

WINTER FUEL PAYMENTS

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INTRODUCTION

1. This memo provides guidance to DMs on the changes made by the [Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment \(Amendment\) Regulations 2014](#) (S.I. 2014 / 3270). The changes take effect on 21.9.15¹.

1 SFWFP (Amendment) Regs, Reg 1

BACKGROUND

2. From 21.9.15, WFP will be restricted to eligible people ordinarily resident in GB or another EEA state as listed in this Memo¹.

1 SFWFP Regs, reg 2(1)(a)(ii),

COUNTRIES WHERE WINTER FUEL PAYMENTS MAY BE PAID

3. To be entitled to a WFP, a person must, in or before the qualifying week, have attained the qualifying age for WFP **and** must be
 1. ordinarily resident in GB **or**
 2. habitually resident in
 - 2.1 Austria **or**
 - 2.2 Belgium **or**

- 2.3** Bulgaria **or**
- 2.4** Croatia **or**
- 2.5** Czech Republic **or**
- 2.6** Denmark **or**
- 2.7** Estonia **or**
- 2.8** Finland **or**
- 2.9** Germany **or**
- 2.10** Hungary **or**
- 2.11** Iceland **or**
- 2.12** Ireland **or**
- 2.13** Italy **or**
- 2.14** Latvia **or**
- 2.13** Liechtenstein **or**
- 2.14** Lithuania **or**
- 2.15** Luxembourg **or**
- 2.16** The Netherlands **or**
- 2.17** Norway **or**
- 2.18** Poland **or**
- 2.19** Romania **or**
- 2.20** Slovakia **or**
- 2.21** Slovenia **or**
- 2.22** Sweden **or**
- 2.23** Switzerland.

Example 1

Fatou, who has worked all her life in GB and has reached SPC age, moves in August 2015 to live permanently in Italy. In October 2015 she claims WFP for winter 2015/16. The DM considers she satisfies the conditions of entitlement in the qualifying week and pays her WFP.

Example 2

Michael is habitually resident in Spain and has claimed and been entitled to WFP in the past. He makes a claim for WFP for winter 2015/16. The DM decides that Michael is not entitled to WFP as Spain is not included in the list of qualifying countries.

ANNOTATIONS

Please annotate the number of this memo (13/15) against the following DMG paragraph: 077246

CONTACTS

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