

**Case Study: Income from State Pension (Contributory) –
Single Female Pensioner (70+)**

	Weekly	Yearly
<u>State Pension (Contributory)</u>		
Personal rate	223.30	11611.60
Living Alone allowance	7.70	400.40
No tax payable		
Total Income	231.00	12012.00

Additional Entitlements

Free Travel

Eligibility for medical card

This individual will qualify as they are over 70 years of age

Household Benefits Package

Television Licence (€160 per year)	3.08	160.00
Electricity allowance ¹	8.94	465.05
Fuel Allowance ²	10.39	540.00
Telephone ³	6.48	310.80
Total Household Benefits	28.89	1475.85

Total Income **259.89** **13487.85**

Calculation of Local Authority Rent

Total weekly income	231.00
Income disregard (single)	32.00
Assessable income	199.00
Rent (15% of 199.00)	29.85

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 2008 1 unit=13.24c/kWh (domestic urban rate); Annual standing charge=€1.98; VAT @ 13.5%;

² Fuel Allowance paid from early October – late April (30 weeks). An additional €3.90 per week is available if you live in a smokeless fuel area. The fuel allowance was extended by 1 week in Budget 2008.

³ Telephone Allowance- €1.80 (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.