



Winter payments, kept apart

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Winter Fuel Payment

This is the pension-age payment. This catalogue treats an income line around £35,000 as the point where it stops, and that line is taxable income, not the take-home figure on a check. Most people who already get State Pension or Pension Credit are paid automatically. Confirm this winter's rule and the amount on GOV.UK.

Cold Weather Payment

In England, Wales and Northern Ireland this is £25 for each 7-day period of very cold weather, if a qualifying benefit is already in payment. You do not claim it. It is not the Winter Fuel Payment.

Scotland does not use the Cold Weather Payment. Scotland uses the Winter Heating Payment, which does not depend on the temperature.

Warm Home Discount

In England and Wales this is a one-off rebate on the electricity bill, not cash paid to you. The electricity account usually has to be in your name or your partner's. Scotland runs the scheme differently. Northern Ireland is not in it. This catalogue does not state this year's rebate in pounds.

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