

UNIVERSAL CREDIT



UC payment dates

According to the DWP website those who get their UC on the 25th, 26th and 1st of the month can expect payments a day earlier.

The next payment in 2020 will be made on the usual date - so money will have to stretch that extra day and recipients should check the payment has gone into their account on the 24th, while DWP staff are still available to help.

Guidance about PAYE early payments

If you do get paid early over the Christmas period, please ask your employer to report your normal payday as the payment date on your Full Payment Submission (FPS) and ensure that it is submitted on or before this date.

This helps protect your eligibility for universal credit.



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This is a short guide to possible payments which those on Universal Credit may be eligible for. Please call your Housing Officer if you have any worries.

You are advised to speak to your DWP advisor or check on the DWP Universal Credit page on their website for further help.

<https://www.gov.uk/topic/benefits-credits/universal-credit>

Winter Fuel Payment

The Winter Fuel payment is available to anyone born on or before April 5th 1954 and could mean that they get between £100 and £300 to help pay heating bills.

Winter Fuel payments are made automatically between November and December. If eligible you should get your money by mid January, 2020.

If you are on Universal Credit you might be eligible for such a payment but you will have to **contact the DWP to see if you can claim** as this is not automatic.



Warm home discount scheme

Did you know you could get up to £140 off your electricity bill under the Warm Home Discount scheme?

The money is paid via a one off discount on your electricity bill between September and March.

You will qualify for this discount if you get the Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit or meet your suppliers criteria for this scheme.

Please contact your supplier for more information.



Cold Weather Payment

If you are receiving one of the DWP credits you may be eligible for Cold Weather Payment - paid when the average temperature in your area is less than zero for seven consecutive days.

Payment is usually automatic and is up to £25 for each seven day period that the bad weather lasts.



Remember Key Project could help...

Our in house Key Project team who can help when you are unsure of where to turn.

They can help you with your finances; benefit claims and budgeting. They can show you how to access healthcare and community resources and aid you with correspondence and mediation.

Our experienced staff know how to signpost you to other agencies who have further expertise on finance or put you in touch with debt advisors. They understand that sometimes life can be struggle but believe that worrying about your tenancy shouldn't add to it. Castlehill tenants can self refer to this service if they wish.