

# Getting help with money

Information for people with an illness they will die from.



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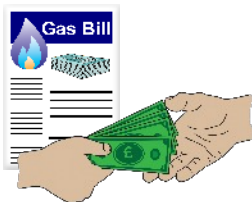
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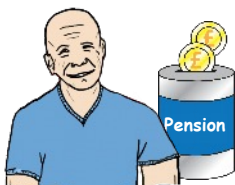
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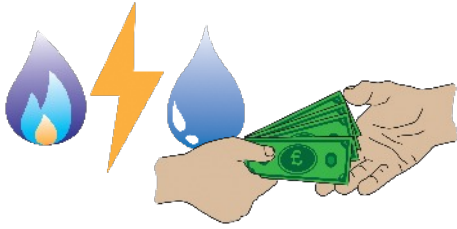
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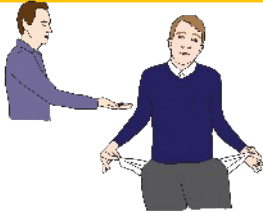
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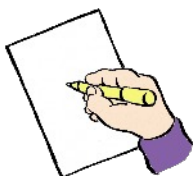
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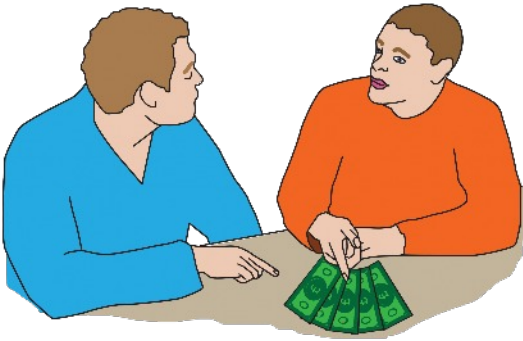
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## About this booklet



We have written this Easy Read booklet to tell you about the different ways you can get help with money when you are ill.



There are sections you can fill in, or someone can fill in with you.



These have a hand holding a pencil next to them.



It can help to show this booklet to someone you trust, such as a family member, friend, carer or social worker.



They can help you see if there is more help you can get with your money.

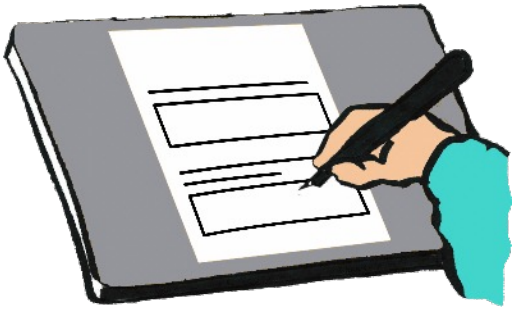


This booklet is for people in England and Wales.

# Benefits



A benefit is money from the government. You can use the money to pay for things you need.



You need to apply for these benefits.



You may be able to get more than one benefit.



## Disability benefits

You might already get benefits if you have an illness or a disability.



If you have an illness you will die from, you can get this benefit more quickly and you might get more money.



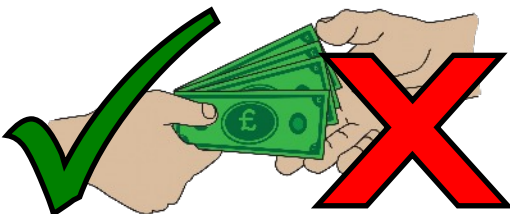
Do you get any illness or disability benefits?

I'm not sure

Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

Attendance Allowance (AA)

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)



You may be able to get some, or none of these benefits.

## Benefits if you cannot work



You might get benefits if you do not earn much money or cannot work because of your illness or disability.



If you have an illness you will die from, you can get this benefit more quickly and you might get more money.

