

Application for a determination of liability to pay and reasonableness of service charges

Section 27A of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985

It is important that you read the notes below very carefully before you complete this form. This is the correct form to use if you want to ask the Tribunal to determine whether a variable service charge is payable. If so, the Tribunal can also determine:

- the person by whom it is payable
- the person to whom it is payable
- the amount which is payable (this is limited to what is reasonable)
- the date at or by which it is payable

This is also the correct form to use if your case relates to the provisions of Schedule 8 to the Building Safety Act 2022.

A fee is payable for this application (see section 15 for Help with Fees). The fees are set out in this form.

Applications should be sent as a Microsoft Word document by **email** to the relevant regional tribunal address shown in the Annex to this form. You must also send by email a copy of the lease. If you cannot access email or find someone to assist you in lodging your application by email, then a paper application will be acceptable although there may be a delay in dealing with this. Sending an application on paper will not be suitable in urgent cases.

You can now pay the **the fee (if applicable) by an on-line banking payment or by cheque/postal order enclosed with the application form.**

If you want to be sent online banking payment details by email, please tick this box

Please make sure a copy of the application is served on the other party/parties to the application. If you are unable to serve a copy on the other party/parties, please bring this to the tribunal's attention in the covering email or if sending by post in a covering letter.

Please do not send any other documents. When further evidence is needed, you will be asked to send it in separately.

If you have any questions about how to fill in this form, the fee payable, or the procedures the Tribunal will use please contact the appropriate regional office.

If you are completing this form by hand please use **BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS**.

1. DETAILS OF APPLICANT(S) (if there are multiple applicants please continue on a separate sheet)

Name:

Capacity:

Address (including postcode):

Address for correspondence (if different from above):

Telephone:

Day: Evening: Mobile:

Email address: Fax:

Representative name and address, and other contact details: Where details of a representative have been given, all correspondence and communications will be with them until the Tribunal is notified that they are no longer acting for you.

Name:

Reference no. (if any)

Address (including postcode):

Telephone:

Day: Mobile:

Email address: Fax:

Note: The Tribunal may copy the application form to other appropriate persons (e.g. other service charge paying leaseholders in the building or development). If you are a leaseholder and do not want your telephone/fax number or email address to be disclosed to other such persons please omit those details from Box 1 and attach them on a separate sheet.

Where details of a representative have been given, all correspondence and communications will be with them until the Tribunal is notified that they are no longer acting.

2. ADDRESS (including postcode) of SUBJECT PROPERTY (if not already given)

Various properties as set out in Appendix 1 enclosed.

3. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING (e.g. 2 Bedroom flat in purpose built block of flats)

As above

4. DETAILS OF RESPONDENT(S) the person against whom an applicant seeks determination from tribunal – this will not be the landlord’s managing agent unless they are a party to the lease. If there are multiple respondents, please continue on a separate sheet.

Name: Various leaseholders as set out in Appendix 1 enclosed

Capacity: Leaseholders

Address (including postcode):

As above

Address for correspondence (if different from above):

As above

Telephone:

Day:

Evening:

Mobile:

Email address:

Fax:

Representative name and address, and other contact details: Where details of a representative have been given, all correspondence and communications will be with them until the Tribunal is notified that they are no longer acting for you.

Name: N/A

Reference no. (if any)

Address (including postcode):

Telephone:

Day:

Mobile:

Email
address:

Fax:

Note

This form asks the applicant to provide the details of parties to the application. Additionally, the Tribunal needs to know the names, addresses and email addresses of other people who may be significantly affected by the application such as other lessees in the building. Please provide a list of the names and addresses of any such person(s). If this is not possible or is impractical, then a written statement should be provided with this application.

If you are the landlord/management company making the application please omit, if known, the telephone/fax numbers and email address of the respondent(s) when completing Box 4 and include them on a separate sheet. This is because the application form may be copied by the Tribunal to other appropriate persons (e.g. other service charge paying leaseholders in the building or development).

5. DETAILS OF LANDLORD (if not already given)

Name:

As stated in section 1

Address (including postcode):

Reference no. (if any)

Telephone:

Day:

Evening:

Mobile:

Email
address:

Fax:

6. DETAILS OF ANY RECOGNISED TENANTS' ASSOCIATION (if known)

Name of
Secretary

Address (including postcode):

Telephone:

Day:

Evening:

Mobile:

Email
address:

Fax:

7. SERVICE CHARGES TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE TRIBUNAL

A. Service charges for past years.

Please list years for which a determination is sought.

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| 1. Please see statement of case enclosed | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

For each service charge year, fill in one of the sheets of paper entitled **SERVICE CHARGES IN QUESTION**

B. Service charges for current or future years.

Please list years for which a determination is sought.

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| 1. Please see statement of case enclosed | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

For each service charge year, fill one of the sheets of paper entitled **SERVICE CHARGES IN QUESTION**

Total value of dispute £

C. Service charges determined under the provisions of Schedule 8 to the Building Safety Act 2022

Please indicate whether any of the issues in the case relate to the provisions of Schedule 8. If Yes, please specify these when you complete the sheets entitled **SERVICE CHARGES IN QUESTION**.

