing Association – provide name		

# 4. Reasons for applying 22. Please tell us why you are applying for housing. Tick all boxes that apply. Notice to quit Rent too expensive Current property too big Domestic abuse To be near to family Mortgage arrears Current property too small Relocating to Tamworth Need sheltered housing Relationship breakdown Release from prison Disrepair of current property Hospital discharge Armed forces discharge Employed in Tamworth Other - please state: 5. Alternative address for correspondance Joint Applicant (if not living with main applicant) **Main Applicant** Is there a different address that you would prefer us to use to contact you?

Yes / No

Yes / No

Reason for a different contact address:

Do you have any pets?

If Yes, please state types and numbers:

Some type of housing is unsuitable for pets, would you be willing to make alternative arrangements for your pets if necessary?

6. Pets

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#### 7. Housing Options

# 25. Are you interested in any of the following housing options? Please tick the options that you are interested in.

site: www.findingahometamworth.co.uk
<b>Housing Associations</b> - We work in partnership with several housing associations with properties in Tamworth. Ticking this will ensure you are considered for nominations.
<b>Shared Ownership</b> - An alternative to renting and full ownership. With shared ownership you buy a 'share' of your home and pay rent on the remainder. It is particularly suitable for people with a regular income who wish to buy their own home but cannot afford to do so through conventional methods.
<b>Sheltered Accommodation</b> - There are several sheltered housing schemes in Tamworth, see our website for more information: www.tamworth.gov.uk/sheltered-housing
<b>Incentive to move scheme</b> - Available to tenants of Tamworth Borough Council wanting to downsize from a family home to a smaller property. We'll send you a leaflet on how to apply.

#### The following options may also be available to you:

- **Private rented accommodation / Bond scheme** Please contact Housing Solutions on 01827 709709 for further details/ application form.
- Mutual exchanges If you are a council or Housing Association tenant and are interested in a mutual exchange, please go to www.homeswapper.co.uk for more information.

#### 8. Your Current Household

# 26. Please list below everyone who lives with you now. Do not include yourself or any joint applicant. You will need to include proof of ID for anyone who will move with you

	First Name	Last name	Gender	Date of birth	Relationship to you	To be housed with you?	Are they the tenant or homeowner?
1						Yes / No	Yes / No
2						Yes / No	Yes / No
3						Yes / No	Yes / No
4						Yes / No	Yes / No
5						Yes / No	Yes / No
6						Yes / No	Yes / No

#### 27. Please list below anyone else who does not currently live with you but you want to be housed with you

	First Name	Last name	Gender	Date of birth	Relationship to you	Current address	Are they the tenant or homeowner?
1							Yes / No
2							Yes / No
3							Yes / No

28. Are you or anyone who wil	ll mov	ve with you pregnant?
Yes No		
If yes, please state name of preg	gnant	applicant:
What date is the baby due:	/	/

#### 9. Employment, Benefits and Savings

# 29. Do you receive any of the following? Please state W (weekly) or M (Monthly) in the box next to the start date.

	Main Applicant		Joint A	pplicant
	£	Start date	£	Start date
JSA or Income Support	£		£	
Working Tax Credit	£		£	
Pension	£		£	
Pension Credit	£		£	
Child Benefit	£		£	
Disability Living Allowance/PiP	£		£	
Universal credit	£		£	
Carer's Allowance	£		£	
Employment & Support Allowance	£		£	
Personal pension	£		£	
Other (please state:)	£		£	

It is important that you confirm the type of benefits you are receiving. Please provide a copy of your Benefit Award Letter(s).

