

# Financial Support Schemes



There are a number of support schemes available to provide financial assistance to those who are eligible. The aim is to help people move towards independence and self-sufficiency. It combines all entitled amounts into a single payment.

## Basic Income Support

Means-tested benefits comprised of a personal allowance, plus an allowance for any eligible children living in the household.

To be eligible for support you must be:

- Aged 16 or over, and not in education
- Ordinarily resident for a minimum of 3 years, and have the right to live and work in the Falkland Islands
- Have household savings no greater than £17,925
- Currently unemployed and not eligible for the Employment Scheme
- On a low income
- Covered by a doctor's sick note

## Housing Costs

The Winter Fuel Allowance is designed to help eligible households with heating costs during the four winter months. The Winter Fuel Allowance is income tested and based on total household income.

To be eligible for the Winter Fuel Allowance, you must be ordinarily resident in the Falkland Islands, and you must meet one of the following requirements:

- Be of retirement age on or before the 30th September
- Be in receipt of a pension or of pension age
- Be in receipt of the medium or high level of Attendance Allowance
- Be eligible for Income Support

## Childcare Costs

Support can be offered for up to 25 hours of childcare per week, per child living in the household, for up to two children.

You can apply for assistance at any time and, following assessment, you could receive a weekly or monthly lump sum to your bank account.



## Housing Costs

Available to provide support with rent and service charge costs.

This is for both government and private rentals, depending on eligibility.

You can apply for assistance at any time and, following assessment, you could receive a weekly or monthly lump sum to your bank account.

## Attendance Allowance

Attendance Allowance is a non means tested financial benefit, to enable the claimant to pay another person or a service to help them with their daily needs.

Attendance Allowance is designed to help people with long term physical and mental health needs to secure the support they need to help with daily living, where they are not receiving that support from the provision of public services.



For more information on any of the Financial Support Schemes contact the Financial Assistance Team



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