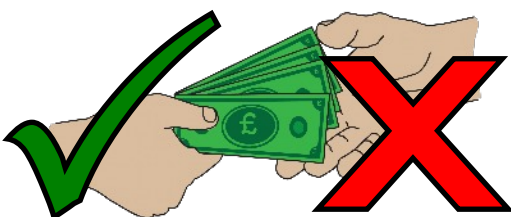


Do you get any benefits because you cannot work?

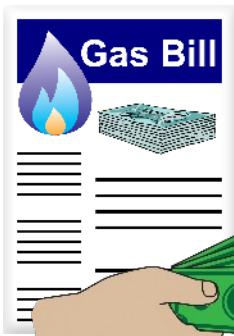
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Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

Universal Credit (UC)



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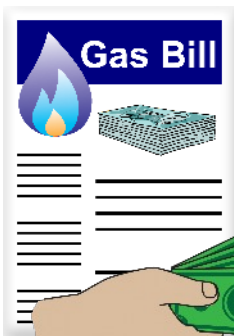


## Money to help with bills

You might get benefits if you need help with heating bills.



You might get benefits if you need help with bills because the temperature gets very cold.



Are you getting any payments to help with bills?

I'm not sure

Winter Fuel Payment

Cold Weather Payment or Winter Heating Payment

Warm Home Discount

Fuel Vouchers

## Benefits for your family or friends



If a family member or friend looks after you for free, they may get benefits too.



Does a family member or friend help look after you?

Yes

No

I'm not sure



Do they get Carer's Allowance?

Yes

No

I'm not sure

# Sick pay



If you work, you might have to stop working because you are ill.

You might get sick pay.

This is usually paid for up to 28 weeks.



Are you doing work you get paid for?

Yes

No

I'm not sure



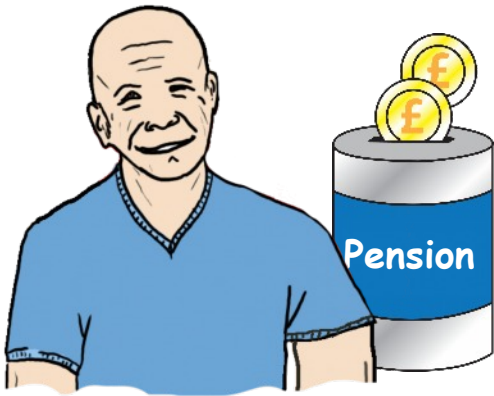
Do you think you need to stop working because you are ill?

Yes

No

I'm not sure

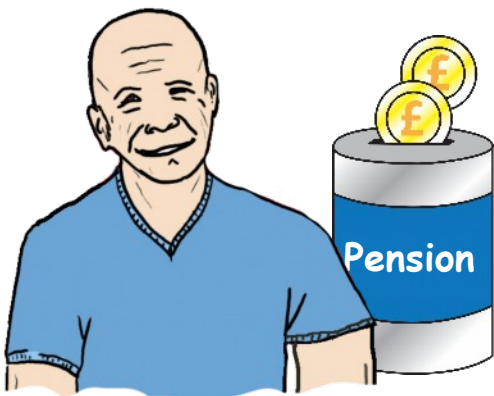
# Your pension



A pension is money you save up when you are working, to use when you are too old to work.



You can sometimes get this money more quickly if you stop working because you are ill.



Do you have a pension?

Yes

No

I'm not sure



Are you getting money from your pension?

Yes

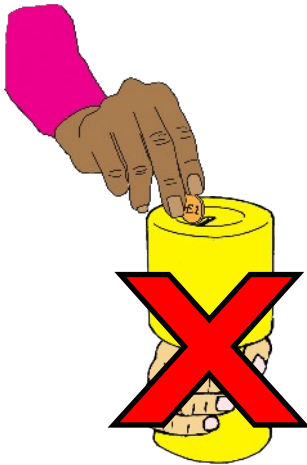
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# Grants



A grant is when a charity or company gives you money.



You can keep the money, you do not need to give it back.



