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## Information request

Winter fuel additional allowance.

Is there a minimum number of years that a claimant has to have paid NI contributions for an allowance to be awarded?

(a) for claimants living in the UK

(b) for claimants, UK citizens, who have been working for some part of their working life in the UK and some part elsewhere within the EU.

If there is a minimum number of years, is the condition rigidly enforced?

## DWP response

The Winter Fuel Payment is non-contributory and so entitlement is not dependent on National Insurance contributions.

Further information on the Winter Fuel Payment is available on GOV.UK  
<https://www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment>