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An introduction to **Winter Fuel Payment**

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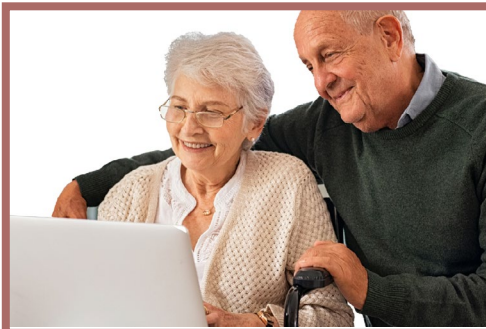


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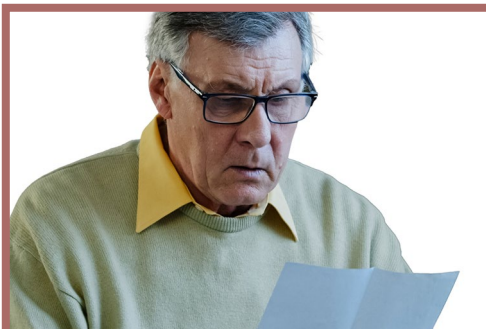
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Winter Fuel Payment is money from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).



In England and Wales, older people may get Winter Fuel Payment to help them with their heating bills.

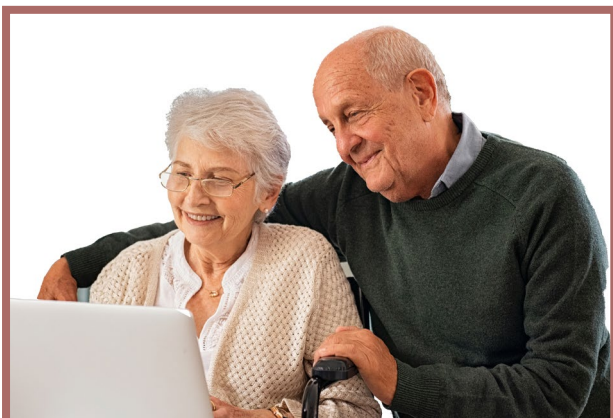
For more information, go to www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment

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Who can get Winter Fuel Payment



You can get Winter Fuel Payment if you have reached State Pension age.



You may get a payment if:

- You were born on or before 21 September 1959 and
- You lived in England or Wales during the qualifying week.



The qualifying week starts on Monday 15 September 2025.

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How much Winter Fuel Payment you get



A Winter Fuel Payment is either £200 or £300 per household.

80+
Years

You will get the higher amount if you are 80 years of age or over.

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About your payment and when you get it



You will get a letter in October or November explaining what the total amount is and how it will be paid.

Your automatic payment will go into the same account as your Pension or other benefits.



Payments will be made from mid-November 2025 onwards.

Most eligible people will get paid automatically without having to make a claim.

IMPORTANT

You will need to make a claim if:

- you have deferred your State Pension, and
- you do not get another DWP benefit, or
- DWP ask you to make a claim.

Payment recovery



HM Revenue
& Customs

If your total income is over £35,000 per year, HMRC will recover your Winter Fuel Payment.

This will be done through the tax system.

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If you live in Scotland



If you live in Scotland, you cannot get a Winter Fuel Payment.

mygov.scot

You may be able to get a Pension Age Winter Heating Payment.

This will be paid by the Scottish Government.

If you live in Scotland, go to mygov.scot/pension-age-winter-heating-payment

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Where to find more information



Go to www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment for more information on:

- Eligibility
- Amounts
- Key dates.

If you live in Scotland, go to mygov.scot/pension-age-winter-heating-payment