**Winter Fuel Payments – Who is eligible and how do you claim it?**

The Winter Fuel Payment is an annual one-off payment to help you pay for heating during the winter.

Anyoneborn on or before 5 January 1953 is eligible if you were in the UK during the qualifying week. There may be other circumstances whereby you qualify. Find out more and how to apply here: [www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment](http://www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment).

You will get your Winter Fuel Payment automatically (you do not need to claim) if you’re eligible and either:

* get the State Pension
* get another social security benefit (not Housing Benefit, Council Tax Reduction, Child Benefit or Universal Credit).

The amount you will receive varies from £100 to £300 depending on your age and circumstances (the exception to this is if you receive certain benefits and live in a care home). Most payments are made automatically between November and December.

If you are eligible and need to make a claim you can either call the Winter Fuel Payment Centre on 0800 731 0160 or download an application form from [www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment](http://www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment)

**About Citizens Advice Epsom & Ewell**

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