

Case Study: Income Scenario- Single Female Pensioner (70+)
Income from State Pension (Non-Contributory)

| | Weekly | Yearly |
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| <u>Non-Contributory Pension</u> | | |
| Personal Rate | 200.00 | 10400.00 |
| Living Alone Allowance | 7.70 | 400.40 |
| Tax free allowance | | (34,000) |
| Total Income | 207.70 | 10800.40 |

Eligibility for a medical card

Qualifies for Medical Card as this individual is over 70 years old

| Additional Benefits | Free Travel | |
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| <u>Household Benefits Package</u> | | |
| Television Licence (€158 per year) | 3.04 | 158.00 |
| Electricity Allowance ¹ | 9.43 | 490.32 |
| Fuel Allowance ² | 10.04 | 522.00 |
| Telephone ³ | 5.70 | 296.34 |
| Total Household Benefits | 28.21 | 1466.66 |
| Total Income | 235.91 | 12267.06 |

Calculation of Local Authority Rent

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| Total weekly income | 207.70 |
| Income disregard (single) | 32.00 |
| Assessable income | 175.70 |
| Rent (15% of 175.70) | 26.36 |

¹ Electricity Allowance covers normal standing charges and up to 400 units of electricity in each two-monthly billing period throughout the year. ESB charge January 2007 1 unit=14.35c/kWh (domestic urban rate); Annual standing charge=€87.60; VAT @ 13.5%;

² Fuel allowance paid from early October – late April (29 weeks). An additional €3.90 per week is available if you live in a smokeless fuel area.

³ Telephone allowance - €49.39 (including VAT) is paid as a credit on the bill if you are billed every two months. Since April 2007, people who receive the Telephone Allowance can choose to have a mobile instead of a fixed land line