

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
<u>Non-Contributory Pension</u>		
Personal rate	212.00	11024.00
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Total non-contributory pension	424.00	22048.00

Additional Entitlements

Free Travel

Eligibility for a Medical Card

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

Household Benefits Package

Television licence (€160 per year)	3.08	160.00
Electricity Allowance ¹	8.94	465.00
Fuel Allowance ²	10.39	540.00
Telephone ³	6.48	310.80
Total Household Benefits	28.89	1475.85

Total Income	452.89	23523.85
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Calculation of Local Authority Rent

Total weekly income	424.00
Income disregard (couple)	64.00
Assessable income	360.00
Rent (15% of 360.00)	54.00

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). Fuel Allowance extended by 1 week in Budget 2008. 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.