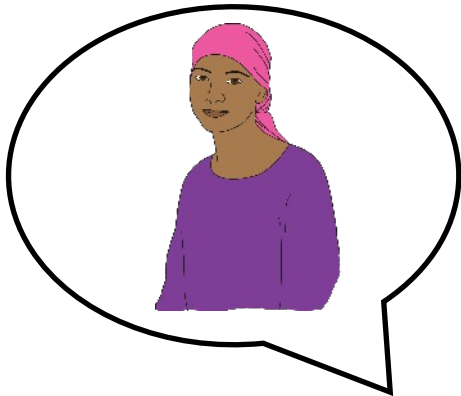
Have you had any grants?

Yes

No

I'm not sure

# Get extra help with gas, electricity and water

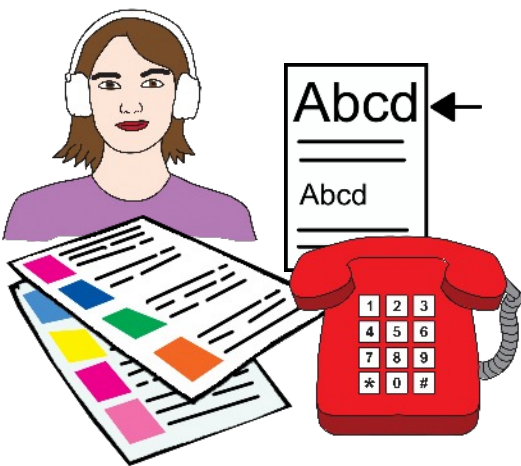


You can tell your gas, electricity and water companies if you have a health condition, **terminal illness**, or a learning disability.

A **terminal illness** is an illness you will die from.



They can make sure you are looked after in case there is an emergency. For example, if your gas, electricity or water stops working.



They can also give you information such as bills in a different way. For example in easy read, large print, or something to listen to.



This is sometimes called being on the Priority Services Register.



Have you told your gas company you need help?

Yes

No

I'm not sure



Have you told your electricity company you need help?

Yes

No

I'm not sure

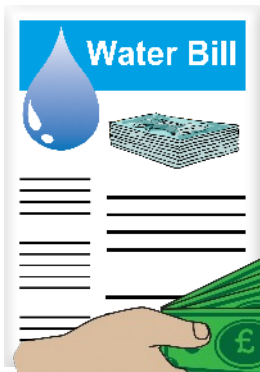


Have you told your water company you need help?

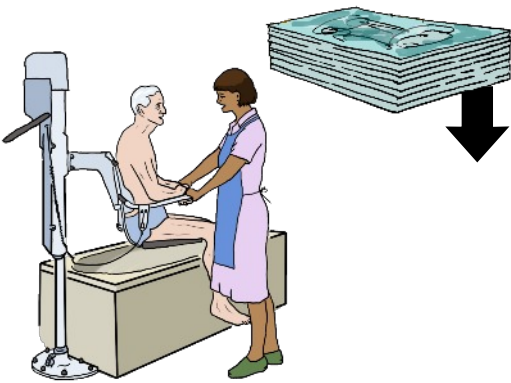
Yes

No

I'm not sure



You might be able to get help with the cost of your water bills.

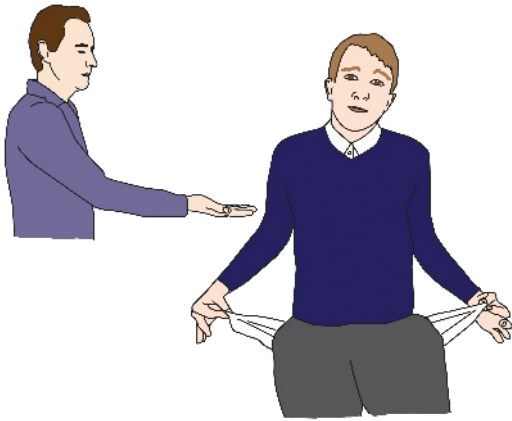


You could get this help if you get benefits or have a low income. Or if you use lots of water because of an illness.



