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What is the Winter Fuel Payment? This payment is a yearly lump sum of money for UK pensioners, to help during the cold weather. It's similar to the Warm Home Discount, except instead of going straight to your energy supplier, it goes into your bank account. You can usually get between £100 and £300, and you should get it automatically if you
receive a state pension, or Pension Credit. Am I eligible for a Winter Fuel Payment? Whether or not you can claim a Winter Fuel Payment will depend on your age. Everyone over the state pension age gets Winter Fuel Payment will depend on your age. Everyone over the state pension age gets Winter Fuel Payment will depend on your age.
lived in the UK for at least one day during what's called the "qualifying week". The qualifying week changes every year. For 2021-2022 payments, it was 20-26 September 2021. Winter Fuel Payment eligibility also extends to people who both: Live in Switzerland or an EEA (European Economic Area) country. And have a strong link to the UK - for
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pensioner, you won't be eligible if, during the qualifying week, you: Lived in Cyprus, Gibraltar, France, Greece, Malta, Portugal, or Spain Were in prison for the whole of the week Were in hospital and had been receiving free treatment for a year or more Needed permission to enter the UK Lived in a care home and received Pension Credit or certain
other benefits How will I get my Winter Fuel Payment? You should receive it the same way you normally receive your pension and other benefits. Usually, your Winter Fuel Payment will automatically be sent to your bank account, or a cheque will be posted to you. If you don't normally receive a state pension or benefits but you think you're eligible
for a Winter Fuel Payment, you'll need to make a claim. More on how to do that below. When is the Winter Fuel Payment made? Usually, the money will be sent to you in November or December. The government will send you a letter ahead of time, so you'll know roughly when your Winter Fuel Payment date will be. If you don't receive it, contact the
Winter Fuel Payment Centre, or read on to see if you need to make a claim. Will I get a Winter Fuel Payment automatically or do I need to claim it? You'll get your winter payment automatically if you're old enough to qualify and you're getting the state pension or another social security benefit (but not Housing Benefit, Council Tax Reduction, Child
Benefit, or Universal Credit). If you think you qualify but you haven't received your payment automatically, you'll need to make a claim to the Department of Work and Pensions. This might be the case if you're over state pension age but you don't receive a state pension. Or if you've received a Winter Fuel Payment in the past but now your
circumstances have changed. Read on to find out how to make a claim. How do I make a claim for Winter Fuel Payment? If you're not getting the fuel payment and you think you should be, you can make a claim to make a claim. How do I make a claim to make a 
hand: Your National Insurance number Your bank or building society details Your BIC (and IBAN number if you don't live in the UK) The date you got married or began a civil partnership Once you've filled in your form, post it to: Winter Fuel Payment Centre, Mail Handling Site A, Wolverhampton WV98 1LR You can also claim by calling the Winter
Payment Centre on 0800 731 0160, Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 3.30pm. Is there any other support for heating costs? There are some other schemes designed to help those struggling to pay their energy bills. Cold Weather Payment You might be able to get a Cold Weather Payment if you're eligible for Universal Credit or other benefits. Here's how
it works: between 1 November and 31 March, if the temperature in your local area drops to 0°C or below for seven days in a row, you can get a one-off payment of £25. This should automatically be added to your other benefits. You can keep an eye on whether you might be eligible for any on the gov.uk website. Warm Home Discount Scheme The
 Warm Home Discount Scheme is a one-off payment of £140 (including VAT) towards your energy bills. This is paid as credit into your energy account. Each supplier has its own eligibility criteria, which are approved by Ofgem. Here at OVO, we offer the discount to two groups of members: The Core Group: These are our members who, as of 4 July
2021, also receive the Guarantee Credit element of pension credit. If that's you, you'll receive this discount automatically. Look out for a letter from the DWP, which should arrive by 31 December. The Broader Group: The Broader Group: The Broader Group: The Broader Group is made up of members who receive benefits like Income Support or Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance. We offer
discounts to members in this group on a first-come, first-served basis. Find out more about the eligibility criteria in our guide to the Warm Home Discount. We're here to help, too We might be able to give you a one-off payment to help you manage your bills if you're in debt and you earn under £16,190. Go here to
