

Winter Fuel Payment (WFP)

Anyone born on or before the qualifying date (for winter 2022/2023 this is 26th Sept 1956) should receive a Winter Fuel Payment from the Government. The qualifying age for WFP will change in line with ongoing changes in the State Pension Age.

<https://www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment/eligibility>

Payment is usually made automatically to those in receipt of State Pension and some other benefits, but some people (those receiving only housing benefit, council tax reduction or child benefit for example) may have to make a claim.

The payment is £100 - £300 per household depending on circumstances. See <https://www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment> for more details, or contact the **Winter Fuel Payment helpline** on **0800 731 0160**.

Low Income Winter Heating Assistance in Scotland.

The Low Income Winter Heating Assistance will be introduced from winter 2022 to replace the current UK Government Cold Weather Payment scheme. Scottish Government have now confirmed that a guaranteed payment of £50.00 will be made to approximately 400,000 low-income households, and they have announced that this payment will be made in February 2023.

To be eligible, you must be in receipt of one of the following benefits (although additional qualifying criteria for some of these benefits may also need to be satisfied):

- Pension Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based JSA
- Income-related ESA
- Universal Credit
- Support for Mortgage Interest

The payment will replace the UK Government's cold weather payments.

<https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/benefits>