



The Falkland Islands Government

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Information for the 2024 Winter Fuel Allowance

The Winter Fuel Allowance is designed to help eligible households with heating costs during the winter months. The Winter Fuel Allowance is income tested and based on total household income. The level of the Winter Fuel Allowance is based on 50% of the cost of 1,200 litres of kerosene. However, as the current cost of living is continuing to result in several pressures for households, the Winter Fuel Allowance for 2024 is based on 70% of the cost. This will revert to 50% again in future years.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for the Winter Fuel Allowance, you must be ordinarily resident in the Falkland Islands and you must meet one of the following requirements:

- be of retirement age on or before 30 September this year
- Be in receipt of a pension or of pension age;
- be in receipt of the medium or high level of Attendance Allowance;
- be eligible for income support

What if I am turning 65 this year?

If you are turning 65 before 30 September, you can still apply and the amount you receive will be adjusted depending on when your birthday is.

What are the income thresholds?

Eligible households with a total income up to £17,925 will receive the full Allowance. A partial allowance will be paid to eligible households with a total household income between £17,925 and £18,841.

What is the Winter Fuel Allowance amount?

The level of the Allowance for 2024 is £916.00 or £229.00 per month for the four winter months.

What if I am going to be away at any time between 1 June and 30 September?

If you plan to be away during this period please let us know on your application form. If you plan to be away for more than 28 days, the amount you receive will be adjusted accordingly.

How will I receive my Winter Fuel Allowance payment?

Your Allowance will be paid in full into your SCB account starting from 28th June 2023. If you would prefer to be paid in monthly instalments into your SCB account you can let us know on your application form or by contacting us at the details below.

If you have any questions or wish to apply for the Winter Fuel Allowance please call **27296** or email incomesupport.social@kemh.gov.fk and we will be pleased to assist you.