

Fuel Allowance

Fuel Allowance is a payment that helps with the cost of heating your home during the colder months. It is paid to people who are dependant on long-term social welfare or Health Service Executive (HSE) payments, including one parent families and it provides some contribution to the increased cost of heating bills in the winter.

You may qualify for a fuel allowance if you are getting one of the following:

- One-Parent Family Payment
- Widow's or Widowers', Surviving Civil Partner(Contributory and Non-Contributory) Pension or State Pension (Contributory and Non Contributory)
- Deserted Wife's Benefit or Allowance
- Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance
- Disability Allowance

and you are living alone or with dependent children.

For the full list of qualifying payments see www.welfare.ie

The Fuel Allowance is €22.50 per week and is paid for 26 weeks of the year from October to April. The fuel allowance is paid in the same way as you receive your main payment.

For the winter fuel season of 2017/2018 it is possible to receive the Fuel Allowance payment in two lump sums of €292.50. The first will be made in October 2017 and the second in January 2018. In order to receive the lump sum payment you will need to apply for this by 15th September 2017.

To apply for the Fuel Allowance fill in application form NFS 1. This application form is available from your local post office or text FORM FUEL, followed by your name and address, to 51909.

To apply for the Fuel Allowance by lump sum payment then you will need to complete Form FA CPF 1. The form is available from post offices, social welfare offices and Citizens Information centres; you can also text FORM FUELCHANGE, followed by your name and address to 51909.

If you apply for the Fuel Allowance after the start of the heating season, the allowance will not be backdated.

Send your completed form to the section of the Department of Social Protection that makes your main payment.