

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

	Weekly	Yearly
<b><u>State Pension (Non-Contributory)</u></b>		
Personal rate	200.00	10400.00
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<b>Total non-contributory pension</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>20800.00</b>
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 (€158 per year)	3.04	158. 00
Electricity Allowance <sup>1</sup>	9.43	490.32
Fuel Allowance <sup>2</sup>	10.04	522.00
Telephone <sup>3</sup>	5. 70	296. 34
<b>Total Household Benefits</b>	<b>28.21</b>	<b>1466.66</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>428.21</b>	<b>22266.66</b>

**Calculation of Local Authority Rent**

Total weekly income	400.00
Income disregard (couple)	64. 00
Assessable income	336.00
Rent (15% of 336.00)	50.40

<sup>1</sup> 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%;

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Telephone Allowance- €19.39 (including VAT) is paid as a credit on the bill if you are billed every 2 months. Since April 2007, people who receive the Telephone Allowance can choose to have a mobile instead of a fixed land line.