

What's in this booklet

This booklet gives the rates of payment from the Department of Social and Family Affairs. It also contains the percentage rates of pay-related social insurance (PRSI) contributions for employees, employers and for self-employed people.

Tugann an leabhrán seo liosta dos na rátaí íocaíochtaí a chuireann an Roinn Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh ar fáil. Chomh maith leis sin taispeánann sé na rátaí árachais sóisialaigh pá-choibhneasa (ÁSPC) a bhaineann le fostaithe, fostóirí agus daoine atá féin-fhostaithe.

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- on the Department's website www.welfare.ie/publications/index.html
or
- from your local Social Welfare Office (see State Directory section of your phone book or the Golden Pages for contact numbers)
or
- by telephoning the Department's LoCall Leaflet Request Line at **1890 20 23 25**
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- from **Information Services**
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Rates of weekly payments:	Paid:
— From the Department	→ from 1 Jan 2008
— PRSI Contributions	→ from 1 Jan 2008 to 31 Dec 2008

Please note that the tables contained in this booklet for some of the means-tested payments are not exhaustive and the relevant rate should be checked with the section of the Department dealing with that payment.

The information in this booklet is correct at the time of going to print.

Note

The rates charged for the use of 1890 (LoCall) numbers may vary among different service providers.

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Pay-Related Social Insurance (PRSI)

The rates of PRSI given in the following tables are applicable from 1 January to 31 December 2008 and include the Social Insurance Contribution and the Health Contribution (2%) which applies to income up to €100,100. **There is no change to the additional 0.5% health contribution on earnings exceeding €1,925 a week (equivalent to €3,850 a fortnight and to €8,342 a month).**

The employee's portion of the Social Insurance Contribution is paid on reckonable pay up to a ceiling of €50,700 in 2008. The employer's portion continues to be paid on all the reckonable earnings of each employee. The employee pays the Health Contribution on **all** reckonable earnings under Subclasses A1, J1, B1, C1, D1, H1, K1 and S1.

PRSI exemption on low earnings

Employees covered under Classes A, B, C, D, E and H with reckonable weekly pay of €352 or less are **exempt** from paying PRSI for that week. However, the employer must pay his or her share of PRSI as normal. **This will not affect employees' entitlement to benefits and pensions.** Employees whose weekly pay fluctuates above and below the €352 exemption limit are **not** entitled to an annual refund.

Employee's PRSI-Free Allowance

The PRSI-Free Allowance remains at €127 per week for employees in Classes A and H with weekly earnings of **more than** €352 and at €26 per week for **all** employees in Classes B, C and D.

This allowance does not apply to the Health Contribution nor to the employer's share of PRSI. The allowance only applies for weeks of insurable employment in which PRSI is paid. **Remember** that this allowance does not affect the gross reckonable weekly pay thresholds in deciding the appropriate contribution subclass.

Recipients of the Widow's or Widower's Pension or the One-Parent Family Payment

Men and women receiving a Social Welfare Widow's or Widower's Pension, a Widow's or Widower's Pension acquired under the social security legislation of another country covered by EC Regulations, a Deserted Wife's Benefit or Allowance or the One-Parent Family Payment do not have to pay any Health Contribution. **Medical card holders and everyone aged 70 or over** are also exempt.

Contributions for self-employed people

Self-employed people with a total income of €3,174 or more in the 2008 tax year pay Class S social insurance contributions. The contributions are paid on a person's gross income less capital allowances and allowable superannuation.

The arrangements for paying self-employed contributions are described on the page across.

- Those who pay their tax directly to the Collector-General will pay their Social Insurance Contribution and Health Contribution with their income tax. They will have to pay a Social Insurance Contribution of 3% of **all** income, or €253, whichever is greater, as well as the Health Contribution, where applicable.
- Those paying PAYE tax will have their contributions deducted from their income by their employers.
- Those who have been told by an Inspector of Taxes that they need not make a return of income must pay a flat rate contribution of €157 to the Department of Social and Family Affairs.
- Those whose main income comes from share fishing and who have been classified as self-employed may opt to pay an extra contribution for certain benefits under Class P. In addition to the Class S contribution, they will pay a contribution of 4% of income over the PRSI-Free Allowance of €2,500 per annum up to a ceiling of €50,700, or pay €200, whichever is the greater.

Voluntary contributions

If you are no longer covered by compulsory PRSI, either as an employee or as a self-employed person, and you are under age 66, you may opt to become insured on a voluntary basis, so long as you satisfy certain conditions. The amount of a Voluntary Contribution in any contribution year is calculated as a percentage of your reckonable income, subject to a minimum and a maximum payment. There are three rates of voluntary contributions:

High rate:	Low rate:	Special rate:	Benefits covered:
✓			State Pension (Transition)
✓		✓	State Pension (Contributory)
✓	✓	✓	Widow's and Widower's (Contributory) Pension
✓	✓	✓	Guardian's Payment (Contributory)
✓	✓	✓	Bereavement Grant

High rate: 6.6% for people who last paid PRSI at Classes A, E and H
Low rate: 2.6% for people who last paid PRSI at Classes B, C and D
Special rate: Flat rate of €253 for people who last paid PRSI at Class S.

See information booklet **SW 8** for details.