check if you're eligible for the OVO Energy Fund. If you're struggling this winter, Step Change is a registered charity that offers free, professional advice on how to handle debt. You could try their online Debt Remedy Tool, or call them on 0800 138 1111 (Monday to Friday 8am-8pm and Saturday 8am-4pm). How to save more energy Making sure
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by other sites to help us deliver content from their services. You have accepted additional cookies. You can change your cookie settings at any time. Anyone who qualifies should get the money between the first week of November and the last day of December. Most
seniors should get their heating allowance payment before the Christmas holiday periods. But, there is a set qualification criteria. So, here's the deal: The Winter Fuel Payment could help you pay your heating bills through the cold months. Contact the office that pays your benefits if you qualify - but do not get paid. You must already be getting either
the State Pension or certain other social security benefits that qualify for the payment. In some cases, you might need to make a claim using the application form or by telephone (see further details below). Winter Fuel Payment 2022? The exact amount you get can vary. It depends most on your situation
during the actual qualifying week. The qualifying week for wintertime heating allowance 2021 to 2022 was the 20th to the 25th of September. Any payment you get is TAX FREE and will not affect your other allowances and benefits. Your Circumstances and Qualification Criteria Born between the 27th of September 1941 and the 25th of September.
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2023 does not affect your rights to benefit entitlements. So, you might also qualify for Cold Weather Payments and the Warm Home Discount Scheme. As a rule, the pensioners heating allowance payments start at the same time as the British cold months begin to bite. The Winter Fuel Payment is usually transferred from November to the end of
December. That means you should get this year's payment no later than the 14th of January 2022. Pensioners Fuel Allowance UK Payment Dates The benefits Winter Fuel Payment 2022 to 2023 will be. Like most
benefits and allowance payments, the money goes into a secure bank or building society account. Winter Fuel Allowance 2022/23 Eligibility Seniors will appreciate some financial help to cover the cost of staying warm in the cold season. Hence, the main question you will be asking is: who qualifies for winter heating allowance 2022/23? More
important is, 'what is the winter heating allowance qualifying age' and the 'Winter Fuel Payment eligibility' criteria? You may have entitlement to heating benefits based on two qualifications. You will be eligible to get the Winter Fuel Payment for 2022 to 2023 providing you: Were born on or before the 26th of September in 1956 (the qualifying date
changes each year). Live in the United Kingdom for at least one day of the 'qualifying week'. That means the week of the 20th to the 20th to the 20th to the EU and EEA. In case you were wondering: You would need to have a genuine link with
the social security system in the United Kingdom. A typical example would be someone who has lived or worked for most of their life in the UK. Note: If you get Child Benefit, Council Tax Reduction, Housing Benefit, or Universal Credit it will not result in an automatic qualification. You cannot receive the winter heating allowance 2022/23 payment if
you live in certain countries. In fact, parts of the EEA have cold season average temperatures higher than the warmest areas around the UK. These include France, Cyprus, Greece, Gibraltar, Portugal, Spain, and Malta. Qualifying Week: 20 to 26 September 2021 Even if you are over 60 during the qualifying week you will be ineligible to get the Winter
Fuel Payment if you: Are serving a sentence inside a prison during the entire qualifying week. Are getting free treatment in hospital for more than 52 weeks. Need permission to enter the UK and cannot get help from the Department for Work and Pensions. Were living in France, Greece, Gibraltar, Cyprus, Portugal, Spain, or Malta. Have lived inside a
care home for all 12 weeks between the 28th of June and the 26th of September 2021 getting Income-related ESA, or Pension Credit. Reporting a Change in Circumstances You should report any change of circumstances to the office that is paying your benefits. Certain types of circumstantial changes can affect how
much winter fuel benefit you get. You can try contacting: You must write to keep them informed about any changes because the Winter Fuel Allowance In
some cases, you will need to make a claim for Winter Fuel Payment. This would be most likely if you are having to make a claim for the first time. So, you may need to claim if: Exceptions also apply if you receive benefits or the State Pension but you are living in an EEA country or Switzerland. Exclusions include France, Cyprus, Gibraltar, Malta,
Greece, Spain, and Portugal. People who have claimed it before should get an automatic payment. You should receive it again from the same organisation. Note: The deadline for claiming the Winter Fuel Payment 2021 was Wednesday the
31st of March 2022. Claim Winter Fuel Payment for the First Time If you are a new claimant you should contact the Winter Fuel Payment helpline to make your first claim by phone. Winter Fuel Payment for the First Time If you are a new claimant you should contact the UK: +44 (0)191 218 7777 Textphone: 0800 731 0464 Outside the UK: +44
