



# Grants and benefits to help you pay your energy bills



## **Get a £400 energy discount from the government**

The Government will give every household in Great Britain £400 off their electricity bill. This is called the Energy Bills Support Scheme.

You don't need to do anything to get the money and you won't have to pay it back. The £400 will be automatically added to your energy account over 6 months starting from October 2022. If you have a prepayment meter, the £400 will be added to your meter or you'll be given vouchers – the government will confirm how you'll get the money nearer the time.

## **Get money back if you pay council tax**

You can get £150 back from the council to help pay your energy bills – this is called a 'rebate'.

You'll get the rebate if you pay council tax and your home is in council tax bands A to D. You can find the band on your council tax bill or check your council tax band on GOV.UK

The rebate will be paid automatically if you pay by direct debit. Otherwise the local council should contact you to make arrangements.

## **Warm Home Discount Scheme**

You might be able to get £150 off your electricity bill or £150 added to your prepayment meter.

You don't need to apply. If you are eligible for the scheme, the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) will send you a letter later this year.

## **Fuel voucher**

You might be able to get a fuel voucher to help pay for your energy if either:

- 1. You use a prepayment meter**

If you can't afford to top up your payment meter, you might be able to get a fuel voucher. This is a code given to you in a letter or in a text message or email. You can use it to add credit to your gas card or electricity key. If you don't have one of these, contact your supplier to get one.

- 2. You don't use gas or electricity for your heating**

You might be able to get a fuel voucher if you:

- rely on oil, liquified petroleum gas (LPG), coal or wood as your main source of heating
- aren't on the gas grid

### **Winter Fuel Payment**

The Winter Fuel Payment is an annual one-off payment to help you pay for heating during the winter. You can usually get a Winter Fuel Payment if you were born on or before 26 September 1956. This year you'll automatically get an extra £300 with your usual Winter Fuel Payment. You'll get the payment in either November or December.

### **Cold Weather Payments**

Cold Weather Payments are one-off payments to help you pay for extra heating costs when it's very cold. You'll get a payment each time the temperature drops below a specific temperature for a set period of time.

If you're eligible, you'll get paid automatically. You'll only be eligible if you already get certain benefits.

More information is available on the [Citizens Advice website](#)