

Case Study: Income Scenario- Pensioner Couple (66-69)
1 Income from State Pension (Contributory) & 1 from State Pension
(Non-Contributory) only

	Weekly	Yearly
<u>State Pension (Contributory)</u>		
Personal Rate	230.30	11975.60
<u>State Pension (Non-Contributory)</u>		
Personal Rate	219.00	11388.00
Total Pension income	449.30	23363.60

No tax payable

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	9.40	488.80
Fuel Allowance ²	12.31	640.00
Telephone ³	6.00	312.00
Total Household Benefits	30.79	1440.80
Total Income	480.09	24804.40

Calculation of Local Authority Rent:

Income of Principal Earner	230.30
- Income disregard	-32.00
	198.30
15% of 198.30	29.75

¹ 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%.

² Fuel allowance paid from end of September – May (32 weeks). 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.

³ 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.

Income of Subsidiary Earner	219.00
- Income disregard	-32.00
	187.00
15% of 187	28.05
However, a subsidiary earner's maximum contribution is capped at 19.00	
Therefore rent is 29.75 + 19.00	48.75