

# Railway Benefit Fund launch an Emergency Fuel Fund for railway staff

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Charity the **Railway Benefit Fund (RBF)** has launched an Emergency Fuel Fund in reaction to the increased cost of living many are expected to experience in the UK.

The Emergency Fuel Fund offers applicants a maximum grant of £200 to support with the cost of gas and electricity bills. RBF have created this Fund to help support those working in or retired from rail who will be hit the worst by price hikes this year, as a result of both the National Insurance increase, and energy cost increase from 1st April, with some bills expected to increase by 50%.

To be eligible for the grant, applicants must have at least one years' experience on UK railways, and have a gross household income of less than £35,000. The Emergency Fuel Fund grant is available to current, former, and retired railway workers.

Each applicant will be offered budgeting advice through Manchester Citizens Advice to adjust to changing costs, as well as signposting to digital tools. They will also be signposted to other grants that they may be eligible for.

To apply, visit the RBF website and fill out the simple application form. After providing proof of the increase in your energy bills, employment and bank statements, the team will process your claim and award you with a grant if eligible.

Apply here: [www.railwaybenefitfund.org.uk/how-we-can-help/emergency-fuel-fund](http://www.railwaybenefitfund.org.uk/how-we-can-help/emergency-fuel-fund)