

# Winter Energy Payment



Dear Kevin

## Soon you'll get the new Winter Energy Payment

The new Winter Energy Payment is to help with the cost of heating your home over winter.

If you're single, you'll get an extra \$20.46 a week. Couples and people with dependent children will get an extra \$31.82 a week. These payments will start from 1 July and continue until 29 September 2018.

If you're getting Foster Care Allowance or caring for any children under 18, please [get in touch](#). We may be able to pay you at a higher rate.

### **If you travel overseas**

If you travel overseas, you can keep getting your Winter Energy Payment for the first 28 days you're away. Please tell us if you plan to

leave New Zealand for more than 28 days. Otherwise we might pay you too much and have to ask for the money back. The easiest way to do this is using the form on our [website](#) or [call us](#).

### **If you'd prefer not to get this payment**

If you'd prefer not to get this payment, that's fine. Just let us know and we'll stop it for you. Again, use our [website](#) or [call us](#). If you want to re-start the payment at a later date, please get in touch.

### **Staying warm**

For tips on how to keep your home warm and dry over winter, check the [EECA Energywise website](#).

### **We're here to help**

If you have any questions please call. Our contact details are on our [website](#). Everyone's situation is different so we're always happy to talk with you.