



# Vulnerable Households

There is new **Government grant scheme with £4 billion** of grant funding available for UK households. The ECO4 grant scheme targets inefficient properties where households need assistance and this guide explains which households are eligible through being vulnerable. The least efficient properties get the most funding and the grants are very generous for the properties that qualify (worth **£7000 to £20000+** per property).

# ELIGIBILITY: VULNERABLE ROUTE

If you meet two of the following conditions you could qualify for grants.

## Vulnerable person eligibility

Vulnerable people can access Energy Company Obligation grants and this eligibility route is part of the ECO4 Flex rules which require councils to issue declarations for eligible households.

To be eligible the household will need to meet two of the criteria:

1. You live in a deprived areas(measured by Lower Super Output Area)
2. You receive Child Tax rebate (excludes single person rebates)
3. You are vulnerable to living in a cold home as identified in the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Guidance.

This includes:

- people with cardiovascular conditions
- people with respiratory conditions (in particular, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and childhood asthma)
- people with mental health conditions
- people with disabilities
- older people (65 and older)
- young children (under 5)

- pregnant women
- people on a low income
- people who move in and out of homelessness
- people with addictions
- people who have attended hospital due to a fall
- recent immigrants and asylum seekers.

4. You receive free school meals due to low income

5. You have been referred to their council for support from their energy supplier as they are struggling to pay their bills

6. You don't have a pre-payment meter but you are in debt with your energy supplier for more than 13 weeks

7. You have a pre-payment meter and are in a debt repayment plan with your energy supplier or have been disconnected or are paying their fuel debt through 3rd party deductions

*1 and 3 cannot be used in conjunction with one another. A medical practitioner will need to [complete a referral form](#) to confirm eligibility.*



Applications through this route require the council to publish a statement of intent and issue a declaration

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