

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

<u>State Pension (Contributory)¹</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

Television Licence (€160 per year)	3.08	160.00
Electricity allowance ²	9.40	488.80
Fuel Allowance ³	12.31	640.00
Telephone ⁴	6.00	312.00
Total Household Benefits	30.79	1440.80

Total Income **268.79** **13816.80**

Calculation of Local Authority Rent

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

¹ There was no change in the rate of the Contributory Pension between 2009 & 2010

² Electricity Allowance covers normal standing charges up to 400 units of electricity in each two-monthly billing period throughout the year. ESB charge May 2010 1 unit=14.10c/kWh (domestic urban rate); Annual standing charge= €2.22; VAT @ 13.5%.

³ 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 payment is €20 for 32 weeks.

⁴ 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.