

Winter Fuel Payment (WFP)

Anyone born on or before 5 May 1953 – for winter 2016/17 - should receive a Winter Fuel Payment from the Government. The qualifying age for WFP will rise in line with the state retirement age for women.

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 £200 - £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 **03459 15 15 15**.

Cold Weather Payments (CWP)

Cold Weather Payments of £25 are issued to those meeting the eligibility criteria when the average temperature at the closest weather station falls below 00C for seven consecutive days (during the period 1 November to 31 March). The payment is made automatically to people receiving Pension Credit.

Clients receiving Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or income-related Employment and Support Allowance with one of the benefits listed below may also be eligible:

- Pensioner premium, higher pensioner premium or enhanced pensioner premium
- Disability premium, enhanced disability premium or severe disability premium
- Disabled child premium
- Child Tax Credit that includes a disability or severe disability element
- Family with a child under five
- Universal Credit.

Many people are not claiming all the benefits that they could. CWP (which doesn't affect entitlement to any other benefits) will only be made to people claiming one of the qualifying benefits.

For further information contact **Jobcentre Plus** free on **0800 055 6688** or visit <https://www.gov.uk/cold-weather-payment/overview>

Please note: Many of the benefits that act as a gateway to CWP have been/will be phased out and replaced by Universal Credit.



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