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A WINTER FUEL PAYMENT should be in Britons' bank accounts by this time next week, but for those who have not received a sum, ineligibility could be the reason why.

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A Winter Fuel Payment is made available to those born on or before September 26, 1955. People could get between £100 and £300 to help them pay their heating bills, automatically, especially if they are in receipt of the state pension. To be eligible, a person must have also lived in the UK for at least one day during the week of September 20 to 26, 2021.

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But expats are not the only individuals who could stand to lose out in the colder months of the year.

People will not qualify in a number of other circumstances according to the Government website.

This is the case if they were or are in hospital getting free treatment for more than a year.

Individuals will also not qualify if they found themselves in prison for the whole of the qualifying week.