



# Are you over State Pension age, or know someone who is?

**Pension Credit** tops up pension income and can help with day-to-day living costs.

If you are over State Pension age, you may be eligible to claim **Pension Credit**, even if you own your home or have savings. People who claim Pension Credit may also be able to get:

- The **Winter Fuel Payment\*** and other help with heating costs.
- Help with rent and Council Tax.
- A free TV Licence for those aged 75 or over.
- Help with the cost of NHS services, such as NHS dental treatment, glasses and transport costs for hospital appointments.

You could be eligible for **Pension Credit** if your weekly income is below £218.15 or, if you have a partner who lives with you, £332.95. Qualifying income level may be higher in some circumstances.

**Don't miss out.**

Check your eligibility at [gov.uk/pension-credit](https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit) or by calling **0800 99 1234**

Eligibility criteria apply  
\*or the equivalent in Scotland.



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# Financial support in Leeds this Winter



## Pension Credit

Claim as soon as possible, as it **can only be backdated 3 months** from the date the claim is made.

**For more support, contact:**

Welfare Rights at Leeds City Council

☎ 0113 376 0452

✉ [Welfare.rights@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Welfare.rights@leeds.gov.uk)

Age UK Leeds

☎ 0113 389 3000

✉ [info@ageukleeds.org.uk](mailto:info@ageukleeds.org.uk)

## Leeds Money Information Centre

Use Leeds Money Information Centre to find organisations offering free confidential help on money matters such as debt, housing, energy / utilities, emergency payments & vouchers.

Visit: [www.leeds.gov.uk/leedsmic](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/leedsmic)

## Winter Fuel Payment

You will get either £200 or £300 automatically if you claim pension credit. To qualify you will need to:

- Be state pension age (born before Sept 1958).
- Live in the UK between 16th - 22nd Sept 2024.
- Be eligible for Pension Credit / Universal Credit / certain other means tested benefits.

Claim by **21st December 2024** to qualify for a winter fuel payment this year.

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## Citizen's Advice Energy Affordability Helpline



The helpline provides advice for fuel, energy bills and tariffs, debt advice, negotiating with creditors, charitable assistance, making complaints and resolving disputes with Energy Suppliers and the Energy Ombudsman.

Call **0800 448 0721** or visit:

[www.citizensadviceleeds.org.uk/energy-bills/](http://www.citizensadviceleeds.org.uk/energy-bills/)

## Warm Home Discount

This is a one-off £150 discount off your electricity bill. To qualify you will need to:

- Qualify for Pension Credit.
- Have you or your partners name on the bill.
- Your supplier must be signed up to the scheme.

The money will be taken off your energy bill by your supplier. You should receive a letter if you qualify. For any questions, call the helpline on:

**0800 030 9322.**

## Home Plus (Leeds)

Home Plus (Leeds) provides:

- support to improve the energy efficiency of your home.
- advice on heating your home & energy bills.
- repairs to heating and hot water systems and appliances.

**Telephone: 0113 240 6009**

## Local Welfare Support Scheme

Apply for support with food, energy and essential household items if you're experiencing an emergency / crisis.

Visit: [www.leeds.gov.uk/benefits/local-welfare-support-scheme](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/benefits/local-welfare-support-scheme)

Call: **0113 376 0330** (weekdays, 10am-4pm).