Yes

No

8. OTHER APPLICATIONS

Do you know of any other cases involving either: (a) related or similar issues about the management of this property; or (b) the same landlord or tenant or property as in this application?

Yes No

If Yes, please give details

9. IMPORTANT – S20C LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT 1985 – APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER LIMITING PAYMENT OF LANDLORD’S COSTS

Some leases allow a landlord to include costs incurred in connection with proceedings before the Tribunal as part of a service charge. Section 20C of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 gives the Tribunal power, on an application by a tenant, to make an order that such costs are not to be included in the amount of any service charge payable by the tenant or any other persons specified in the section 20C application.

If you are a tenant do you wish to make a section 20C application? Yes No

If you have answered “Yes” then please specify any other persons to be included in the section 20C application by providing their names, addresses and email addresses in the box immediately below. Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

N/A

Note: Even if you have applied for an order under section 20C the Tribunal may refuse to make one.

10. IMPORTANT – PARAGRAPH 5A OF SCHEDULE 11 – APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER LIMITING PAYMENT OF LANDLORD’S COSTS

Paragraph 5A of Schedule 11 to the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002 (‘the 2002 Act’) provides that a tenant may apply to the Tribunal for an order for a court or tribunal which reduces or extinguishes the tenant’s liability to pay an “administration charge in respect of litigation costs” ie contractual costs in a lease.

Do you want to make an application under Paragraph 5A of Sch11 to the 2002 Act

Yes No

11. CAN WE DEAL WITH YOUR APPLICATION WITHOUT A HEARING?

If the Tribunal thinks it is appropriate, and all the parties and others notified of their right to attend a hearing consent, it is possible for your application to be dealt with entirely on the basis of written representations and documents and without the need for parties to attend and make oral representations. (‘A paper determination’).

Please let us know if you would be content with a paper determination if the Tribunal thinks it appropriate.

Yes No

Note: Even if you have asked for a paper determination the Tribunal may decide that a hearing is necessary. Please complete the remainder of this form on the assumption that a hearing will be held. Where there is to be a hearing, a fee of £200 will become payable by you when you receive notice of the hearing date.

12. TRACK PREFERENCES

We need to decide whether to deal with the case on the Fast Track or the Standard Track (see Guidance Note for an explanation of what a track is). Please let us know which track you think appropriate for this case.

Fast Track
 Standard Track

Is there any special reason for urgency in this case?

Yes No

If Yes, please explain how urgent it is and why:

Note: The Tribunal will normally deal with a case in one of three ways: on paper (see section 11 above) or ‘fast track’, or ‘standard track’. The fast track is designed for cases that need a hearing but are very simple and will not generate a great deal of paperwork or argument. A fast track case will usually be heard within 10 weeks of your application. You should indicate here if you think your case is very simple and can be easily dealt with. The standard track is designed for more complicated cases where there may be numerous issues to be decided or where for example, a lot of documentation is involved. A standard track case may involve the parties being invited to a Case Management Conference which is a meeting at which the steps that need to be taken to bring the case to a final hearing can be discussed.

13. AVAILABILITY

If there are any dates or days we must avoid during the next four months (either for your convenience or the convenience of any witness or expert you may wish to call) please list them here.

Dates on which you will NOT be available:

14. VENUE REQUIREMENTS

Please provide details of any special requirements you or anyone who will be coming with you may have (e.g. the use of a wheelchair and/or the presence of a translator):

N/A

Applications handled by the London regional office are usually heard in Alfred Place, which is fully wheelchair accessible. Elsewhere, hearings are held in local venues which are not all so accessible and the case officers will find it useful to know if you or anyone you want to come to the hearing with you has any special requirements of this kind.

15. CHECKLIST

Please check that you have completed this form fully. The Tribunal will not process your application until this has been done. Please ensure that the following are enclosed with your application and tick the appropriate box to confirm:

A copy of the lease(s) is/are enclosed.

EITHER

A crossed cheque or postal order made out to HM Courts and Tribunal Service for the application fee of £100 (if applicable) is enclosed. **Please write your name and address on the back of the cheque or postal order. Please also send a paper copy of your application with your cheque or postal order, regardless of whether you have already emailed the application.**

OR

You have ticked the box at the top of this form to say you want the relevant regional tribunal office to send you details on how to pay the application fee of £100 by on-line banking. **The unique payment reference the tribunal office supplies MUST be used when making your on-line banking payment.**

DO NOT send cash under any circumstances. Cash payment will not be accepted.

Please note where there is to be a hearing, a fee of £200 will become payable by you when you receive notice of the hearing date.

Help with Fees

If you think you may be entitled to a reduced fee, the guide EX160A 'Apply for help with court, tribunal and

probate fees' outlines how you can submit an application for Help with Fees.

