Case Study: Income Scenario- Two Adults and two Children 10 year old and 15 year old in receipt of Jobseekers Benefit

Income from Jobseekers Benefit	Weekly	Yearly
Personal rate	196.00	10192.00
Qualified adult	130.10	6765.20
2 Qualified children (29.80 x 2)	59.60	3099.20
Total Income	385.70	20056.40

Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BSCFA)¹

Threshold for this family is €586.00. Therefore, this family will qualify. BSCFA = €200.00 for child age 2-11 €305.00 for child age 12-17

Total Cash Income	464.64	24161.40
BSCFA	9.71	505.00
Child Benefit	69.23	3600.00
Weekly Income	385.70	20056.40
Total Cash Income	9.71	505.00

Calculation of Local Authority Rent

Eligibility for Medical Card

Total weekly income	464.64
Less disregards: Child benefit ² Income disregard (couple) BSCFA Assessable income	69.23 64. 00 9.71 321.70
Rent (15% of 321.70) (-€1.00 for each dependent child) ³	48.26 46.26

¹ In order to be eligible for BSCFA you have to be in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment.

² Child Benefit was reduced in Budget 2010 from €166.00 per month per child to €150.00 per month per child

³ Dublin City Council (DCC) deducts a €1.00 for each dependent child. This deduction is particular to DCC and does not apply across all Local Authorities.

This household will qualify for a medical card as the only source of income is from Social Welfare				