

Case Study: Income Scenario- Lone Parent dependent on Social Welfare¹

	Weekly	Yearly
<u>Income from OFP</u>		
Personal rate	197.80	10285.60
Dependent children (24.00 x 2)	48.00	2496.00
Total OFP	245.80	12781.60
<u>Total Income</u>		
OFP	245.80	12781.60
Child Benefit	76.62	3984.00
Early Childcare Supplement (for 1 child)	21.15	1100.00
Fuel Allowance ²	10.39	540.00
BSCFA (200.00 per child)	7.70	400.00
Total cash income	361.66	18805.60

Calculation of Local Authority Rent

Total weekly income	361.66
Less disregards:	
Child benefit	76.62
Early Childcare Supplement	21.15
Fuel Allowance	10.39
BSCFA	7.70
Income disregard	32.00
Assessable income	213.80
Rent (15% of 213.80)	32.07
- €1.00 for each dependent child ³	30.07

Eligibility for a medical card

This family will qualify, as their only income is from social welfare

¹ It is important to point out that Social Welfare recipients often receive a bonus payment at Christmas from the Department of Social and Family Affairs. This payment is not calculated into this scenario as the payment is not guaranteed and can vary in amount each year.

² Fuel Allowance is paid from early October – late April (30 weeks)

³ Dublin City Council (DCC) deducts a €1.00 for each dependent child. This deduction is particular to DCC and does not apply across all Local Authorities.