

**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	230.30	11975.60
<u>State Pension (Non-Contributory)</u>		
Personal Rate	219.00	11388.00
Total Pension income	449.30	23363.60

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	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	480.32	24976.61

Calculation of Local Authority Rent:

Total weekly income	449.30
Income disregard (couple)	64.00
Assessable income (15% of 385.30)	57.80

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 – May (32 weeks). Fuel allowance was extended by 2 weeks in Budget 2009. An additional €3.90 per week is available if you live in a smokeless fuel area.

³ Telephone allowance- €52.00 (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.