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Claiming

Winter Fuel Payment, if necessary

Winter Fuel Payments of up to £200 are paid automatically to most people aged 60 or over who normally live in Great Britain or Northern Ireland during the qualifying week, but some people, e.g. men of 60-64, will need to make a claim.

Households with someone aged 80 or over could get up to £300.

You should contact the **Winter Fuel Payments hotline on 08459 15 15 15** for claim form and more information.

This line is open Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 4.30pm.

Or visit the website at **www.thepensionservice.gov/winterfuel**

Cold Weather Payments are paid if you receive Pension Credit or for some who receive Income Support or income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.

If you are receiving Income Support or income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, you must also be receiving a pensioner or disability premium, or have a child with disabilities or is under five.

Cold weather payment

A cold weather payment of £8.50 is paid when the average temperature for a particular area has been or is expected to be 0 degrees Celsius or below for seven consecutive days. Payments are sent automatically to people who qualify and they do not affect other benefits.