(0)191 218 7280 NGT text relay: 18001 then 0800 731 0160 Monday to Friday: 8am to 6pm Telephone rates in United Kingdom. Every year our Advice Service deals with thousands of calls from older people in need. Call us today to make sure that you are receiving all the help and support available to you. Call freephone 0808 808 7575Monday in the call us today to make sure that you are receiving all the help and support available to you. Call freephone 0808 808 7575Monday in the call us today to make sure that you are receiving all the help and support available to you. Call freephone 0808 808 7575Monday in the call us today to make sure that you are receiving all the help and support available to you. Call freephone 0808 808 7575Monday in the call us today to make sure that you are receiving all the help and support available to you. Call freephone 0808 808 7575Monday in the call us today to make sure that you are receiving all the help and support available to you.
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hit oil and gas giants with a windfall tax to fund new measures Chancellor Rishi Sunak has returned to the Commons to unveil a new £15 billion emergency package of measures to support households through the cost of living crisis. Just two months after his last set-piece spending announcement, he announced a U-turn to hit oil and gas giants with a
windfall tax to fund new measures. Specific help is being directed to pensioners, many of whom spend most of their time at home, battling soaring heating allowance", is an annual tax-free payment from the Department of Work
and Pensions, specifically for pensioners. Anyone who is eligible can receive between £100-300 each year. Under the Chancellor's plan, winter fuel payment is available to to those born on or before 26 September 1955. According to
the government website, you must have:lived in the UK for at least one day during the week of 20 to 26 September 2021 - this is called the 'qualifying week'. If you did not live in the UK during the qualifying week'. If you did not live in the UK during the qualifying week, you might still get the payment if both the following apply:you live in Switzerland or a European Economic Area (EEA) countryyou have a
genuine and sufficient link to the UK - this can include having lived or worked in the UK, and having family in the UKYou don't typically have to apply for the winter fuel payment and, if you do not need to claim) if you are eligible and
either:get the State Pensionget another social security benefit (not Housing Benefit, Council Tax Reduction, Child Benefit or Universal Credit)If you do not get either of these, or if you live abroad, you may need to make a claim. So far, the government have not released the claimant forms for winter 2022-2023, however they state that pensioners can
come forward to claim the winter fuel payment on 1 August 2022. The Chancellor promised in the Commons that the extra payment will be with pensioners by Autumn 2022. Last winter fuel payment on 1 August 2022. The Chancellor promised in the very latest. All UK
households with a domestic electricity connection will receive a £400 payment to help offset the soaring increase in energy bills from October, pensioners included. Bill payers will not need to contact their energy company as the grant will be automatically applied to every household bill in October. Those on lower incomes, who claim pension credit,
will also receive a £650 payment. The payment will be paid in two lump sums, the first from July, the second in autumn, with payments from HMRC for those on tax credits following shortly after. People will disabilities, including pensioners, will also receive a £150 payment in September, which may be on top of the £650 payment. Eligibility for the
£650 benefit is based on whether an individual is receiving means tested benefits, unlike disabilities will receive a total of £1500, when all the new payments and discounts they are eligible for are combined. Kevin PeacheyCost of living correspondentGetty ImagesMillions of
pensioners are not getting the winter fuel payment, after the government changed the rules. Payments are only going to those who already receive pension credit tops up the state pension credit tops 
the government's limit on the payment, Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer signalled a partial reversal of the changes but did not provide details. What is the winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules changed? The winter fuel payment and how have the rules
the government said future payments in England and Wales would go only to those on low incomes who received specified benefits such as pension credit. The changes mean that more than 10 million pensioners did not receive a payment in winter 2024. Several charities, unions, and MPs criticised the decision to means-test the payment. They
expressed concern about the number of older people living on a relatively small income who will miss out, and those who do not currently claim pension credit despite qualifying for it. It was also signalled as a source of voters' anger with the government at recent elections. How much is the winter fuel payment worth? The winter fuel payment is worth
