

Fuel Allowance

A Fuel Allowance is a payment to help with the cost of heating your home during the winter months. It is paid to people who are dependent on long-term social welfare payments and who are unable to provide for their own heating needs. If you or a household member has cancer and are receiving certain social welfare payments, you may be eligible to apply for a fuel allowance.

What is the rate of payment?

The weekly rate of payment is €24.50, usually payable from October to April.

People getting certain social welfare payments can get their Fuel Allowance paid in two lump sums. The first lump sum is normally paid in early October and the second payment is in January.

Who can apply?

You may be eligible to receive fuel allowance if you:

- Satisfy a means test. A means test looks at your income to see if it is below a certain level
- Are receiving a [means-tested social welfare payment](#)

How do I apply?

You should apply for Fuel Allowance before October.

NSF1 applications forms are available at your local Post Office, [Social Welfare office](#) or [Intreo Centre](#).

OR

Visit the [Department of Social Protection](#) website to download the NSF1 application form.

Where you send your completed application form will depend on the primary social welfare payment you are receiving. For further details on where to send your application form, visit the [Department of Social Protection](#) website.

The information above is an overview of the Fuel Allowance

We won't give up until cancer does



For detailed information, applicants are advised to:

- Visit [Citizens Information](#) online
- Call Citizens Information on 0761 07 4000 – Monday to Friday from 9am to 8pm
- Visit your local [Citizens Information](#) office
- Call our Cancer Support Line on Freephone 1800 200 700 – Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm
- Contact your Medical Social Worker