

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

	Weekly	Yearly
<u>Contributory Pension</u>		
Personal Rate	230.30	11975.60
Qualified Adult	206.30	10727.60
Total Contributory Pension income	436.60	22703.20

Not subject to income levy as income is from social welfare payment

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	467.62	24316.21

Calculation of Local Authority Rent:

Total weekly income	436.60
Income disregard (couple)	64.00
Assessable income	372.60
 Rent (15% of 372.60)	 55.89

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

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.