

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

	Weekly	Yearly
<u>State Pension (Contributory)</u>		
Personal Rate	193. 30	10051. 60
Qualified Adult	149. 30	7763. 60
Total Contributory Pension income	342. 60	17815. 20
No tax payable		(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 a social welfare payment

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	365. 70	19016. 16

Calculation of Local Authority Rent:

Total weekly income	342. 60
Income disregard (couple)	64. 00
Assessable income	278. 60
Rent (15% of 278.60)	41. 79

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