

Winter Fuel Payments

What is The Winter Fuel Payment?

The **Winter Fuel Payment** is a tax free payment to help older people keep warm during winter. It is provided by the government to those who are eligible. You could get between £100 to £300.

Am I eligible for a Winter Fuel Payment?

You are eligible if you:

- were born on or before 5 October 1954
- lived in the UK for at least one day during the week of 21 to 27 September 2020 – this is called the ‘qualifying week’

It's not means tested and you can get it if you're still working or claiming a benefit. Find out more about your eligibility on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

How do I apply for Winter Fuel Payment?

If you have received a Winter Fuel Payment previously, you should automatically receive your payment from the organisation that pays your other benefits. You should get a Winter Fuel Payment automatically if you get the State Pension.

You need to claim your Winter Fuel Payment if either of the following apply:

- you don't get benefits or a State Pension
- you only get Housing Benefit, Council Tax Reduction or Child Benefit

You can contact the **Winter Fuel Payment Team** for more information or to make a claim by phone, by email or by post and you must get the first claim in by 31 March each year.

You will need to know:

- your National Insurance number
- your bank or building society details
- your BIC and IBAN numbers if you live in the EEA or Switzerland
- the date you were married or entered into a civil partnership (if appropriate)
- where you were on the qualifying dates in September

How much may I receive?

The amount of Winter Fuel Payment you receive will depend on your personal situation. To find out how much you will get visit [Gov.UK](#).

You may still be able to get [Cold Weather Payment](#) or [Warm Home Discount Scheme](#), even if you do not qualify for Winter Fuel Payment.

When will I receive my payment?

Most payments are made between November and December. You will receive a notification letter and this will give you a more specific payment date. The deadline for claiming payments for winter 2020 to 2021 is 31 March 2021.

If you have not received your payment by February contact the [Winter Fuel Payment Team](#).

My circumstances have changed, what should I do?

If you have received a Winter Fuel Payment previously and your circumstances have changed, you should inform your benefits provider. For example if you will not be living at home during the Winter months but will be in:

- hospital getting free in-patient treatment
 - a residential care home or Ilford Park Resettlement Home
 - custody serving a court sentence
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Where can I get benefits advice?

It can be useful to speak with someone about the benefits you may be entitled to and how they may impact upon your other benefits. A local independent advice service can help guide you through the process such as:

- [Citizens Advice Newcastle \(CAN\)](#) – provide advice to anyone in Newcastle
- [Newcastle Welfare Rights Service](#) – provide advice to people in priority groups including those over 65. They have [self help material](#) on their website.
- [Search Newcastle](#) give benefits advice to older people in the West of Newcastle
- Visit newcastle.gov.uk for more benefit advice services available across Newcastle.

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Useful Organisations

Winter Fuel Payment Team

Website: www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment

Telephone: 0800 731 0160

Address: Winter Fuel Payment Centre, WV98 1LR

Citizens Advice Newcastle (CAN)

Email: citycab@newcastlecab.org.uk

Website: <http://citizensadvice-newcastle.org.uk/>

Telephone: 0191 229 2750

Address: 4th Floor, City Library, NE1 8AX

Search Newcastle

Email: info@searchnewcastle.org.uk

Website: www.searchnewcastle.org.uk

Telephone: 0191 273 7443

Address: St Margaret's Church, NE15 6AR

Newcastle Welfare Rights Service

Email: welfare.rights@newcastle.gov.uk

Website: www.newcastle.gov.uk/welfare/rights

Telephone: 0191 277 2627

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