Ask your water company if they can help with your water bills. A family member or carer could help you with this.

# Owing someone money (debt)



Sometimes people owe a company or a person some money. This is called being in debt.



This can feel stressful. But you can get help.



If you owe someone money, you can speak to a debt adviser for free. Go to the website:

**[www.moneyhelper.org.uk](http://www.moneyhelper.org.uk)**

Or call **0800 138 7777** to find free help.

## What to do next



Organising money and finances can be hard.



You can ask for more benefits or support. You can ask a social worker, Citizens Advice or Marie Curie for more help.



If you cannot ask for support yourself, you can show this booklet to someone you trust. Such as a family member, friend, carer, or support worker.



## Social worker

Contact your local council to speak to a social worker.



Visit the website:  
[www.gov.uk/find-local-council](http://www.gov.uk/find-local-council)  
to find your local council.



It can help to show the social worker any letters you have about benefits you get.



## Citizens Advice

Citizens Advice is an organisation that helps people with money for free.



If you live in England



Visit the website:  
[www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

or call:  
**0800 144 8848**



If you live in Wales



Visit the website:  
[www.citizensadvice.org.uk/wales](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/wales)

or call:  
**0800 702 2020**

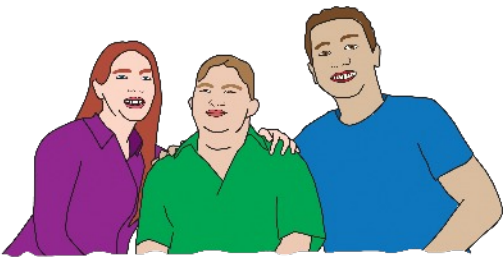


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## Marie Curie

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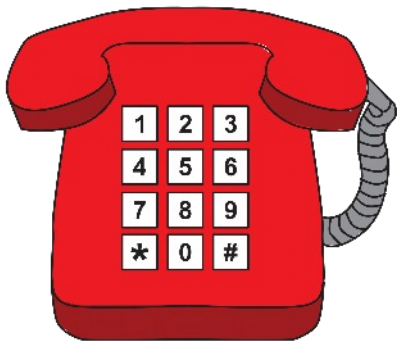


You can call **0800 090 2309** to speak to our Marie Curie Energy Support Officers. They can help with questions about energy costs and energy bills.

Or you can email **[support@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:support@mariecurie.org.uk)** for help.



We can give you information about money.



You can contact the free Marie Curie Support Line on **0800 090 2309**.



Or email:  
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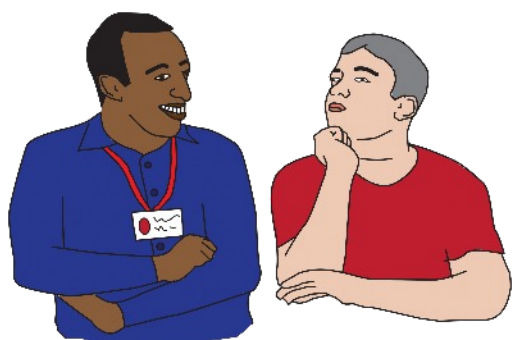


You can visit our website:  
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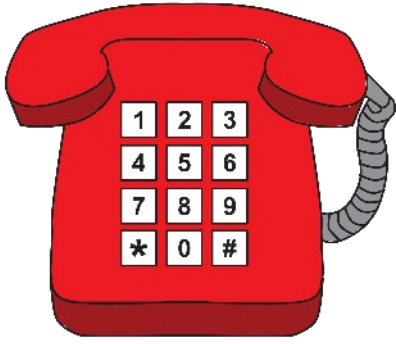
You should still get information from a social worker, your care team, a money advice service, or other professionals.



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We give people care, information, and support. If you have any questions or need support, call our free Support Line on **0800 090 2309**.



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