£200 for those on certain benefits and born between 23 September 1944 and 22 September 1958. For those born before 23 September 1944, and on certain benefits, it is worth £300. If you live with someone, and jointly claim benefits, only one of the couple receives the payment. How is the winter fuel payment linked to pension credit? Although the
winter fuel payment is paid automatically, without a direct claim, the vast majority of those eligible will only receive pension credit. This is a state pension top-up, which itself is worth thousands of pounds a year, and can be a gateway to other financial support, including a reduction in council tax, a free
TV licence for those aged over 75, or help with NHS costs. However, an estimated 760,000 eligible pensioners fail to claim it. You could be eligible for pension credit if you are above state pension age and have an income of less that £218.15 a week, or less than £332.95 as a joint weekly income with your partner. Savings are also taken into
account. Anyone entitled to pension credit for at least one day between 16 and 22 September 2024 received the winter fuel payment last winter. Disabled people, those caring for someone, or those with housing costs could still be eligible even if they have additional income or savings. You can check your eligibility for pension credit via the
government's online calculator. Information is also available on how to make a claim online. When is the winter fuel payment made? The winter fuel payment is usually paid automatically in November or December. Those eligible receive a letter confirming their entitlement. Owing to the extra applications, some people had to wait for their claim to be
processed. The Department for Work and Pensions said it had deployed 500 additional staff to speed up processing. What will the rule change mean for the poorest pensioners? The government estimates 1.9 million pensioners about 15% - already live in relative poverty. This means their income is less than 60% of the median. The median income is
the amount of money that divides a population into two, with half earning more, and half less. In November, Work and Pensions Secretary Liz Kendall confirmed the government expected significantly more pensioners to be in relative poverty due to the new rules: an extra 50,000 in the years ending March 2025, March 2026 and March 2028 an extra
100,000 in the years ending March 2027, March 2029 and March 2027 and March 2030The annual figures are rounded to the nearest 50,000 and do not take into account any increase in the take-up of pension credit. Writing to MPs on the Work and Pensions Select Committee, Kendall said means-testing winter fuel payments "was not a decision this government
into pensioner poverty - partly prompted by the winter fuel cut. How to check if you can claim a benefitThere is a guide to benefits, who qualifies, and what to do if something goes wrong, provided by the independent MoneyHelper website, backed by governmentWhat is happening in Scotland and Northern Ireland?Northern Ireland Communities
Minister Gordon Lyons said funding constraints meant the Stormont government would have to change the rules as well. He later said affected pensioners would receive of one-off payment of £100 to help with heating costs. The Scottish Government has announced plans for a new winter heating payment "for every single Scottish pensioner" to be
introduced ahead of winter 2025. Pensioners in Scotland in receipt of qualifying benefits, such as Pension Credit, will receive £100. The Holyrood government had already planned to introduce a replacement universal benefit north of the border, but said the
financial implications of Labour's decision had forced it to delay this until late 2025. It has also announced some extra welfare funding for councils in the current financial year, as well as additional money for the Warmer Homes Scotland Scheme. You can read more Cost of Living stories here. Few issues within the sphere of UK gas production have
caused as much of a stir in recent years as fracking, or hydraulic fracturing, as it is also known. In the UK the technique has been widely condemned by environmental campaigners and local conservation groups because of the huge amounts of water it uses, not to mention the hazardous chemicals and risk of earth tremors. Last updated: November
2022 This one-off payment may help mitigate the cost of your heating. So you don't have to choose between being cold, and being broke. A Winter Fuel Payment may help mitigate the cost of your heating. So you don't have to choose between being cold, and being broke. A Winter Fuel Payment may help mitigate the cost of your heating. So you don't have to choose between being cold, and being broke. A Winter Fuel Payment may help mitigate the cost of your heating. So you don't have to choose between being cold, and being broke. A Winter Fuel Payment may help mitigate the cost of your heating. So you don't have to choose between being cold, and being broke. A Winter Fuel Payment may help mitigate the cost of your heating. So you don't have to choose between being cold, and being broke. A Winter Fuel Payment may help mitigate the cost of your heating. So you don't have to choose between being cold, and being broke. A Winter Fuel Payment may help mitigate the cost of your heating.
