

Case Study: Income Scenario- Single Female Pensioner (70+)

	Weekly	Yearly
<u>State Pension (Contributory)</u>		
Personal rate	193. 30	10051. 60
Living Alone allowance	7. 70	400. 40
Tax free allowance		(34, 000)
Total Income	201. 00	10452. 00
<u>Additional Entitlements</u>		
	Free Travel	

Eligibility for medical card

This individual will qualify for a medical card as they are over 70 years old

Household Benefits Package

Television Licence (€155 per year)	2. 98	155. 00
Electricity allowance ¹	6. 61	343. 62
Fuel Allowance ²	7. 81	406. 00
Telephone ³	5. 70	296. 34
Total Household Benefits	23. 10	1200. 96
Total Income	224. 10	11652. 96

Calculation of Local Authority Rent

Total weekly income	201. 00
Income disregard (single)	32. 00
Assessable income	169. 00
Rent (15% of 169.00)	25. 35

¹ Electricity Allowance covers normal standing charges and up to 300 units of electricity in each two-monthly billing period throughout the year. ESB charge June 2006 1 unit=12.73c/kwh; Annual standing charge=€65.04; VAT @ 13.5%; PSO Levy €0.81 per month end

² Fuel allowance paid from early October – late April (29 weeks)

³ Telephone allowance- €49.39 (including VAT) is paid as a credit on the bill if you are billed every 2 months