*Over £1,000,000 unclaimed in Nottingham from £140 electricity rebate



- •9,568 Nottingham children in eligible homes don't apply say Children's Society.
- •A third of eligible pensioners failed to apply according to AgeUK.
- •Adding households with disabilities over £1m unclaimed yearly in Nottingham.

£140 electricity rebate

Reapply every year until winter 2020/21

Reopens June 2017 - August 2017

Who offers Warm Home Discount?

Atlantic - closed

British Gas - closed

Co-operative- closed

Ebico/Equipower - closed

EDF - closed

Eon – taking registrations for 2017/8

First Utility - closed

M&S - taking registrations for 2017/8

Who offers Warm Home Discount?

Npower still open 3/5/2017

OVO - closed

Sainsbury's Energy - closed

Scottish Power - closed

Scottish & Southern - taking

registrations for 2017/8

Utilita - closed

Utility Warehouse –closed

Is this automatic? No. Only Pension Credit GUARANTEE can expect DWP to share information with all participating energy suppliers. Everyone else must reapply.

When will 2017/2018 applications open? 1st June 2017 has been indicated by Central Government as the operating start, but some could delay until even August.

Eon, Ebico, M&S, Scottish & Southern/SSE taking registrations of interest for 2017/8 online name/address/acc no.

Will it be paid late this coming winters? 2017 was as late as 31st May 2017 for some companies, while in winter 2018 the latest will be 31st March 2018.

Switching and £140 electricity rebate? Only those receiving Pension Credit GUARANTEE can switch at any time and retain their £140 electricity rebate.

- For others if you receive £140 electricity rebate OFGEM suggest you wait until you receive the rebate before switching to a new supplier.
- You should check to see if your new supplier is take part in the WHD scheme and if you are eligible with them. They all have different criteria.
- A qualifying date exists. If you switch after it your old & new supplier will ignore your £140 electricity rebate. It was 10th July in 2016 & might be late June in 2017.
- If you move into a home after the qualifying date, which on the day you arrive is supplied by your old supplier you could retain eligibility for £140 electricity rebate.

Who is Eligible? 'Core' Group who automatically receive of <u>Pension Credit GUARANTEE</u>. Plus those who must apply in 'Broader' Group determined by each supplier.

I'm off line! All can apply by phone except Eon, First Utility & OVO where online.

What do I need to apply? Try to ring with your Electricity Account number, but normally not a problem over the phone. However is applying online - check paperwork.

"Social pay my gas & electric, so the £140 electricity rebate does not apply to me". This is a myth. Fuel Direct customers must apply no one else will.

I only received £133.33? Yes VAT is removed from the £140.

Is there a gas rebate? Electricity is the main target as everyone has an account. At the energy companies discretion could offer on gas accounts, but **ONLY ONE per home**.

Can pre-payment customers apply? Yes. They will receive a voucher.

My company is not listed. Participating Atlantic, British Gas, Co-operative Energy, Ebico, EDF, Eon, ExtraEnergy, First Utility, M&S, OVO, Manweb, npower, Sainsbury's, Scottish Power, Scottish & Southern/SSE, Scottish Hydro, Swalec, Utilita, Utility Warehouse.

Smaller firms taking part – 2016/17 eligibility rules:

Co-operative Energy https://www.cooperativeenergy.coop/reduce-your-bills/whd/warm-home-discount-scheme-full/ 0800 954 0693

Criteria must include ONE from A and ONE from B:

A – Income under £311 per week (£16,190), Housing Benefit & income under £311 per week (£16,190), Council Tax Reduction (Not single person allowance), Income Support, Income Based JSA, Employment & Support Allowance, Working Tax Credit.

B – Child under 16, child under 20 in education, using more than 10% income on fuel, DLA, pensionable age, PIP, Maternity & medical exemption certificate, exemption to prescription charges.

ExtraEnergy - http://www.extraenergy.com/home/faq/help-and-advice .

First Utility www.first-utility.com/about-us/saving/energy-saving/warm-homes-discount/ eg child under 18 in education and receive IS, IBJSA, ESA, income under £16,190 and 60+/mental health/physical disability/long term illness/Child under 18 in full time education.

OVO NOW open online or whd@ovoenergy.com for a form if you receive:

- •Income Support or Income-based JSA, with disability or pensioner premium, child who is disabled, Child Tax Credit that includes a disability element or child under 5.
- Income-related ESA, with any of: support or work-related component, severe or enhanced disability premium, pensioner premium.
- child with disability, Child Tax Credit that includes disability element or child under 5.
- Child Tax Credit & income under £16,190 (£311 per week) with either: A child under 5 or a Child
 Disability Premium or claiming CTC including a disability or severe disability element
 You may be eligible if exempt from NHS prescription charge, in need of constant care, long term
 physical or mental illness, on main powered medical equipment, your fuel bills are more than 10% of
 your gross annual household income.

Utilita 03456 039 439 http://www.utilita.co.uk/save-energy/warm-home-discount if on Income Support, IBJSA, CTC with income under £16,190, ESA/work related activity/support element

Utility Warehouse https://www.utilitywarehouse.co.uk/clubhouse/warmhome 0333 777 0 777. Need one of the benefits in both A and B:

A: Income Support, IBJSA, Income related ESA, Universal Credit, income under £16,190 **B:** Child under 5, Child Tax Credit (with or without a disability element), disability / pensioner premium, DLA(for adult or child), Long term Incapacity Benefit, disabled child premium, PIP.

