



Winter Fuel Payment

What is Winter Fuel Payment?

The Winter Fuel Payment is a benefit that helps older people with their heating costs during the winter months. It's a tax-free payment made once a year, which is paid automatically if you qualify.

Who Qualifies?

You will automatically qualify for a Winter Fuel Payment if you were born before 23rd September 1958, live in England or Wales and receive any of the following benefits:

- Pension Credit
- Universal Credit
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income Support



You will not qualify for a Winter Fuel Payment if:

- You have been in hospital getting free treatment for more than a year
- You need permission to enter the UK and your granted leave says that you cannot claim public funds
- You were in prison for the whole of the week of 16th to 22nd September 2024

What Will You Receive?



If you live alone

If you live alone you'll get either:

£200 If you were born between 23rd September 1944 and 22nd September 1958

£300 If you were born before 23rd September 1944



If you live with someone else

If you live with someone and you and your partner jointly claim any of the qualifying benefits, one of you will get a payment of either:

£200 If both of you were born between 23rd September 1944 and 22nd September 1958

£300 If one or both of you were born before 23rd September 1944

If you are automatically eligible, you will receive a letter in October or November to let you know how much you will get.

FAQs



How do I get the Winter Fuel Payment?

You'll get a letter in October or November telling you how much Winter Fuel Payment you'll get if you're eligible.

How much will I receive?

The amount you get is based on when you were born and your circumstances between the 16th and 22nd of September 2024, also known as the 'qualifying week'. This has now been extended to 21st December 2024. Any money you get is tax-free and will not affect your other benefits. Please see page 1 for a breakdown of what you will receive.

Can I get the Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home?

You can get the Winter Fuel Payment if you live in a care home. However, you will not be eligible if both of the following apply:

- you get Pension Credit, Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) or income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA);
- you lived in a care home for the whole time from 24th June to 22nd September 2024.

How To Apply

You can claim Winter Fuel Payment by post from 16th September 2024, or by phone from 10th October 2024.

If you get Universal Credit, you'll be told how to claim through a message in your journal.

The deadline to make a claim for winter 2024 to 2025 is 31st March 2025.

- To claim by post, download a form and return it to the following address:
Winter Fuel Payment Centre
Mail Handling Site A
Wolverhampton
WV98 1LR

www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment/how-to-claim

- To claim by phone call the Winter Fuel Payment Centre:
Telephone: 0800 731 0160
Textphone: contact [Relay UK](#) on 18001 then 0800 731 0160

How We Can Help

If you live in the Barnsley borough and would like some advice on Winter Fuel Payment, you can email us or call our advice line:

 first.contact@dialbarnsley.org.uk

 01226 240273

When will I receive the payment?

Most payments are made automatically in November or December.

Where will the money be paid?

It will usually be paid into the same account as your Pension Credit or other benefits.