You can submit your Help with Fees application online at www.gov.uk/help-with-court-fees or by completing the form EX160 'Apply for help with fees'. You can get a copy of the 'Apply for help with fees' form online at www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-help-with-court-and-tribunal-fees or from your regional tribunal office.

If you have completed an online application for Help with Fees please enter the reference number you have been given here.

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If you have completed form EX160 "Apply for Help with Fees" it must be included with your application.

The 'Apply for help with fees' form will not be copied to other parties.

If you are making several applications at the same time, even if you are using different application forms or the applications relate to different parts of the Tribunal's jurisdiction, you do not have to pay a separate fee for each application. The overall fee will be the biggest of the fees payable for each application on its own.

16. STATEMENT OF TRUTH

The statement of truth must be signed and dated.

I believe that the facts stated in this application are true.

Signed: Judge & Priestley

Dated: 08/08/2023

SERVICE CHARGES IN QUESTION

Please use the space below to provide information regarding each of the years mentioned in section 7 of the main application form.

You will be given an opportunity later to give further details of your case and to supply the Tribunal with any documents that support it. At this stage you should give a clear outline of your case so that the Tribunal understands what your application is about. **Please use one sheet per year.**

The year in question _____

A list of the items of service charge that are in issue (or relevant) and their value

Please see statement of case enclosed.

Description of the question(s) you wish the Tribunal to decide:

Any further comments you may wish to make:

ANNEX: Addresses of Tribunal Regional Offices

NORTHERN REGION

HM Courts & Tribunals Service
First-tier Tribunal (Property Chamber) Residential
Property, 1st Floor, Piccadilly Exchange, Piccadilly
Plaza, Manchester, M1 4AH

Telephone: 01612 379491

Fax: 01264 785 128

Email address: RPNorthern@justice.gov.uk

This office covers the following Metropolitan districts: Barnsley, Bolton, Bradford, Bury, Calderdale, Doncaster, Gateshead, Kirklees, Knowsley, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Oldham, Rochdale, Rotherham, St. Helens, Salford, Sefton, Sheffield, Stockport, Sunderland, Tameside, Trafford, Tyneside (North & South), Wakefield, Wigan and Wirral.

It also covers the following unitary authorities: Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland, Darlington, Halton, Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool, Kingston-upon-Hull, East Riding of Yorkshire, Northeast Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire, Stockton-on-Tees, Warrington and York.

It also covers the following Counties: Cumbria, Durham, East Cheshire, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Northumberland, North Yorkshire and West Cheshire.

MIDLAND REGION

HM Courts & Tribunals Service
First-tier Tribunal (Property Chamber) Residential
Property, Centre City Tower, 5-7 Hill Street,
Birmingham, B5 4UU

Telephone: 0121 600 7888

Fax: 01264 785 122

Email address: RPMidland@justice.gov.uk

This office covers the following Metropolitan districts: Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall and Wolverhampton.

It also covers the following unitary authorities: Derby, Leicester, Rutland, Nottingham, Herefordshire, Telford and Wrekin and Stoke-on-Trent.

It also covers the following Counties: Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire.

EASTERN REGION

HM Courts & Tribunals Service
First-tier Tribunal (Property Chamber) Residential
Property, Cambridge County Court, 197 East Road
Cambridge, CB1 1BA

Telephone: 01223 841 524

Fax: 01264 785 129

Email address: RPEastern@justice.gov.uk

DX 97650 Cambridge 3

This office covers the following unitary authorities: Bracknell Forest, West Berkshire, Reading, Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead, Wokingham, Luton, Peterborough, Milton Keynes, Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock.

It also covers the following Counties: Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire and Suffolk.

SOUTHERN REGION

HM Courts & Tribunals Service
First-tier Tribunal (Property Chamber) Residential
Property, Havant Justice Centre, The Court House,
Elmleigh Road, Havant, Hants, PO9 2AL

Telephone: 01243 779 394

Fax: 0870 7395 900

Email address: RPSouthern@justice.gov.uk

This office covers the following unitary authorities: Bath and Northeast Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Bournemouth, Plymouth, Torbay, Poole, Swindon, Medway, Brighton and Hove, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight.

It also covers the following Counties: Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, Devon, Dorset, East Sussex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Kent, Somerset, Surrey, West Sussex and Wiltshire.

LONDON REGION

HM Courts & Tribunals Service
First-tier Tribunal (Property Chamber) Residential
Property, 10 Alfred Place, London WC1E 7LR

DX 134205 Tottenham Court Road 2

This office covers all the London boroughs.

Telephone: 020 7446 7700

Fax: 01264 785 060

Email address: London.RAP@justice.gov.uk

The Ministry of Justice and HM Courts and Tribunals Service processes personal information about you in the context of tribunal proceedings.

For details of the standards we follow when processing your data, please visit the following address <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-courts-and-tribunals-service/about/personal-information-charter>

To receive a paper copy of this privacy notice, please call 0300 123 1024/ Textphone 18001 0300 123 1024.