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£140 Electricity Rebate Child, Child Tax Credit or Free School Meals?

British Gas/Sainsbury's Energy key meter ring 0800 294 8604

credit meter ring 0800 072 8625 or online at britishgas.co.uk/

Child under 5 or AND Income under £311 per week/£16,190

Disabled ONE Income Support, Universal Credit

Child Element OF Income based JSA or income related ESA.

Income under £311 per week/£16,190 using over 10% income on gas/electricity

EDF edfenergyonline.co.uk or 0800 015 0960

Child under 5 AND Income Support, Universal Credit

(at 1/4/2016) ONE OF Income based JSA or income related ESA.

Child Tax Credit with income under £311per week /£16,190

Eon https://www.eonenergy.com/for-your-home/saving-energy/need-little-extra-help/warm-home-discount

- Child under 5 and receiving Income Support or income based Job Seekers Allowance. Child Tax Credit if income is £311 per week/£16,190 or less or includes disability element.
- Universal Credit with child element (with or without disabled child element)
 Maternity Exemption Certificate or Medical Exemption Certificate with Income Support or income based Jobseekers Allowance or WTCredit with income under £16,160.

npower 0808 172 6999 online open npower.com/spreading_warmth

Child under 5 AND income under £311 per week/£16,190, Universal Credit (at 1st April 2016) ONE OF Income Support or Income-based JSA or Income-related ESA Child Tax Credit with income under £311 per week/£16,190.

Scottish & Southern SSE, Swalec, Atlantic, M&S, Equipower, Ebico Now registering interest for 2017/8 at https://sse.co.uk/forms/warm-home-discount-application-form#q1

Child under 5 AND Income Support or Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance or ONE Income-related Employment & Support Allowance or Child Tax OF Credit if income under £311 per week/£16,190, Universal Credit.

Child Tax Credit with income under £311 per week/£16,190 WITH child born before 1/4/2008 or child born after 1/4/1997 with a disability premium

FREE SCHOOL MEALS if born before 1/4/2008

Scottish Power 0800 027 0072 or scottishpower.co.uk/customer-

services/support/warm-home-discount/

Child under 18 in full time education AND Income under £311 per week/£16,190, (born after 1/4/1998) or ONE Income Support or Income-based JSA or Income-related ESA, Universal Credit

FREE SCHOOL MEALS with income under £16,190

Child Tax Credit WITH disability or severe disability element

£140 Electricity Rebate

Age, Mental/Physical Disability, Long term ill health?

Pension Credit <u>SAVINGS ONLY</u> <u>must apply</u> if with Eon, EDF, British Gas, SSE, Sainsbury, Atlantic, M&S, Ebico, Coop. (Pension Credit Guarantee automatic)

British Gas/Sainsbury's Energy Key/prepayment meter users 0800 294 8604 Credit users 0800 072 8625 or online at britishgas warmhomediscount.com

Total income under £311 per week/£16,190 <u>AND ONE OF</u> using over 10% income on gas/electricity or pensionable age, mental health/physical disability, long term illness.

Income Support, IBJSA, income related ESA with work related/support element, Universal Credit **AND** disabled child element.

Eon https://www.eonenergy.com/for-your-home/saving-energy/need-little-extra-help/warm-home-discount

- Income related Employment Support Allowance with support/work related component
- Universal Credit with limited capability for work element
- Over 62 & in receipt of council tax reduction (not just 25% single person discount)

Customers with an item in A and B:

- A IBJSA, Income Support, or Working Tax Credit if income under £16,190
- B DLA or Personal Independence Payment or Disabled Child Premium

EDF - 0800 015 0960 or edfenergyonline.co.uk

WTCredit with income under £16,010 & 62+ OR disabled worker or severe disability element or customer needs an item in A & B

- A Income based JSA, Income Support, Income related ESA with work related/support component.
- B DLA, PIP, Disability Premium, Pensioner Premium, or Child Tax Credit with disability element.

Npower 0808 172 6999 online open npower.com/spreading_warmth

- Income related Employment Support Allowance with support/work related component or customer needs an item in A and B
- A Income under £311 per week/£16,190, IBJSA, Income Support or Income related ESA.
- B DLA for adult or child, Long term Incapacity Benefit, Disability/Pensioner Premiums, PIP

Scottish Power 0800 027 0072 or scottishpower.co.uk/customerservices/support/warm-home-discount/ Customer needs an item in A & B

A – Income under £311 per week/£16,190, IBJSA, Income Support, ESA or universal credit. B – **63 and over or using over 10% income on gas/electricity** or DLA, Incapacity Benefit, PIP, Pensioner Premium, Severe Disability Premium, Attendance Allowance, disabled child element, exemption from NHS prescription charges, limited capability for work element, working Tax Credit with disability element.

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- Incapacity Benefit or Income related ESA <u>if also</u> receive Housing Benefit or Council Tax Benefit
- Income under £16,190 with WTC or Universal Credit AND DLA/PIP.
- **or needs an item in A & B** A IBJSA, Income Support, Income related ESA, Universal Credit. B DLA, PIP, Incapacity Benefit, Severe Disability Premium, Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit, sickness/disability payments, War Disablement Pension, limited capacity for work element.