know about Winter Fuel Payments. We'll show you how to check your entitlement. We'll even demystify the application process for you. So you can get the support you need to keep your home warm and cosy in the punishingly cold winter months... Winter Fuel Payments explained The cost of heating our homes is rising. Indeed, the cost of energy has
tripled over the past 20 years. When the winter months roll around, many of us find that we have to spend a lot more on heating our homes. While those who are less financially secure may find it more of a struggle to heat their homes in winter. For those who are retired, the
cost of heating the home in winter can put a serious dent in their carefully planned budget. As such, the government offers a one-off, tax-free Winter Fuel Payment (also known as a Winter Fuel Allowance) to retirees who are less financially secure. This is intended to reduce the cost of heating their homes. The benefit is not a fixed sum. The amount
you receive each winter is based on a number of circumstances including your age, who else shares your home, and whether or not you live with someone who is also eligible. It is available to households in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Am I entitled to a Winter Fuel Payment? The Winter Fuel Payment from the DWP (Department of
Work and Pensions) is designed to help British citizens of pensionable age to better cope with the cost of heating their homes. As such, with some exceptions (which we'll get to shortly), anyone of retirement age is eligible for a payment. There are only two criteria: That you were born on or before October 1954 (of course the date will change to 1955).
next year). That you will be resident in the UK for at least one day of the week of 21 to 27 September 2020. This is known as the "qualifying week". Who is ineligible for a Winter Fuel Payment? Although Winter Fuel Payment? Although Winter Fuel Payment? Although Winter Fuel Payment eligibility applicants
from receiving a payment. As such, even if you are aged 65 or over, you will not qualify for a Winter Fuel payment if any of the following apply to you: You are in hospital, and have been getting free treatment for more than a year. You need permission to enter the UK and as part of your granted stay, you are not able to claim public funds. You were in
prison for the entirety of the week from 21 to 27 September 2020. You lived in a care home for the period of 29 June to 27 September 2020 inclusive and received either Income Support Allowance. Can I still get help if I'm not eligible? Even if you're not
eligible for a Winter Fuel Payment, you may still be eligible for different forms of government support such as a Cold Weather Payment to the alternatives? It's important to note that, although they sound very similar, the Winter Fuel Payment is not the same as a Cold
Weather Payment. Both are intended for different purposes, and they have different purposes, and they have different purposes, and there will be some who are eligible for a Winter Fuel Payments are designed to help people who are
financially vulnerable if the area they live in is affected by extreme cold. Recipients get £25 for each 7 day period where the temperature in their area is zero degrees celsius or less between 1st November and 31st March. Unlike a Winter Fuel Payment, a Cold Weather Payment is not limited to those of pensionable age. You are eligible for Cold
Weather Payment if the temperature in your area meets the above criteria and you are in receipt of the following benefits: Pension Credit Universal Credit Univ
a disability, a disability or pensioner premium, or a Child Tax Credit with a disability element, you are likely to receive a Cold Weather Payment is usually made into the same bank account as your other benefits. You don't even need to claim for this benefit. It is paid
automatically by the DWP. The Cold Weather Payment scheme for this year begins on 1st November 2020. Warm Home Discount Scheme Explained The Warm Home Discount Scheme is an alternative to a Winter Fuel Payment that you may also be eligible for. This scheme could entitle you to a flat £140 off your electricity bill for the winter of 2020 to
2021. Unlike a Winter Fuel Payment, however, these funds are not deposited into your bank account. Instead, they are paid directly to your energy supplier. Even if you are not eligible for this benefit. There are two ways in which you may qualify for this scheme
Either: You are in the "core group" that gets the Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit Or You are on a low income and meet your energy supplier deals with the
administration of this scheme you need to apply directly through them. You must also remain with your energy suppliers that participate in this scheme. You should check with your supplier as early as possible if you think you meet their criteria for this scheme.