#### 30. What is your current employment status?

	Main Applicant	Joint Applicant
Employed	Yes / No	Yes / No
If employed, who is your employer?		
And what was your start date?		
Unemployed	Yes / No	Yes / No
Self-employed	Yes / No	Yes / No
In full time education	Yes / No	Yes / No
Retired	Yes / No	Yes / No

#### 31. If employed, please state your annual income before tax:

Main applicant: £ Joint applicant: £

# 10. Disability or III Health

32. Do you, or does anyone moving with you, suffer from any life-limiting illnesses, health problems or disabilities?			
Yes No			
If Yes, please write the name of the person affected in the relevant box below:			
Type of disability	Persons affected		
Hearing impairment			
Mental health problem			
Visual impairment			
Learning disability			
Mobility impairment (difficulty getting around)			
Other (please state)			
33. Is your home worsening a medical condition anyone else included in this application?	and/or disability of you or		
Yes No If yes, please give details:			
34. Would the medical condition and/or disability be improved if you or they moved to a more suitable home?			
Yes No If yes, please give details:			
If yes, the council will require evidence to support this and any letters from medical professionals should be included to support this.			
35. If you have any disability or problems that might affect the type of property you need to live in, please give details:			

# 11. Your previous addresses

# **36.** Please provide addresses for the last five years Start with your most recent previous address and go back

Main A	Applicant	Joint A	pplicant
From:	To:	From:	To:
From:	То:	From:	То:
From:	То:	From:	To:
From:	То:	From:	То:
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tenant of Tamworth Boro	ugh Council,	please give the	details	/ been a
			/ /	/ /
38. Have you have already Tamworth Borough Cou	received an ir ncil?	ncentive to mov	e payment fron	1
Yes No If Yes, plea date:	se provide det	ails of the addre	ess you moved o	out of, and the
39. If you or anyone else inc Council or Housing Associat accommodation, please give	luded in this a tion property, o e the details 1	application has a privately renterated for privately renterated for privately renterated for privately for private	ever been evicted property or s	red from a upported enquiries regarding this.
Name of person evicted				
Address of property				
Dates at the property				
Landlord details				
Reason for eviction				
40. Do you, or anyone moving with you, own property in this country or abroad?				
In this country: Yes	☐ No	Abroad:	Yes No	
41. If anyone to be rehoused	l is a tenant o	r homeowner, pl	ease give deta	ils:
Person's name		Are they a ho	meowner?	Yes / No
Are they a tenant?	Yes / No	If Yes, what is property?	the value of the	£
If Yes, who is the landlord? Please provide a contact number for private landlords.			<b>quity?</b> (the amount of a mortgage is paid off)	
Will they give up the tenancy?	Yes / No	Will they sell t	the property?	Yes / No
42. Please detail the value	of All Consists	. Chausa and E	audu in Branco	

# 42. Please detail the value of ALL Savings, Shares, and Equity in Property and Land that you own:

Type of saving	Main Applicant	Joint Applicant
	£	£
	£	£
	£	£

#### 12. Your Current Circumstances

		Main Applicant	Joint Applicant		
43	Do you think you are homeless or threatened with homelessness?	Yes / No	Yes / No		
	Please tell us why you cannot stay in your current accommodation and provide the date you need to leave by:				
44	Are you currently sharing a bathroom or kitchen with people who are not in your household, and are not otherwise related to you?	Yes / No	Yes / No		
45	Are you a young person currently or recently in the care of the local authority?	Yes / No	Yes / No		
Piea	se give the date you will require housing and detai	is of your support wo	orker/s:		
46	Are you in hospital?	Yes / No	Yes / No		
47	Are you in prison?	Yes / No	Yes / No		
Prov	Provide confirmation of your expected release date:  48 Armed Forces: Are you serving in the British  Yes / No  Yes / No				
	Armed Forces and planning to leave soon, or have you left within the last six months?	100 / 110	166 / 116		
	Are you in Armed Forces accommodation but required to leave?	Yes / No	Yes / No		
	Are you suffering from a serious injury, illness or disability that is attributable wholly or partly to your service? Or are you the spouse or civil partner of someone whose death is attributable, wholly or partly, to their service in the armed forces?	Yes / No	Yes / No		
requ	Please provide your notice of discharge from the Forces and a letter stating you are required to leave Forces accommodation. If you have answered 'Yes' to the third question (illness, disability, injury or death as a result of service), please provide written evidence.				

#### 13. Eligibility to join the register including immigration status

We cannot include certain people who are 'persons from abroad' on our housing register. Please answer the following questions and provide supporting documentation (see section 1.) If you are unsure about your eligibility, you should complete the application. We may contact you for more information before we can let you know if you are eligible.

