

**Case Study: Income Scenario- Pensioner Couple (66-69)
Income from State Pension (Non-Contributory)**

	Weekly	Yearly
<u>State Pension (Non-Contributory)</u>		
Personal rate	182. 00	9464. 00
Qualified Adult	120.00	6255.60
Total non-contributory pension	302.30	15719.60
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

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	325.40	16920.56
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Calculation of Local Authority Rent

Total weekly income	302.30
Income disregard (couple)	64. 00
Assessable income	238.30
Rent (15% of 238.30)	35.70

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