

**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<sup>1</sup></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>2</sup>	9.40	488.80
Fuel Allowance <sup>3</sup>	12.31	640.00
Telephone <sup>4</sup>	6.00	312.00
<b>Total Household Benefits</b>	<b>30.79</b>	<b>1440.80</b>

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>468.79</b>	<b>24216.80</b>
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**Calculation of Local Authority Rent**

Total weekly income of principal earner <sup>5</sup>	219.00
- income disregard	- 32.00
	187.00
15% of 187	28.05
Total weekly income of Subsidiary earner	219.00
- Income disregard	- 32.00

<sup>1</sup> There was no change to the Non-Contributory Pension between 2009 & 2010.

<sup>2</sup> 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%.

<sup>3</sup> Fuel allowance paid from end September – May (32 weeks). The rate is €20.00 for 32 weeks.

<sup>4</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.

<sup>5</sup> When two people in a household are earning the same amount, only 1 is considered the principal earner and the other the subsidiary earner

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However the maximum that a subsidiary earner has to contribute is 19.00

Rent 28.05 + 19.00

**47.05**