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|  | **Help with Fuel costs** |  |
| **Free TV Licence (for those over 75)** | **Pensioners do you know you could be entitled to Pension Credit**  **and Winter Fuel payment?**  **To get extra help with your fuel costs this year you need to claim**  **Pension Credit**  You may get help even if you have savings or household income up to £633 per week\*  Did you know getting Pension Credit can also help with health costs such as dental treatment, glasses and hospital travel costs.  Citizens Advice can help you check your entitlement and make the claim.  To contact us either call:  **01325 734999 (Mon-Fri 2- 4 pm)** or visit our office in **Church Row Darlington (Mon-Fri 10-12pm)**   |  | | --- | | \*Income limit is based on incomes for a couple both of whom have disability and retired before 06/04/2016.  For more details of income limits see overleaf.  Some savings above £10,000 may count. | | **Help with glasses & dental costs** |
|  | **Help with hospital travel** |  |

You may be entitled to Pension Credit if your total weekly household income including pensions (but excluding attendance allowance) is under:

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| **Health problems/Disability\*** | **Weekly Income**  **Limit 1** | |
| **Single** | **Couples** |
| **None** | **£218**  £261**#** | **£333**  £281**#** |
| **One pensioner with Disability/Health problems\*** | **£299**  £342**#** | **£379**  £425**#** |
| **Both pensioners with Disability/Health problems\*** | **-** | **£587**  £634 **#** |
| *Figures rounded to nearest £1*  **\*** May also require further claims we can help with  # Pensioners who retired before 26 April 2016 (must apply to both members of a couple)  1 If income is higher **you may still get help** with rent (housing benefit) and Council Tax (council tax support) | | |

Other ways you can get help to claim:

* Telephone Age UK: 01325 357345 (Monday to Friday)

or call into their office at Bradbury House, West Beaumont Street Darlington

* You can ring and fill in the form on the government’s National help line: 0800 99 1234

**To receive the Winter Fuel Allowance, we advise you to claim Pension Credit before 21/12/24**

**You should request that your claim be claim be backdated 3 months in order to qualify for the winter fuel payment**

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