

**Case Study: Income Scenario- Pensioner Couple (66-69)
1 Income from State Pension (Contributory) & 1 from State Pension
(Non-Contributory) only**

	Weekly	Yearly
<u>State Pension (Contributory)</u>		
Personal Rate	223.30	11611.60
<u>State Pension (Non-Contributory)</u>		
Personal Rate	212.00	11024.00
Total Pension income	435.30	22635.60

No tax payable

Additional Entitlements

Free Travel

Eligibility for a medical card:

This couple will qualify for a medical card as their income is solely derived from a social welfare payment

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	464.19	24111.45

Calculation of Local Authority Rent:

Total weekly income	435.30
Income disregard (couple)	64.00
Assessable income (15% of 371.30)	55.70

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.

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.