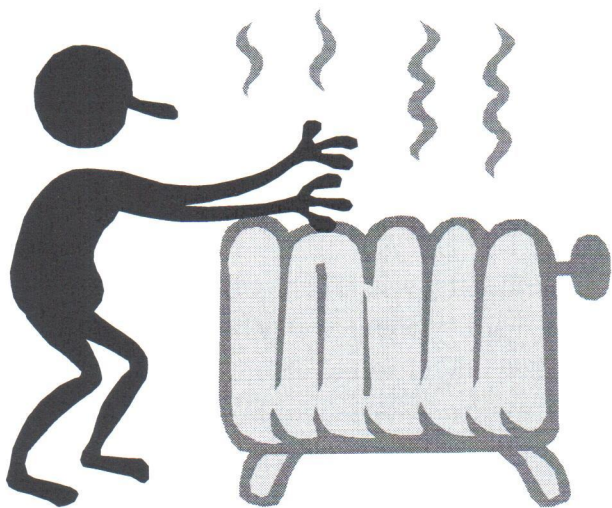


# Warm home Discount facts

The warm home discount scheme offers a **rebate of £135** (2013/14 figure) on the electricity bill of those who are eligible. This is paid in addition to any cold weather or winter fuel payment and **does not affect any other benefits.**

- Although the rebate can be paid between October and March a lot of people don't seem to receive the rebate until February/March
- People on pension credit may get it sooner
- Generally need to apply by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

If you are 75 or over and receive guarantee pension credit then you will receive the rebate automatically. If you are under 75 you will only receive the rebate automatically if you receive guarantee pension credit without savings pension credit.

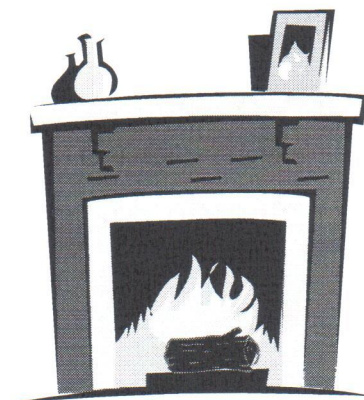


Other vulnerable people on a low income may also be eligible but they will need to apply to their electricity supplier. If you don't know who your supplier is you can phone 0870 905 0806 (or ask your adviser to phone it.) You will also need your electricity account number.

Pre payment customers as well as credit meter customers can apply for the discount.

Pre payment customers may receive the rebate as a voucher, or it may be directly applied to their meter. If you have arrears the rebate will just reduce the arrears.

You are likely to be eligible for the rebate if you or your partner receive:



Income based ESA/Income based JSA or income support

**and**

receive a disability premium/work related/support component or DLA/PIP or have a child under 5.

Others may also be eligible. Please check with your adviser or supplier as to whether you are eligible and to find out how to apply.

Not all suppliers do this rebate, but the big 6 (British Gas, Eon, EDF, Southern electric (SSE), Scottish Power and Npower) and some smaller suppliers do. A full list of all the suppliers who do take part can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme/eligibility>