

Fuel Allowance for over 70s

The Fuel Allowance is worth €924 a year paid over 28 weeks starting from September.

There will be big improvement to the qualifying requirements for over 70s from January.

Over 80,000 more people will now become eligible for the Fuel Allowance payment.

IT COULD BE YOU!

NEW Maximum Weekly Income Limits (from January 2023)

Single people over 70 will be able to have an income of up to €500 a week to qualify.

Couples with one person over the age of 70 will be able to have a combined income up to €1,000 a week. This includes the person's State pension.

This is an increase from €373 for a single person and €600 for a couple.

NEW Savings Limits

The amount of savings and investments that are disregarded in the means test for the Fuel Allowance for people aged over 70s will more than double.

The first €50,000 will now be completely disregarded. If you have savings above this amount you may be entitled to a reduced weekly Fuel Allowance payment.

NEW Qualifying Conditions

People over 70 will no longer need to be getting a weekly social welfare payment to be eligible for Fuel Allowance.

Other Qualifying Conditions (no change)

To get Fuel Allowance you must be

living alone

or

only living with

- A spouse, civil partner or cohabitant and/ or dependent children.
- A person getting Carer's Allowance or Carer's Benefit and is caring for you or your spouse or partner.
- A person getting Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Other people who would also be eligible for a Fuel Allowance.

Further Information

You can find out more information about the Fuel Allowance payment here –

https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/social_welfare/social_welfare_payments/extra_social_welfare_benefits/fuel_allowance.html