

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

| <u>State Pension (Contributory)</u> | Weekly | Yearly |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Personal rate | 230.30 | 11975.60 |
| Living Alone allowance | 7.70 | 400.40 |
| No tax payable | | |
| Total Income | 238.00 | 12376.00 |

Additional Entitlements

Free Travel

Eligibility for medical card

This individual will qualify for a medical card as their gross income is less than €700 per week.

Household Benefits Package

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|------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Television Licence (€160 per year) | 3.08 | 160.00 |
| Electricity allowance ¹ | 9.63 | 501.01 |
| Fuel Allowance ² | 12.31 | 640.00 |
| Telephone ³ | 6.00 | 312.00 |
| Total Household Benefits | 31.02 | 1613.01 |

Total Income **269.02** **13989.01**

Calculation of Local Authority Rent

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|---------------------------|--------------|
| Total weekly income | 238.00 |
| Income disregard (single) | 32.00 |
| Assessable income | 206.00 |
| Rent (15% of 206.00) | 30.90 |

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 May 2009 1 unit=14.55c/kWh (domestic urban rate); Annual standing charge=€2.22; VAT @ 13.5%;

² Fuel Allowance paid from end of September to May (32 weeks). An additional €3.90 per week is available if you live in a smokeless fuel area. The fuel allowance was extended by 2 week in Budget 2009 and increased to €20 per week.

³ Telephone Allowance- €2.00 (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.