

# I'm worried about how I will manage without the Winter Fuel Payment. What can I do?

On July 29th the Government announced that the Winter Fuel Payment - of £200 for those aged 65-79, and £300 for those aged 80 or over - will be restricted to those people in receipt of Pension Credit – so what is Pension Credit and who can claim it? **It is estimated that up to 880,000 households are entitled to Pension Credit but not currently receiving it.**

## Pension Credit

Is a means tested benefit which is paid to help with the cost of living, it can also bring entitlement to additional financial support, including housing benefit, Council tax support, and winter fuel payment. Pension Credit can be backdated by up to 3 months (subject to meeting qualifying criteria).

**The deadline to claim to be entitled to this year's winter fuel payment is 21<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

## To get help making a claim

You can get further information and make a claim by calling the Pension Credit Hotline: 0800 99 1234

**You can check if you are eligible for Pension Credit** using the Pension Credit calculator here

<https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator>

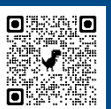
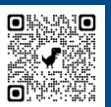
**If you believe you are entitled to Pension Credit** you can claim online here

<https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit/how-to-claim>

**If you require further advice or help to make a claim** you can call Citizens Advice on

0808 250 5715 or visit one of our drop-in sessions. For further details of our opening hours visit

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