



COVID19 Sussex Fuel Vouchers Scheme

To be eligible a person needs to be facing financial crisis and therefore either

- a) On a means-tested benefit or awaiting a benefit decision, or;
- b) Limited income and no recourse to public funds, or;
- c) Has no other way of obtaining funds, e.g. funds needed to pay rent arrears to avoid homelessness

And must be vulnerable for one of the following reasons:

- a) Has a disability, or;
- b) Is a carer to a child* or disabled person, or;
- c) Is of pension age and frail, or;
- d) Has *recently been housed following homelessness, or;
- e) *Recently released from an institution such as prison or hospital, or;
- f) At risk of becoming homeless, or;
- g) Is fleeing domestic abuse; or
- h) Is shielding or self-isolating as defined by Government (see Gov.uk)

*Recently is defined as awaiting first benefit payment post release/discharge

*Carer to a child includes a pregnant person

NB. Voucher schemes are only available to pre-payment meter customers as they are designed to help vulnerable people from self-rationing or self-disconnection when vulnerable customers with the other meters are already protected from disconnection