

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

	Weekly	Yearly
<b><u>Contributory Pension</u></b>		
Personal Rate	223.30	11611.60
Qualified Adult	200.00	10400.00
<b>Total Contributory Pension income</b>	<b>423.30</b>	<b>22011.60</b>

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 <sup>1</sup>	8.94	465.05
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>452.19</b>	<b>23487.45</b>

**Calculation of Local Authority Rent:**

Total weekly income	423.30
Income disregard (couple)	64.00
Assessable income	359.30
 Rent (15% of 359.30)	 53.90

<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). An additional €3.90 per week is available if you live in a smokeless fuel area. Fuel Allowance was increased by 1 week in Budget 2008.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

