

Case Study: Income Scenario- Pensioner Couple (66-69)
Income from State Pension (Non-Contributory) only (both in receipt of the full non-contributory pension)

| <u>State Pension (Non-Contributory)</u> | Weekly | Yearly |
|---|---------------|-----------------|
| Personal rate | 182. 00 | 9464. 00 |
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| Total non-contributory pension | 364.00 | 18928.00 |
| Tax free allowance | | (34, 000) |

Additional Entitlements **Free Travel**

Eligibility for a Medical Card

This couple will qualify for a medical card as their income is solely derived from social welfare

Household Benefits Package

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|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 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 | 387.10 | 20128.96 |

Calculation of Local Authority Rent

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|---------------------------|--------|
| Total weekly income | 364.00 |
| Income disregard (couple) | 64. 00 |
| Assessable income | 300.00 |
| Rent (15% of 300.00) | 45.00 |

¹ Electricity allowance covers normal standing charges and up to 300 units of electricity in each two-monthly billing period throughout the year. ESB charges 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- €19.39 (including VAT) is paid as a credit on the bill if you are billed every 2 months