

Case Study: Income Scenario- Lone Parent dependent on Social Welfare¹

	Weekly	Yearly
<u>Income from OFP</u>		
Personal rate	165. 80	8621. 60
Dependent children (19.30 x 2)	38. 60	2007. 20
Total OFP	204. 40	10628. 80
<u>Total Income</u>		
OFP	204. 40	10628. 80
Child Benefit	69. 23	3600. 00
BSCFA (120.00 per child)	4. 62	240. 00
Fuel Allowance ²	7.81	406.00
Total cash income	286.06	14874. 80

Calculation of Local Authority Rent

Total weekly income	286.06
Less disregards:	
Child benefit	69. 23
Fuel Allowance	7.81
BSCFA	4.62
Income disregard	32. 00
Assessable income	172.40
Rent (15% of 172.40)	25.86
-€1.00 for each dependent child ³	23.86

Eligibility for a medical card

This family will be eligible for a medical card as their only income is from social welfare

¹ It is important to point out that social welfare recipients receive a bonus payment at Christmas time from the Department of Social and Family Affairs. This bonus was not calculated in our scenario as the bonus amount may vary each year.

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

³ Dublin City Council (DCC) deducts a €1.00 for each dependent child. This deduction is particular to DCC and does not apply across all Local Authorities.