

Energy bills support

The dramatic rise in energy bills is a concern for many of us. The government is providing three main areas of support to assist householders with their energy bills for the coming year.

The Energy Bill Discount Scheme

Domestic energy customers in Great Britain will receive a £200 cash discount on their bills this Autumn. The government will provide funding to all suppliers for them to pass on to their domestic energy customers from October.

Customers will pay back the discount automatically in equal instalments over five years, starting from financial year 2023-24, when wholesale gas prices are expected to come down. This is expected to be reflected as an increase to standing charges on bills.

How will the Council Tax rebate work?

Households in England in Council Tax Bands A-D, who are not exempt from Council Tax, will be eligible for a £150 Council Tax Rebate payment from April this year. The rebate will be made by local authorities as a payment to households and it will not have to be repaid. However, the rebate isn't applicable for second homes or empty properties.

Households in England in Bands A-D that pay less than £150 or do not pay Council Tax as a result of Local Council Tax Support, will also be eligible for a payment

of £150. People in receipt of the Single Person Discount in Bands A-D will also be eligible for a payment of £150.

It is expected that the vast majority of people who pay their Council Tax by Direct Debit will receive this money in April. For households in Bands A-D who do not pay by Direct Debit, their councils will be ready to process their claims in April.



The government is providing new funding to local authorities for these rebates, as well as extra funding to help with increased administrative costs.

Discretionary funding

For those who need help with their energy bills but are not eligible – such as households on income support in higher bands (E-H) or with properties in bands A-D that are exempt from council tax – local authorities will receive £144 million of discretionary funding to help.

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