

What financial help is the government giving in 2022 towards energy bills and the cost-of-living crisis?

£400 - Everyone

Who? All households, it is not means-tested.

How? The money will be paid in instalments (£66/month) by your energy supplier.

- If you pay direct debit, the amount you pay will be reduced **or** the money will be paid into your bank
- If you pay the bill when it comes, the money will be credited onto your energy account
- Prepayment - you will either be sent a voucher or the money will be applied to your smart meter
- Pay for electricity to a landlord – details are to be confirmed

When? From October 2022 onwards

AND



£650 - People in receipt of means-tested benefits

Who? Anyone who receives Universal Credit, Income-based Job Seekers Allowance, Income-based ESA, Income Support, Child or Working Tax Credits, Pension Credit.

How? Payments will be made direct to households through their bank account.

When? This will be paid in two lump sums, the first will be by the end of July 2022 and the second in November 2022.

£300 - Pensioners

Who? This will be paid to any pensioner household who receives the Winter Fuel Payment and who was born on or before 25 September 1956. This is not means-tested.

How? This will be paid as a top-up to the Winter Fuel Payment, directly into bank accounts.

When? November/December 2022

£150 - People in receipt of non-means tested disability benefits

Who? Anyone who receives Disability Living Allowance, PIP, Attendance Allowance, Armed Forces Independence Payment and War Pension Mobility Supplement.

Claimants must be in receipt of, or have begun an eventually successful claim for, one of these benefits as of 25th May 2022 to be eligible.

How? Payments will be made direct to households through their bank account.

When? From 20th September 2022 onwards