

Child Winter Heating Assistance

This factsheet provides more information about 'Child Winter Heating Assistance'. This benefit is only available in Scotland and does not replace any other UK benefit.

Social Security Scotland

In 2018, Social Security Scotland was established as a new agency to manage all the benefits which are devolved to Scotland. It aims to treat people with dignity, fairness and respect when dealing with enquiries and processing applications. Child Winter Heating Assistance is one of the new benefits which is managed by this Scottish Government agency.

When is this payment available?

This is available now.

Who is eligible?

This benefit is aimed at children/young people with severe disabilities.

To qualify the child/young person needs to be

- 18 or under, **and**
- in receipt of the highest rate of the care component of Disability Living Allowance (DLA), **or**
- in receipt of the highest rate of the care component of Child Disability Payment (CDP), **or**
- in receipt of the enhanced daily living rate of Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

There is a qualifying period for this benefit. This means that the child/young person also needs to

- be resident in Scotland, **and**
- in receipt of the highest rate DLA, the highest rate CDP or enhanced daily living PIP

at least for one day during the third full week of September to qualify for the payment. For 2021, that's week beginning 20 September 2021.

You can get this benefit even if you receive other benefits, have savings or other family income.

How much will I get?

The payment is £202 for each qualifying child or young person up to the age of 18 in the same household.

There is no need to provide evidence of how you have spent the money.

How do I apply?

There is no need to apply. This is an automatic benefit which gets paid into the same account your child's DLA, CDP or PIP is paid into. Payments are aimed to be made by November. You will get a letter from Social Security Scotland before this payment is made.

What if I haven't received this payment?

If you believe you should have received this payment, contact [Social Security Scotland](#) on 0800 182 2222. You can also ask them to look at the decision again (called a redetermination) if you are unhappy with the outcome. This should be done within 42 days of when you receive their decision. You can also make a late request for a redetermination if you have good reason for this.

Need more information?

If you need more information on this and other Scottish benefits, visit the Social Security Scotland website at www.socialsecurity.gov.scot or phone them on their freephone 0800 182 2222.

You can also contact our Welfare Rights Service at Epilepsy Scotland on 0141 427 4911 for further help and information.

If you want to talk more generally about benefits and epilepsy, you can also contact our freephone helpline on 0808 800 2200.

Our resources are always free. If you would like to support our work please text FACTS to 70085 to donate £3. Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message.



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