

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

	Weekly	Yearly
<u>State Pension (Non-Contributory)¹</u>		
Personal Rate	219.00	11388.00
Living Alone Allowance	7.70	400.40
No tax payable		
Total Income	226.70	11788.40

Eligibility for a medical card

This individual will qualify for a medical card as their gross income is less than €700 per week.

Additional Benefits	Free Travel	
<u>Household Benefits Package</u>		
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	257.49	13229.20

Calculation of Local Authority Rent

Total weekly income	226.70
Income disregard (single)	32.00
Assessable income	194.70
Rent (15% of 194.70)	29.21

¹ There was no change in the rate of the Non-Contributory Pension between 2009 and 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 September - May (32 weeks). The 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.

⁴ Telephone allowance - €2.00 (including VAT) is paid as a credit on the bill if you are billed every two months. Since April 2007, people who receive the Telephone Allowance can choose to have a mobile instead of a fixed land line.