

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

	Weekly	Yearly
<b><u>State Pension (Non-Contributory)</u></b>		
Personal Rate	212.00	11024.00
Living Alone Allowance	7.70	400.40
Tax free allowance		(34,000)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>219.70</b>	<b>11424.40</b>

**Eligibility for a medical card**

**This individual will qualify as they are over 70 years old**

**Additional Benefits** **Free Travel**

**Household Benefits Package**

Television Licence (€160 per year)	3.08	160.00
Electricity Allowance <sup>1</sup>	8.94	465.00
Fuel Allowance <sup>2</sup>	10.39	540.00
Telephone <sup>3</sup>	6.48	310.80
<b>Total Household Benefits</b>	<b>28.89</b>	<b>1475.85</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>248.59</b>	<b>12900.25</b>

**Calculation of Local Authority Rent**

Total weekly income	219.70
Income disregard (single)	32.00
Assessable income	187.70
Rent (15% of 187.70)	28.16

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Telephone allowance - €1.80 (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.