#### 49. Please indicate which of the following applies to you and to any joint applicant

	Main Applicant	Joint Applicant	
Are you a British citizen, or a Commonwealth citizen with a right of abode in the UK?	Yes / No	Yes / No	
Are you subject to any immigration controls?	Yes / No	Yes / No	
If Yes, please tell us whether any of the following state You will need to provide us with copies of your Home O		1.	
Granted refugee status	Yes / No	Yes / No	
Granted exceptional leave to remain with no restrictions on recourse to public funds	Yes / No	Yes / No	
Granted indefinite leave to remain (you will also need to prove that you are habitually resident in the UK)	Yes / No	Yes / No	
Humanitarian protection granted under immigration rules	Yes / No	Yes / No	
Limited leave to remain in the UK – give the expiry date	Yes / No	Yes / No	
Other – please state			
If No, are you an EEA national? If Yes, state which country.	Yes / No	Yes / No	
If you are an EEA national, please answer the following questions. You must provide proofs of your eligibility to apply for housing.			
Are you currently employed, or self-employed?	Yes / No	Yes / No	
If you are from Croatia, are you working under the authorisation scheme?	Yes / No	Yes / No	
If you are an EEA national and not currently working:			
What date did you enter the UK?			
Have you lived in the UK continuously since that date?	Yes / No	Yes / No	
Tell us why you are not working now			
Is anyone else on your application subject to immigration control?  Yes / No			

Which person and what is their immigration status?

You must provide proofs.

# 14. Other support

# 50. Do you receive support from any of the following?

	Main Applicant	Joint Applicant
Social Services	Yes / No	Yes / No
If yes, please provide details:		
Probation	Yes / No	Yes / No
If yes, please provide details:		
Any other Support Provider	Yes / No	Yes / No
If yes, please provide details:		

# 15. Authority to release

This would give authorisation to discuss your application with the person named below:

51	Your representative's name		
52	What is their relationship to you?		
53	Do they hold Power of Attorney for you? If yes, they must provide us with a copy of the Power of Attorney	Yes / No	0
54	Which organisation do they work for (if applicable)? This is only relevant if they are representing you as part of their working role.		
55	Their contact address		
56	Their day time phone number/s		
57	Their email address		
58	Signature of your representative		Date:
	e give Tamworth Borough Council authoris resentative named above	sation to discuss my housing	application with the
59	Signature of the applicant		Date:
60	Signature of the joint applicant		Date:

# 16. Connection with the Council

We need to make sure that everyone is treated fairly regardless of any connection with the Council.

61	Are you or any member of your household an employee of Tamworth Borough Council, or related to an employee of Tamworth Borough Council?	Yes / No		
If Ye	If Yes, please state their name and their relationship to you:			
62	Are you or any member of your household a Tamworth Borough Councillor, or related to a Tamworth Borough Councillor?  Yes / No			
If Yes, please state their name and their relationship to you:				

#### 17. Equality and Diversity

Tamworth Borough Council is committed to ensuring equality and diversity throughout its services. We ask for the following information to help us ensure that all applicants are treated fairly and that everyone receives a service that takes account of their needs. You do not have to answer these questions - it will not affect your application or priority and we will still provide you with a fair service.

#### 63. Please tick the appropriate box of how would you describe your ethnic origin?

Main Applicant	Joint Ethnic Origin Applicant	Main Applicant	Joint Ethnic Origin Applicant
	Asian or Asian British Indian Pakistani Bangladeshi		Black or Black British  Black Caribbean  Black African  Other Black, please state:
	Other Asian, please state:  Mixed Heritage White and Asian White and Black African White and Black Caribbean		White British Irish Other White, please state:
	Other Mixed, please state:  Prefer not to say		Chinese or other ethnic group  Chinese Other mixed, please state:

