

If you are making a homeless application to the council, it will speed things up if you are well prepared. Use this checklist to find out what you should take with you.

ID



- Birth certificate
- Passport
- Proof of immigration status (if you have come to the UK from abroad)
- Driving licence
- Medical card
- National Insurance card
- Travel pass with photo
- Letters about repossession from your mortgage company
- Court papers

Evidence of why you are homeless or about to become homeless



- Letter from your parents/friends/relatives confirming that they want you to leave
- Letters / notice from your landlord

Evidence of where you live



- Tenancy agreement
- Utility bills in your name
- A letter addressed to you, or which says where you have been living, from:
 - school, university or college
 - doctor or hospital
 - employer
 - DWP or Jobcentre Plus
 - solicitor
 - social worker

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Other proof of your circumstances



- Birth certificates for your partner/children
- Child benefit book
- Wage slips
- Benefit book
- Proof of pregnancy
- Letters from your doctor/hospital about any health problems
- Written discharge from the armed forces
- Written discharge from prison
- Crime number or copies of relevant police reports (e.g. if you are leaving home because of abuse or harassment).

Don't worry if you haven't got everything that's on the list: take as much as you have. Bear in mind that the more information you provide, the quicker your application can be assessed.

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