



UK Government

# Help with the Cost of Living

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# 1

## Introduction



We know people in the United Kingdom are worried about rising costs to their living expenses, so the government is offering support.



This easy read leaflet gives more information about the Cost of Living payments to households.

For more information, go to [gov.uk/costoflivingpayments](https://gov.uk/costoflivingpayments)

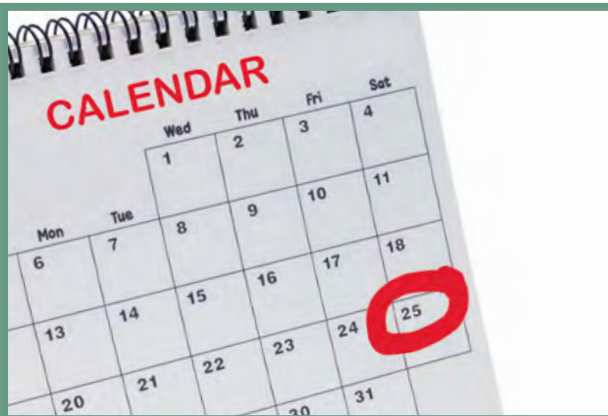


# 2

## People on low income benefits



Millions of people from low income households will receive 3 Cost of Living payments totalling **£900**.



The payments will start on **25 April 2023**.



Those who qualify will receive their first payment the same way they receive their regular benefit payments.

# £301

The first payment of **£301** will be paid to people who qualify from low income households between 25 April and 17 May.



The second payment of **£300** will be paid automatically during Autumn 2023.



The third payment of **£299** will be paid during Spring 2024 for most people.



You do not need to apply as the payment is automatic.



If you have had a message asking you to apply or contact someone about the payment, this may be a scam.

# 3

## People getting tax credits



HM Revenue  
& Customs

People getting tax credits and no other low income benefits will get their first payment from His Majesty's Revenue and Customs.



The first payment of **£301** will be paid to customers who only get tax credits, between 2 and 9 May.



The second payment of **£300** will be paid automatically in Autumn 2023, in the same way you receive your regular tax credits payments.



The third payment of **£299** will be paid during Spring 2024 for most people.



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## Further Cost of Living support



You may qualify for further Cost of Living support depending on your circumstances.



This includes pensioners and people on disability benefits.

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There is also information about further help for households on the Cost of Living website.

[costoflivingsupport.campaign.gov.uk](https://costoflivingsupport.campaign.gov.uk)