Department for Work & Pensions

# An introduction to **Winter Fuel Payment**

**Easy Read**



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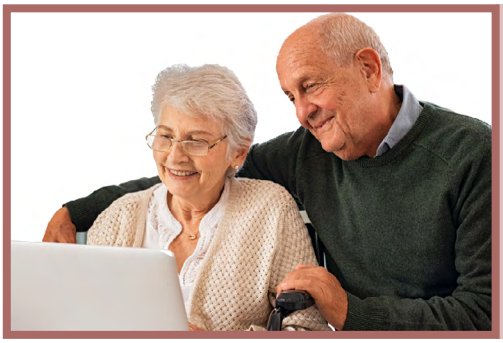

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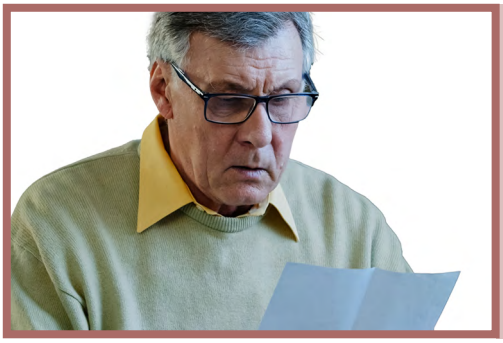
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# 1 Introduction

Department for Work & Pensions

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](www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment)

# 2 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 27 June 1960 and
- You lived in England or Wales during the qualifying week.




**21 September 2026**

The qualifying week starts on Monday 21 September 2026.

# 3 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.

# 4 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 2026 onwards.

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




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.

## Winter Fuel Payment recovery

HM Revenue & Customs

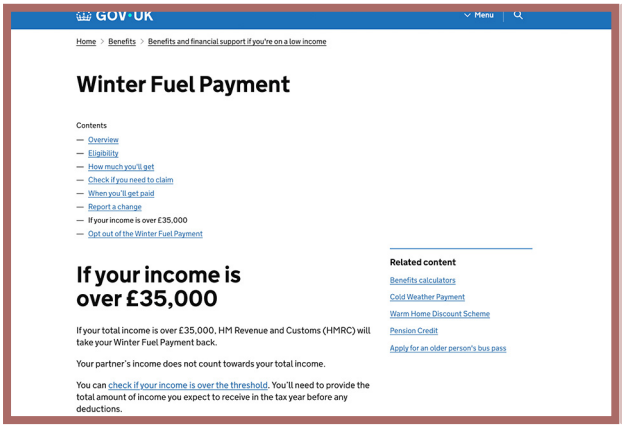
If your total income is over £35,000 per year, HMRC will recover your Winter Fuel Payment.




This will be done through the tax system.



HMRC looks at the income of each person in a household separately.




To find out how HMRC recover the payment, go to:

www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment/if-your-income-is-over-35000

For more Easy Read information about opting out of Winter Fuel Payment, go to www.gov.uk

Search for '**Easy Read Winter Fuel Payment Opt Out**'

# 5 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 Penson Age Winter Heating Payment.




This will be paid by the Scottish Government.

# 6 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




This information is a guide only.