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WARM HOME DISCOUNT SCHEME ENDING SOON

Householders urged not to miss out on £140 energy bill discount

A government backed scheme under which eligible homeowners could receive £140 off their energy bills is coming to an end, and householders are being urged to apply as soon as possible in order to receive the one-off discount, which is issued on a first come, first served basis. Most major energy suppliers offer the discount, however funds are running low, and the chance to receive money off may not be available much longer.

Although those receiving the guaranteed element of Pension Credit will automatically receive the “Warm Home Discount”, many others may also qualify. Homeowners may be able to receive the discount if they meet certain criteria, which can include having a low income, receiving means tested benefits, or having young children. Those who have previously received money off should also check their eligibility, as not all energy companies will automatically renew the discount. Thousands of people in Herefordshire could be eligible.

Those unsure whether they are eligible can call Keep Herefordshire Warm – a council backed freephone service - on 0800 677 1432 for more information. The scheme can also advise on changing tariffs, accessing grants and a range of other energy queries. Energy advisor Davina Allen said: “The Warm Home Discount is a great way to help keep your home warm this winter, but you should act quickly as funds are running low. The application process is fast and easy, and can usually be done online or over the phone, so if you are unsure whether you are eligible, you should get in touch as soon as possible.”

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