



Cold Weather Payments

What are Cold Weather Payments?

The Cold Weather Payment helps cover higher heating costs when temperatures in your area drop below a certain level.

Who Qualifies?

You might qualify for Cold Weather Payments if you receive:

1. You usually qualify if you receive **Pension Credit**
2. You usually qualify if you receive **Income Support**, or:
 - a disability or pensioner premium
 - a disabled child
 - Child Tax Credit with a disability or severe disability element
 - a child under the age of 5 living with you
3. You usually qualify if you receive **income-related Employment and Support Allowance** and are in the work-related activity group or support group. If not, you might still qualify with:
 - a severe or enhanced disability premium
 - a pensioner premium
 - a disabled child
 - Child Tax Credit with a disability or severe disability element
 - a child under the age of 5 living with you



4. You usually qualify if you receive **Universal Credit** and:
- you or your partner are not employed or self-employed
 - you have a health condition or disability with limited capability for work
 - you have a child under the age of 5 living with you
5. You usually qualify if you receive **Support for Mortgage Interest (SMI)** and have:
- a severe or enhanced disability premium
 - a pensioner premium
 - a disabled child
 - Child Tax Credit with a disability or severe disability element
 - a child under the age of 5 living with you

If you applied for a qualifying benefit but don't receive it due to high income, you may still be treated as eligible for Cold Weather Payments.

Frequently Asked Questions

| Question | Answer |
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| How do I get the Cold Weather Payment? | If you meet the criteria to qualify for a Cold Weather Payment, you will automatically receive it. |
| Does the Cold Weather Payment affect my other benefits? | No, Cold Weather Payments won't affect your other benefits. |



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| <p>What will I receive and when?</p> | <p>You'll receive a payment if the average temperature in your area is zero degrees Celsius or below for 7 consecutive days. You'll receive £25 for each 7-day period of very cold weather between November 1st 2024, and March 31st 2025.</p> |
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The Cold Weather Payments scheme for 2024-2025 will begin on November 1st 2024. You can check if your area is eligible for a payment in November 2024.

What Is The Winter Fuel Payment?

This is not the same as Cold Weather Payments. The Winter Fuel Payment is a means-tested benefit for older people to help them with their heating costs. Please take a look at our separate Winter Fuel Payment fact sheet for more information.

Contact

If you think you qualify for a Cold Weather Payment but have not received one, call the Pension Service on 0800 731 0469 or your local Jobcentre Plus. If you receive Universal Credit, then you can call 0800 328 5644.

How We Can Help

If you live in the Barnsley borough and would like some advice on Cold Weather Payments, you can:

- Email us at first.contact@dialbarnsley.org.uk
- Or call our Advice Line on 01226 240273