Suppliers can only give a limited amount of discounts, and if you miss out you will not be able to apply again until next year. The 2020 to 2021 scheme opens on 12 October 2020, and the discount will be applied to your energy bill by March 2021. How much of a Winter Fuel payment am I entitled to? How much of a Winter Fuel payment you can get
will depend on your circumstances during the qualifying week, your age and the circumstances of others you share your home with. The benefit can range from £100-£300 and, as previously stated, how much you receive will have no impact at all on any other benefits you can claim. The table below explains how your circumstances will affect your
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Payment will get it automatically. However, there are some exceptions to this. You will need to make an application or other benefits. You only get Universal Credit, Housing Benefit, Council Tax Reduction or Child Benefit You receive a State Pension or other benefits but
currently live in Switzerland or an EEA country. You can find out more about claiming a Winter Fuel Payment, this can be done over the phone or by post. Telephone applications To make an application over the phone, these are the numbers
you need to know: 0800 731 0160 if calling within the UK. +44 (0)191 218 7777 if calling from overseas should dial +44 (0)191 218 7280 If you cannot hear or speak on the phone, their Relay UK number is 18001 followed by 0800 731 0160. All of the above lines are
open 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday. Postal applications To make a postal application, you will need to submit a Winter Fuel Payment Claim Form. This can be downloaded here or here if you live in an eligible overseas country. Applications should be submitted to: Winter Fuel Payment Claim Form. This can be downloaded here or here if you live in an eligible overseas country.
you'll need to know While the application form is fairly straightforward, there is some information that you will need to have close to hand, including: Your National Insurance number Bank / building society details BIC and IBAN numbers if you live in the EEA or Switzerland The date you were married or entered into a civil partnership (where
applicable) Whether you were in hospital, care or custody during the qualifying week. When and how will I get my Winter Fuel Payment? Payment is made directly into the bank account unless this is also the
account into which your other benefits or pension are paid. Payment are usually made between November and December. Most applicants receive their Winter Fuel Payment decision, you have one month to dispute it. This is called a
Mandatory Reconsideration. You can apply for this by clicking here. Need help making sense of Winter Fuel Payments? Would you like to know more about government energy grants? Great! Here are some related articles for you to check out Looking to switch energy deals? Leave your phone number to request a call back from us! Find out more
FAQDoes a Winter Fuel Payment affect my entitlement to any other benefits? No. While a Winter Fuel Payment is technically a benefit, it is not counted as income by the DWP. As such, applying for and being granted a Winter Fuel Payment will not affect your entitlement to any other benefits. Is my Winter Fuel Payment means-tested? No. The payment
you receive will not be means-tested. You don't even have paid National Insurance contributions to be eligible for a payment. Do I need to apply for a new Winter Fuel Payment every year? No. Once you have made an application, you will not need to apply for a new Winter Fuel Payment every year? No.
