

DMG - Volume 7: JSA & IS

Chapters 36 - 40

Summary of changes from December 2020

November 2025 updates

Chapter 39

DMG Chapter 39: Social Fund amendment by addition of a **Note** in para 39169 and a new illustrative example 2.

September 2025 updates

Chapter 39

DMG Chapter 39: Social Fund (Winter Fuel Payments 39900–39999)

The guidance for Winter Fuel Payments (39900–39999) in Chapter 39 has been fully updated to reflect the new 2025 Regulations.

Chapter 40: Winter Fuel Payments (pre–Winter 2025).

Guidance on Winter Fuel Payments pre–Winter 2025 has been added to archive the guidance relating to the revoked 2024 Regulations.

DMG SI Abbreviations amended to include SI2025/969

September 2024 updates

Chapter 39

Guidance on Winter Fuel Payments at paragraphs **39900 – 39999** has been updated to reflect new Legislation (SI 2024/869)

The former Appendices 4 & 5 have been relocated and can now be found in the retitled DMG chapter 40: Winter Fuel Payments Pre- Winter 2024

Chapter 40

This is a new Chapter and contains guidance on Winter Fuel Payments pre-winter 2024 (the now revoked 2000 Regs).

January 2024 updates

Chapter 39

Updated DMG 39301 & 2 slightly, for clarification and added two examples.

August 2023 updates**Chapter 39**

Amended DMG Chapter 39 – para 39900 onwards. This is to include guidance on temporary increases for specific winters for Winter Fuel Payments

January 2023 updates**Chapter 39**

Deleted the example at paragraph 39413. Deleted paragraph 39414 following policy clarification back in November and this example related to that paragraph.

Chapter 39

Appendix 5 - Phasing table for Winter Fuel Payments brought up to date.

November 2022 updates**Chapter 39**

Incorporated Memo DMG 12-21.

Chapter 39

Minor amendments. New wording for paragraph 39413 - Any benefit paid into the deceased's account on or after the date of death is not included in the assets of the deceased and does not reduce the award of a funeral payment.
Paragraph 39414 is deleted, as is the Appendix 3 for Chapter 39.

December 2021 updates**Chapter 39**

Reference to "Agents, Appointees, Attorneys and Deputies guide" at para. 39149 amended to "Agents, appointees, attorneys, deputies and third parties: staff guide".

July 2021 updates**Chapter 39**

Re-order and re-written for clarification

February 2021 updates**Chapter 39**

Minor amendments

Chapter 39

Guidance at 39102 updated to reflect EU Exit related changes.

December 2020 updates

Chapter 39

'Funeral Expenses' includes clarification of Discounts, and the guidance for Cold Weather Payments is now located in Advice for Decision Makers' Chapter L4 – that chapter now covers all qualifying benefits.