<b>64.</b> How						
Main Applicant	Joint Applicant	Nationality				
		UK national – resident in the UK				
		UK national - returning to the UK				
		Czech				
		Estonian				
		Hungarian				
		Latvian				
		Lithuanian				
		Polish				
		Slovakian				
		Slovenian				
		Bulgarian				
		Romanian				
		Non-UK National from overseas – please state:				
		Other European Economic Area country – please state:				
		Other nationality - please	state:			
		Prefer not to say				
<b>65.</b> How	would you	u describe your religion	?			
65. How  Main Applicant	would you Joint Applicant	u describe your religion	Main	Joint Applicant	Religion	
Main	Joint Applicant		Main			
Main	Joint Applicant	Religion	Main		ł	
Main	Joint Applicant	<b>Religion</b> Christian, including C of E	Main		Hindu	
Main	Joint Applicant	<b>Religion</b> Christian, including C of E Muslim	Main		Hindu Buddhist	
Main	Joint Applicant	Religion Christian, including C of E Muslim ewish	Main		Hindu Buddhist	
Main	Joint Applicant	Religion Christian, including C of E Muslim ewish Other - please state:	Main		Hindu Buddhist	
Main	Joint Applicant	Religion Christian, including C of E Muslim ewish Other - please state: No religion	Main		Hindu Buddhist	
Main Applicant	Joint Applicant	Religion Christian, including C of E Muslim ewish Other - please state: No religion refer not to say	Main Applicant		Hindu Buddhist	
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Main Applicant	Joint Applicant	Religion Christian, including C of E Muslim ewish Other - please state: No religion refer not to say	Main Applicant		Hindu Buddhist Sikh	
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Main Applicant	Joint Applicant  Joint N D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D	Religion Christian, including C of E Muslim ewish Other - please state: lo religion refer not to say  u describe your sexual of Sexual orientation	Main Applicant	Applicant  Joint	Hindu Buddhist Sikh	
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#### 18. Additional Information

This section is important. need to move.	Please use it to tell us about your current circumstances, and why you
Please check and sid	an vour completed application overleaf before

returning it.

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#### 19. Declaration and signature/s

# This must be signed before submitting your application.

Please note:

**Housing fraud** - It is a criminal offence to knowingly provide a false statement or withhold information to assist you in obtaining accommodation from Tamworth Borough Council or a housing association or private housing provider nominated by us. We will take legal action against anyone found committing an offence and may also seek possession of any property obtained.

Confidentiality - Tamworth Borough Council is the Data Controller for all personal data collected in this application. We collect your personal information under Legal Obligation to allow us to provide administration for your application. We may share your personal information with third-parties where required to by law or where it is necessary to process your application. Full details for types of personal information we collect, purpose we collect it, third-parties we share it with, third-party services providers and how we maintain the security of your information can be found in our Fair Processing Notice www.tamworth.gov.uk/privacy-notice - a hard copy is available upon request. Please ensure you read our fair processing notice before submitting your personal information to us. Information you give us will be kept for no longer than necessary. Our Retention Schedule can be found at www.tamworth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/privacy/Retention-Schedule.pdf

Please read this declaration carefully before you sign and date it. If you are making a joint application, both applicants must sign. Once you sign and date this form it becomes a legally binding document. If there is any part of the declaration you do not understand, it is your responsibility to find someone to explain it to you. Tamworth Borough Council's customer service centre has trained staff who can explain anything you do not understand.

To the best of my knowledge and belief the information that has been provided on this form is true, complete and correct.

I will immediately declare any changes in this information.

I understand that if I give false or misleading information or I omit information for the purpose of obtaining housing, it may be regarded as a criminal offence and action could be taken against me, including refusal of my application, court action and recovery of property.

I understand that the information I have provided will be used to help determine my eligibility for housing, and that any information given by me relating to this housing application, or given with my consent by others, will be placed on Tamworth Borough Council's housing register. Where other people's personal information is given on the form, I confirm that they have consented to its use.

I give permission for you to contact individuals or agencies referred to by me on this form, when necessary, and also other individuals and agencies in order to process my application.

Applicant's signature	Date		Please note: We cannot accept the form without:
	1	/	- Your signature and date
			-The signature and date of any joint applicant
Joint applicant's signature	Date		- ID for everyone on the application
	/	/	- All relevant proofs requested
			in section 1, and ticked