

## **Pension Age Fuel Support Payment**

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Dear Stakeholder,

A one-off Pension Age Fuel Support Payment has been put in place for pensioners who were no longer eligible for a Winter Fuel Payment in 2024/25.

**It is expected that the Fuel Support Payments will be paid from 21 March 2025 for the majority of customers and will be made automatically to those who meet the eligibility criteria. No application is required and payments will be made to the bank accounts in which the Winter Fuel Payments would previously have been paid.**

The eligibility criteria for the Pension Age Fuel Support Payment means, pensioners who were born on or before 22 September 1958, that are normally resident in Northern Ireland and did not get a Winter Fuel Payment 2024/25 will be eligible. Those living in care homes may also be eligible if they meet this criteria.

The Department has commenced issuing letters to each eligible pensioner advising them of the amount they will receive, when the payment can be expected, how to recognise the payment in their bank account, and who to call in the event of any queries.

Further information on the Pension Age Fuel Support Payment is available on the nidirect website at [www.nidirect.gov.uk/pensionagefuelsupportpayment](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/pensionagefuelsupportpayment).

Yours sincerely,

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