



Winter Fuel Payment

What is the 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 the Winter Fuel Payment if you were born before 23rd September 1959, 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 Winter Fuel Payment if:

- You have been in hospital getting free treatment for more than a year
- You need permission to enter the United Kingdom and your granted leave says that you cannot claim public funds
- You were in prison for the whole week of the 15th to the 21st of September 2025



What Will You Receive?

The amount you get was based on when you were born and your circumstances between the 15th and 21st of September 2025, also known as the 'qualifying week'. The qualifying week has now been extended to 21st December 2025. Any money you get is tax-free and will not affect your other benefits.

If you live alone, you'll either get:

- £200 if you were born between 23rd September 1944 and 22nd September 1959
- £300 if you were born before 23rd September 1944

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 1959
- £300 if one or both of you were born before 23rd September 1944

Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
How do I get the Winter Fuel Payment?	You'll get a letter in October or November 2025 telling you how much Winter Fuel Payment you'll get if you're eligible.
When will I get 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 bank account as your Pension Credit or other benefits.
Can I get Winter Fuel Payments 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 Jobseekers Allowance (JSA), or Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) • You lived in a care home for the whole time from 23rd June to 21st September 2025



How to Apply

To claim by post, download the form from the website link and return it to the following address:

- www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment/how-to-claim
- Winter Fuel Payment Centre,
Mail Handling Site A,
Wolverhampton,
WV98 1LR

To claim by phone call the Winter Fuel Payment Centre:

- Call: 0800 731 0160
- Textphone: 0800 731 0160
- Relay UK: 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 at first.contact@dialbarnsley.org.uk
- Or call our Advice Line on 01226 240273