circumstances remain unchanged. If you do not receive a Winter Fuel Payment that is due, you should contact the local office that pays your benefits. Can I get a Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the majority of applicants for Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the majority of applicants for Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the majority of applicants for Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the majority of applicants for Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the majority of applicants for Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the majority of applicants for Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the majority of applicants for Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the majority of applicants for Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the majority of applicants for Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the majority of applicants for Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the majority of applicants for Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the majority of applicants for Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the majority of applicants for Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the majority of applicants for Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the majority of applicants for Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the majority of applicants for Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the majority of applicants for Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the majority of applicants for Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the majority of applicants for Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the majority of applicants for Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the majority of applicants for Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the majority of applicants for Winter Fuel Payment if I live in a care home? While the ma
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Employment and Support Allowance I live within the European Economic Area. Can I still qualify for a Winter Fuel Payments available to some residents of the EEA and Switzerland if you can demonstrate that you have a genuine link to the UK. Examples of such a link may include
having lived or worked in the UK, or spending a lot of time with family in the UK. Please note, however, that there are some countries within the EEA whose winter temperatures exceed those of even the warmest regions in the UK. Residents of the following countries are not eligible to apply: Spain Greece France Cyprus Malta Portugal Gibraltar
Updated on 29 Jan, 2024 Linkedin William Dautel UK Content Manager You may find these posts interesting The Winter Fuel Payment to get them
through. The allowance is given to certain people to help them pay for gas and electricity at the time of year they will use it most. Here's everything you need to know. The Winter Fuel Payment, which is usually referred to as a "heating allowance", is an annual tax-free payment from the Department of Work and Pensions. Anyone who is eligible can
receive between £100-300 each year. It will be particularly helpful this year as it is though fuel prices are set to increase in the coming months. Gas prices have been rising internationally, and it has been pinned on a number of factors, including a longer winter in 2020-2021 that left gas stocks depleted and higher demand globally after Covid. The
increase in gas prices also affects electricity, as around a third of electricity is generated from burning gas. Scheduled maintenance projects rescheduled from Europe because of increased deliveries to Asia have also contributed to
spikes in wholesale energy prices and uncharacteristically low supply. Energy firms buy gas and electricity wholesale gas are up 250 per cent since January, according to industry group Oil & Gas UK. This should only affect yo if you are on a variable
rate, and there is a limit as to how high it can go. Consumers are protected by the energy price cap, which was introduced in January 2019 and is intended to prevent customers. You qualify for a Winter Fuel Payment if both the following
apply: You were born on or before 26 September 1955you lived in the UK for at least one day during the week of 20 to 26 September 2021 - this is called the 'qualifying week'. If you did not live in the UK during the qualifying week of 20 to 26 September 2021 - this is called the 'qualifying week'.
Area (EAA) countryYou have a genuine and sufficient link to the UK - this can include having lived or worked in the UK, and having family in the UK if you're eligible for the following apply, and you haven't received it before, you will
need to claim it:You do not get benefits or a state pensionYou only get universal credit, housing benefit, council tax reduction or child benefitYou get benefits or a state pension but live in Switzerland or an EEA countryAlso, if you have deferred your state pension, you will need to claim Winter Fuel Payment - you only need to do this once before the
payment becomes automatic. To claim for the first time by phone, you'll need your national insurance number, your bank or building society details, your BIC/IBAN numbers if you live in the EEA/Switzerland, and if relevant, the date you were married/entered into a civil partnership. Call the Winter Fuel Payment Centre on 0800 731 0160, any time
between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday. You can also claim for the first time by post. The deadline for claiming payments for winter 2021 to 2022 is 31 March 2022. How much you get depends on your circumstances during the qualifying week. For people born between 27 September 1941 and 26 September 1955: You will get £200 if you live alone, or
if none of the other people you live with qualify for the allowance. You will get £100 if you live with someone else who qualifies. You will get £100 if you live with qualify for the
allowance. You will get £200 if you live with someone and do not get certain benefits. You will get £150 if you live with someone and do not get certain benefits. Wost payments are made automatically between
November and December. You should get your money by 14 January 2022 at the very latest. Plans announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in July 2024 meant the loss of winter fuel payments for almost 10 million of us. However, speaking in May 2025, Keir Starmer has announced that ministers will change the threshold to allow "more
pensioners" to qualify again. It is currently unknown exactly what these changes will entail, but any changes are expected to be announced in the autumn budget, later in 2025. From autumn 2024, those of us not on pension credit or other means-tested benefits will no longer get the annual payments worth between £100 and £300, though the
measures will hopefully ensure that those most in need will still receive the payment, is a one-off tax-free payment paid to people of state pension age. Before the changes it was available to all pensioners and was introduced in 1997 with the aim of
helping older people keep warm during the winter months. Who is now eligible for the Winter Fuel Allowance? People on pension credit, you need to be above state pension age and have an income of less than £218.15 a week as a single person or
£332.95 as a couple. Savings are also taken into account - so if you have a certain level of savings, even if you are on pension credit, you may be ineligible. What makes me eligible for Winter Fuel Allowance? You'll be eligible if: You and your partner have both reached State Pension age One of you is getting Housing Benefit for people over State
Pension age Pension Credit tops up your weekly income to a maximum of £218.15 (single) or £332.95 (couple) How do I apply for pension credit? You can start your application up to 4 months before you reach state pension age or any time after you reach State Pension age but your
application can only be backdated by 3 months. We use some essential cookies to make this website work. We'd like to set additional cookies to understand how you use GOV.UK, remember your settings and improve government services. We also use cookies to understand how you use GOV.UK, remember your settings and improve government services. We also use cookies to understand how you use GOV.UK, remember your settings and improve government services.
