



# Grass Cutting application form

**If you meet the following criteria and agree to pay the amount stated for the Grass Cutting Scheme, please fill in this form.**

The Grass Cutting Scheme is available to Moray Council tenants, who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- ✓ they are a Council tenant with sole responsibility for maintaining their garden; **and**
  - ✓ they are not able to cut their grass due to a recognised substantial and long-term illness, physical or mental health disability as defined by the [Equality Act 2010](#); **and**
  - ✓ there is no other **tenant** living with them who can cut the grass (please note this does not include other members of their household who are not tenants); **and**
  - ✓ they are in receipt of any physical or mental health related benefit. Examples include Adult Disability Payment (ADP), Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance, Pension Age Disability Payment (PADP) and Attendance Allowance.
- We may ask for evidence to confirm the receipt of benefit.

Eligible tenants will have their grass cut up to 10 times between April and October.

The cost for the Scheme is £312.89 (£260.74 + £52.15 VAT). Eligible tenants who get any of the following benefits will pay £150.91 (£125.76 + £25.15 VAT) per year:

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| • Universal Credit   | • Housing Benefit                                 |
| • Pension Credit     | • Council Tax Support                             |
| • Tax Credits        | • Child Tax Credit                                |
| • Working Tax Credit | • Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance              |
| • Income Support     | • Income-related Employment and Support Allowance |

If you are accepted on to the Scheme, we will send you a bill which will explain how and when to pay, including options to pay by instalments.

If you do not pay the amount you owe by the end of the grass cutting season:

- we will take debt recovery action against you; and
- you will be refused registration next year.

If you were on the Scheme last year and didn't pay what you owe, we will refuse your application this year.

**Tenants must apply for the Scheme each year.**

**Your details**

|               |          |  |
|---------------|----------|--|
| Title         |          |  |
| Forenames     |          |  |
| Surname       |          |  |
| Email address |          |  |
| Phone number  | Landline |  |
|               | Mobile   |  |

**Your address**

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Property number |  |
| Street name     |  |
| Town            |  |
| Postcode        |  |

| Please answer the following questions                                                                                                                                                                                         | Yes | No |
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| Are you a Moray Council tenant with a sole responsibility for your garden?                                                                                                                                                    |     |    |
| Are you able to cut your grass?                                                                                                                                                                                               |     |    |
| Do you live with another tenant who is able to cut the grass?                                                                                                                                                                 |     |    |
| Do you have a recognised substantial and long-term illness, physical or mental health disability as defined by the Equality Act 2010?<br>“Substantial” is more than minor or trivial and “long-term” means 12 months or more. |     |    |

**Definition of disability under the Equality Act 2010\***

You're disabled under the Equality Act 2010 if you have a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative effect on your ability to do normal daily activities.

**What 'substantial' and 'long-term' mean**

- 'substantial' is more than minor or trivial, e.g. it takes much longer than it usually would to complete a daily task like getting dressed.
- 'long-term' means 12 months or more, e.g. a breathing condition that develops because of a lung infection.

**Progressive conditions**

A progressive condition is one that gets worse over time. People with progressive conditions can be classed as disabled.

You automatically meet the disability definition under the Equality Act 2010 from the day you're diagnosed with HIV infection, cancer or multiple sclerosis.

\* [www.gov.uk/definition-of-disability-under-equality-act-2010](http://www.gov.uk/definition-of-disability-under-equality-act-2010)

| Do you get any of the following physical or mental health related benefits? | No | Yes | If yes, tell us the date the benefit ends |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-----|-------------------------------------------|
| Adult Disability Payment (ADP)                                              |    |     |                                           |
| Pension Age Disability Payment (PADP)                                       |    |     |                                           |
| Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance                                  |    |     |                                           |
| Other – please state which benefit                                          |    |     |                                           |

| Do you get any of the following income related benefits? | No | Yes |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----|-----|
| Universal Credit                                         |    |     |
| Housing Benefit                                          |    |     |
| Pension Credit                                           |    |     |
| Council Tax Support                                      |    |     |
| Tax Credits                                              |    |     |
| Child Tax Credit                                         |    |     |
| Working Tax Credit                                       |    |     |
| Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance                       |    |     |
| Income-related Employment and Support Allowance          |    |     |
| Income Support                                           |    |     |
| Other – please state which benefit                       |    |     |

### Tenant declaration

#### I confirm that:

- ☐ I cannot cut my grass due to a recognised illness / disability as defined by the [Equality Act 2010](#)
- ☐ There is no other tenant living in my home who can cut the grass
- ☐ I confirm that I get the benefits noted above
- ☐ I agree to pay for the grass cutting service.
- ☐ I understand that if I don't pay the amount due, you may take debt recovery action against me, and I will not be admitted to the Scheme next year.
- ☐ My garden is in good condition.
- ☐ I understand that if the grass cannot be cut due to the condition of my garden or access to my garden, I will still be charged.
- ☐ I confirm that all the above are true at the time of my application and agree that I will inform Moray Council's Housing and Property Services should any change affect my eligibility for the service.

By ticking the above boxes, you are confirming that the information you have provided us is accurate and consent to this information and supporting documents being used for the purpose of application to the Grass Cutting Scheme only.

**Data protection**

Any information that you give us will be processed in line with the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) and UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR).

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| <b>I confirm that all the details I have given are to the best of my knowledge true.</b> |      |
| Tenant's signature                                                                       | Date |
| Joint tenant's signature                                                                 | Date |