

Case Study: Income Scenario- Pensioner Couple (66-69)
1 Income from State Pension (Contributory) & 1 income from State Pension (Non-Contributory)

	Weekly	Yearly
<u>Contributory Pension</u>	193.30	10051.60
<u>Non-Contributory Pension</u>	182.00	9464.00
Total Pension income	375.30	19515.60
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	398.40	20716.56

Calculation of Local Authority Rent:

Total weekly income	375.30
Income disregard (couple)	64.00
Assessable income	311.30
Rent (15% of 311.30)	46.70

¹ Electricity Allowance covers normal standing charges and up to 300 units of electricity in each two-monthly billing period throughout the year. ESB 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