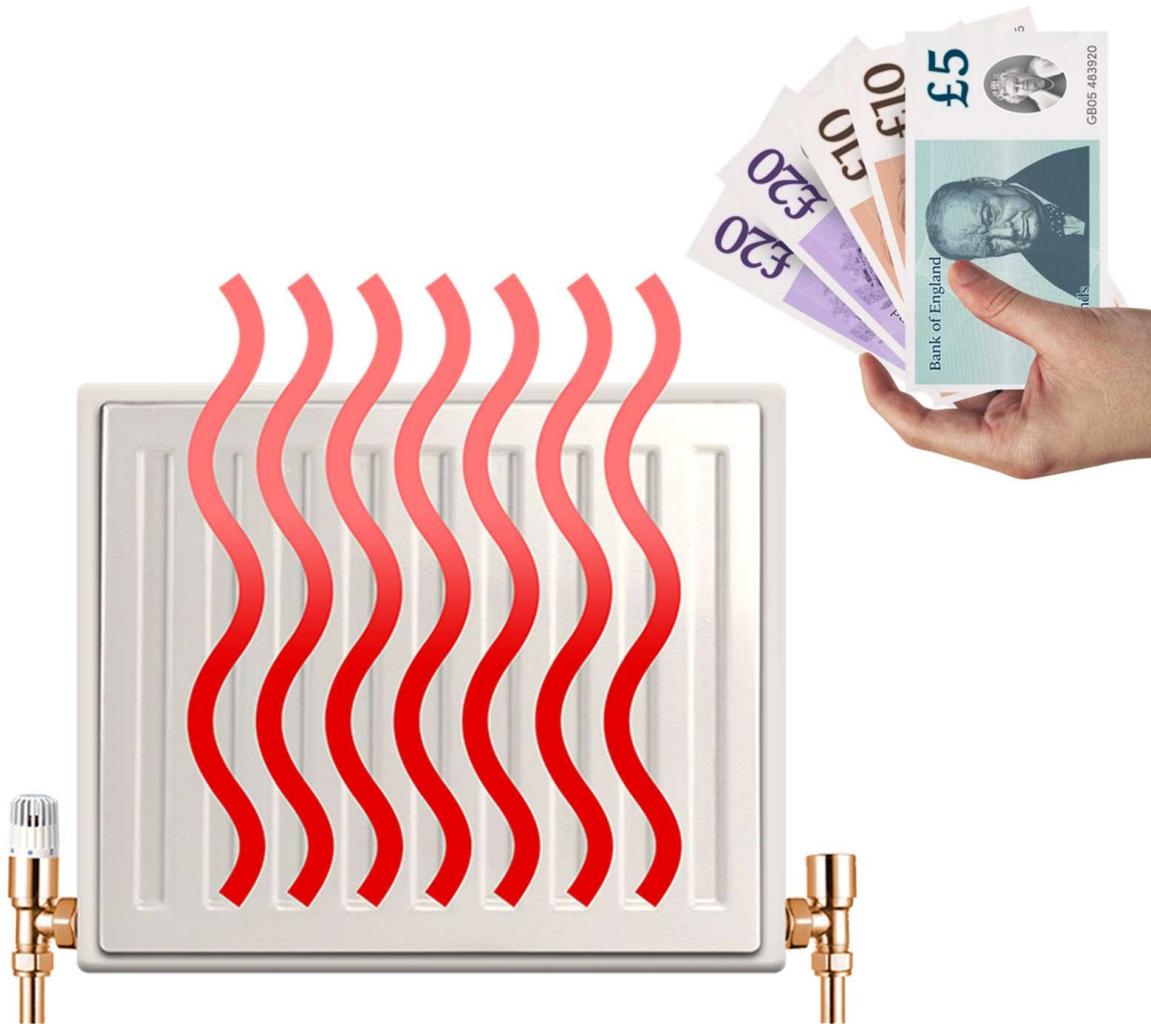




Child Winter Heating Payment





Child Winter Heating Payment is a payment of £251.50 made in winter. It is to help with fuel costs for families of disabled children and young people.

Children and young people in Scotland under 18 can get the payment if they get any of the following on at least 1 day in the full third week of September:



- The highest rate care component of Disability Living Allowance for children.
- The highest rate care component of Child Disability Payment.
- The enhanced daily living component of Personal Independence Payment.
- The enhanced rate of the daily living component of Adult Disability Payment.



The payment is made per individual, not per household. This means each eligible child in a household will get the payment.



You do not need to apply for Child Winter Heating Payment. In most cases, the payment will be made automatically by Social Security Scotland.



We use information provided by the Department for Work and Pensions to do this. However, we may need to check this information with you.



You will get a letter to let you know you will be getting the payment and why.



If you are awarded a backdated payment of Child Disability Payment, you will be paid Child Winter Heating Payment automatically.

If you are awarded a backdated payment of either:

- Disability Living Allowance for Children
- PIP



You will need to contact Social Security Scotland to let us know so that we can process your Child Winter Heating Payment.



Child Winter Heating Payment payments will be made from November.



The payment will be made to the same account as your Disability Living Allowance for Children or PIP.



This will usually be the account of a parent or carer on behalf of the child.



Where the young person is over 16 and responsible for their own finances, the payment will be made directly to them unless they have an appointee.



You do not need to provide evidence that the payment was spent on fuel bills.



You will get this payment annually, for as long as you are eligible.



If the child is eligible and lives in an EU country where the average is not higher than the UK winter temperature, they may be eligible.



They will need to apply for this payment and provide evidence of a genuine link to Scotland. The application form can be downloaded from **mygov.scot/child-winter-heating-Payment**



If you are unhappy with our decision on your application, you can ask us for a redetermination. We aim to carry out a redetermination within 16 working days of being informed of the request.



If you are unhappy with the decision of the redetermination, you can appeal to the First-Tier Tribunal within 31 days of the decision.



Web chat with us at
chat.socialsecurity.gov.scot



British Sign Language users can contact us at **contactscotland-bsl.org**



Visit the **Cost of Living** website for information on support available for families:

gov.scot/costoflivingsupport