

## **Cost of Living Support Payments – 2022**

**What will claimants receive and when:-**

### **£650 one-off Cost of Living Payment for those on means tested benefits:**

- More than 8 million households on means tested benefits will receive a payment of £650 this year, made in two instalments. This includes all households receiving the following benefits:
- Universal Credit
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Pension Credit
- DWP will make the payment in two lump sums – the first from **July**, the second in the **autumn**.

### **£150 Disability Cost of Living Payment**

- Around six million people across the UK who receive the following disability benefits will receive a one-off payment of £150 from September:
  - Disability Living Allowance
  - Personal Independence Payment
  - Attendance Allowance
  - Scottish Disability Benefits
  - Armed Forces Independence Payment
  - Constant Attendance Allowance
  - War Pension Mobility Supplement
- For the many disability benefit recipients who receive means tested benefits, this £150 will come on top of the £650 they will receive separately.
- These payments will be exempt from tax, will not count towards the benefit cap, and will not have any impact on existing benefit awards.

## **Energy Bills Support Scheme doubled to a one-off £400:**

- Households will get £400 of support with their energy bills through an expansion of the Energy Bills Support Scheme.
  - As well as doubling the £200 of support announced earlier this year, the full £400 payment will now be made as a grant, which will not be recovered through higher bills in future years.
  - Energy suppliers will deliver this support to households with a domestic electricity meter over six months from October. Direct debit and credit customers will have the money credited to their account, while customers with pre-payment meters will have the money applied to their meter or paid via a voucher.
  - This support will apply directly for households in England, Scotland, and Wales. It is GB-wide and we will deliver equivalent support to people in Northern Ireland.
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- This support is in addition to the £150 Council Tax rebate for households in England in Council Tax bands A-D, and Scotland Council Tax Bands A-C which millions of households should have already received deducted from your annual bill.

## **One-off £300 Pensioner Cost of Living Payment**

- Pensioners are disproportionately impacted by higher energy costs, and many low-income pensioner households do not claim the means tested benefits they are entitled to.
- So pensioner households will receive an extra £300 this year to help them cover the rising cost of energy this winter.