

Tenancy Sustainment

Pension Age Awards

Have you reached State Pension age? Did you know that there are benefits which are available only to older people to help improve the quality of your life? Ochil View can check if you're eligible and help you apply for the following benefits:

Pension Credit

Pension Credit is an income-related benefit made up of 2 parts – Guarantee Credit and Savings Credit.

Guarantee Credit tops up your weekly income. Savings Credit is an extra payment for people who saved some money towards their retirement, for example a pension. You can only get Savings Credit if you or your partner reached State Pension age before 6 th April 2016

Weblinks:

For more information: [information on pension credit](#)

To apply: [How to apply](#)

Pension Age Disability

Pension Age Disability Payment can give you extra money if you have both:

- care needs because of a disability or long-term health condition
- reached State Pension age

Pension Age Disability Payment is replacing Attendance Allowance in Scotland. You do not need to do anything if you already get Attendance Allowance. You cannot get Pension Age Disability Payment and Attendance Allowance at the same time.

It's paid at 2 different rates, lower and higher. The amount you get depends on your care needs. Lower rate is £73.90 a week. It's for people who need help or supervision during the day or night. Higher rate is £110.40 a week. It's for people who need help or supervision during the day and night.

If you're terminally ill you'll automatically get the higher rate.

Pension Age Disability Payment is not means-tested. Your income and savings are not taken into account. They will not affect any award you might get.

You do not need to have someone caring for you in order to get Pension Age Disability Payment. If someone does care you for, they could get [Carer Support Payment](#).

Weblinks:

For more information: [Pension Age Disability Payment - mygov.scot](#)

To apply: [How to apply for Pension Age Disability Payment - mygov.scot](#)

Pension Age Winter Heating Payment

Pension Age Winter Heating Payment helps people of State Pension age who live in Scotland pay their heating bills. It's paid once a year and replaced **Winter Fuel Payment** for people in Scotland.

In winter 2024, Pension Age Winter Heating Payment was paid by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). It will be paid by Social Security Scotland in winter 2025.

If you're eligible, you could get a payment of between £101.70 and £305.10.

How much you're paid will depend on:

- your age
- the age of anyone you live with who is also eligible for Pension Age Winter Heating Payment
- if you receive certain benefits from DWP as a joint award
- if you live in residential care

For more information: [Pension Age Winter Heating Payment](#)

If you require any support and/or any information when you are applying or about an existing application please contact our tenancy sustainment officer via the details below:



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