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energy market leading to many providers suspending tariffs and some going bust. But don't you worry you're in good hands! First, Ofgem will make sure that energy is always flowing your way by assigning you if necessary a 'supplier of last resort'. Also we are here to inform you on a daily basis on what is going down on the energy market. Why
should I switch gas and electricity? You may not realise it but you are most likely paying too much for energy. How could you not with hundreds of others to choose from and ever-changing wholesale prices. Our job at Switch Plan is to constantly compare the market, keeping your energy suppliers on their toes so that you don't have to. 0330 818 6223
More on our services Switch to save on your bills We can't give you £400, but we can save you that amount! How? By switching to a cheaper energy supplier that caters to your needs. All you need to do is to give us a call. Switch to a plan that cares as much as you We want our suppliers to share your values. Green Energy, Customer Service, Social
Responsibility, Local Offices: Our experts will quide you to a plan that mirrors your convictions. Switch when you're moving house You choose your predecessor's home, not his costly contract. We can't help you with the heavy lifting but we can help you switch energy suppliers before you even move in. Switching because we made it easy A switch
with Switch Plan = A 10 minute phone call, no technical intervention, no power interruption and not one £ taken from your pocket. So, why not? Our Energy Supply Guides You shouldn't be left alone to deal with your energy supply and how to save on
your bills. So feel free to ask us anything! Green energy suppliers The best green energy supplier for you totally depends on your priorities when it comes to your energy plan. If you just care about having the most green plan possible... Lire plus Boiler covers Boiler Cover can seem superfluous until your household needs protecting from the cost and
inconvenience associated with boiler faults. Not under our watch... Lire plus Smart energy meters Smart meters save you to keep track of your energy usage at a glance... Lire plus Average energy bill The average households spends around £602 per
year or £50.17 per month on gas and £526.23 per year on electricity. How does your energy spending measure up... Lire plus Economy
7 Customers on an economy 7 tariff will pay two different rates for their electricity, one for the day and one for the night. The night-time tariff is significantly lower but... Lire plus Ask away! We are happy to answer your questions. Want to switch energy suppliers? Let us find you the best deal We use some essential cookies to make this website work.
We'd like to set additional cookies to understand how you use GOV.UK, remember your settings and improve government services. You have accepted additional cookies set by other sites to help us deliver content from their services. You have accepted additional cookies set by other sites to help us deliver content from their services. You have accepted additional cookies set by other sites to help us deliver content from their services. You have accepted additional cookies set by other sites to help us deliver content from their services. You have accepted additional cookies set by other sites to help us deliver content from their services. You have accepted additional cookies set by other sites to help us deliver content from their services. You have accepted additional cookies set by other sites to help us deliver content from their services. You have accepted additional cookies set by other sites to help us deliver content from their services. You have accepted additional cookies set by other sites to help us deliver content from their services. You have accepted additional cookies set by other sites and the services are set accepted additional cookies. You have accepted additional cookies set by other sites accepted additional cookies are set accepted additional cookies. You have accepted additional cookies are set accepted additional cookies.
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