



Cost of Living support

Response to the cost-of-living crisis

Council tax rebate	Universal Grant	Household support fund	Cost of living payment	Pensioner cost of living payment	One-off disability payment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">£150 rebate to all households living in Council Tax bands A-D	<ul style="list-style-type: none">£400 rebate on all energy bills in October 2022Replaces the 'heat now, pay later' scheme and does not need to be repaid	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Targeted support for the most vulnerable provided by local authorities has increased by an extra £500 million from October.Helps with the cost of essentials (e.g. energy, clothing, food)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">People on lowest incomes/means tested benefits will receive one-off cost of living payment £650 (July and Autumn payments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8 million pensions in receipt of Winter Fuel Payment will receive one-off cost of living payment £300	<ul style="list-style-type: none">6 million in receipt of non-means tested disability benefits to receive one-off disability payment worth £150

Who is eligible for the £650 grant?

The grant is being paid to people who receive means-tested benefits. The Government says it will be given to more than eight million households, including those receiving the following:

- Universal credit
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Income support
- Working tax credit
- Child tax credit
- Pension credit

When will people get the money?

- The Government announced that the payment will be issued directly to households in two lump sums, with one paid from July and another in the autumn.

Who qualifies for the winter fuel payment

The winter fuel payment for 2022/23 will be made available for households that include someone born on or before 25 September 1956.

When will the extra £300 be paid? - Autumn 2022.

£400 Grant

Through the Scheme, domestic electricity customers in Great Britain will receive a £400 grant which will appear as a credit from energy suppliers from October 2022 onwards. This will not need to be repaid.

£150 Disability Cost of Living Payment

Around six million people across the UK who receive the following disability benefits will receive a one-off payment of £150 in September:

- Disability Living Allowance
- Personal Independence Payment
- Attendance Allowance
- Scottish Disability Benefits
- Armed Forces Independence Payment
- Constant Attendance Allowance
- War Pension Mobility Supplement

For the many disability benefit recipients who receive means tested benefits, this £150 will come on top of the £650 they will receive separately.

These payments will be exempt from tax, will not count towards the benefit cap, and will not have any impact on existing benefit awards. The government will make these payments directly to eligible people across the UK.