

**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
<b><u>Non-Contributory Pension</u></b>		
Personal rate	219.00	11388.00
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<b>Total non-contributory pension</b>	<b>438.00</b>	<b>22776.00</b>

**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 <sup>1</sup>	9.63	501.01
Fuel Allowance <sup>2</sup>	12.31	640.00
Telephone <sup>3</sup>	6.00	312.00
<b>Total Household Benefits</b>	<b>31.02</b>	<b>1613.01</b>

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>469.02</b>	<b>24389.01</b>
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**Calculation of Local Authority Rent**

Total weekly income	438.00
Income disregard (couple)	64. 00
Assessable income	374.00
Rent (15% of 374.00)	56.10

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

<sup>2</sup> Fuel allowance paid from end September – May (32 weeks). Fuel Allowance extended by 2 week in Budget 2009. An additional €3.90 per week is available if you live in a smokeless fuel area.

<sup>3</sup> 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.