EE: employee; ER: employer

Class A			Annual pay ceiling			
Weekly pay band	PRSI Sub-class	How much of weekly pay	First €50,700		Over €50,700	
			EE %	ER %	EE %	ER %
€38 -€352	A0	All	Nil	8.50	Nil	8.50
€352.01 - €356	AX	First €127 Balance	Nil 4.00	8.50 8.50	Nil Nil	8.50 8.50
€356.01 - €500	AL	First €127 Balance	Nil 4.00	10.75 10.75	Nil Nil	10.75 10.75
More than €500	A1	First €127 €127.01 to €1,925 Balance	2.00	10.75	2.00	10.75
			6.00	10.75	2.00	10.75
			6.50	10.75	2.50	10.75
	*A2	First €127 Balance	Nil 4.00	10.75 10.75	Nil Nil	10.75 10.75

Community Employment participants only				
Weekly Limits	Subclass	How much of weekly pay	All income	
			EE %	ER %
Up to €352	A8	All	Nil	0.50
More than €352	A9	First €127 Balance	Nil 4.00	0.50 0.50

* Subclass A2 applies to medical card holders and to people getting a Social Welfare Widow's or Widower's Pension, a One-Parent Family Payment or a Deserted Wife's Benefit or Allowance.

People within Class A

- People in industrial, commercial and service-type employment who are employed under a contract of service with reckonable pay of €38 or more per week from **all** employments.
- Civil and Public Servants recruited from 6 April 1995.

Class A benefits

- Jobseeker's Benefit
- Illness Benefit
- Maternity Benefit
- Adoptive Benefit
- Health and Safety Benefit
- Invalidity Pension
- Widow's or Widower's (Contributory) Pension
- Guardian's Payment (Contributory)
- State Pension (Contributory)
- State Pension (Transition)
- Bereavement Grant
- Treatment Benefit
- Occupational Injuries Benefits
- Carer's Benefit

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Class J			Annual pay ceiling			
Weekly pay band	PRSI Sub-class	How much of weekly pay	First €50,700		Over €50,700	
			EE %	ER %	EE %	ER %
Up to €500	J0	All	Nil	0.50	Nil	0.50
More than €500	J1	First €1,925 Balance	2.00 2.50	0.50 0.50	2.00 2.50	0.50 0.50
	*J2	All	Nil	0.50	Nil	0.50

* Subclass J2 applies to medical card holders and to people getting a Social Welfare Widow's or Widower's Pension, a One-Parent Family Payment or a Deserted Wife's Benefit or Allowance.

People within Class J

- Normally people with reckonable pay of less than €38 per week (from **all** employments). However, a small number of employees are insurable at Class J, no matter how much they earn, such as employees over age 66 or people in subsidiary employment. See **SW 14** on our website for details (www.welfare.ie).

Class J benefits

- Occupational Injuries Benefit.

Class E			Annual pay ceiling			
Weekly pay band	PRSI Sub-Class	How much of weekly pay	First €50,700		Over €50,700	
			EE %	ER %	EE %	ER %
Up to €352	E0	All	Nil	6.87	Nil	6.87
More than €352	E1	First €127 Balance	Nil 3.33	6.87 6.87	Nil Nil	6.87 6.87

People within Class E

- Ministers of Religion employed by the Church of Ireland Representative Body. PRSI is paid under the Special Collection System and the rates quoted **do not** include the Health Contribution. This contribution should be paid directly to Revenue when paying income tax.
- Health and Safety Benefit
- Invalidity Pension
- Widow's or Widower's (Contributory) Pension
- Guardian's Payment (Contributory)
- State Pension (Contributory)
- State Pension (Transition)
- Bereavement Grant
- Treatment Benefit
- Carer's Benefit

Class E benefits

- Illness Benefit
- Maternity Benefit
- Adoptive Benefit

EE: employee; ER: employer

Class B			Annual pay ceiling			
Weekly pay band	PRSI Sub-class	How much of weekly pay	First €50,700		Over €50,700	
			EE %	ER %	EE %	ER %
Up to €352	B0	All	Nil	2.01	Nil	2.01
€352.01 -€500	BX	First €26 Balance	Nil 0.90	2.01 2.01	Nil Nil	2.01 2.01
More than €500	B1 €26.01	First €26 to €1,925 Balance	2.00	2.01	2.00	2.01
			2.90	2.01	2.00	2.01
			3.40	2.01	2.50	2.01
	*B2	First €26 Balance	Nil 0.90	2.01 2.01	Nil Nil	2.01 2.01

* Subclass B2 applies to medical card holders and to people getting a Social Welfare Widow's or Widower's Pension, a One-Parent Family Payment or a Deserted Wife's Benefit or Allowance.

People within Class B

- Permanent and pensionable civil servants recruited prior to 6 April 1995
- Registered doctors and dentists employed in the Civil Service
- Gardaí, recruited prior to 6 April 1995

Class B benefits

- Widow's or Widower's (Contributory) Pension
- Guardian's Payment (Contributory)
- Limited Occupational Injuries Benefits
- Bereavement Grant
- Carer's Benefit

EE: employee; ER: employer

Class C			Annual pay ceiling			
Weekly pay band	PRSI Sub-class	How much of weekly pay	First €50,700		Over €50,700	
			EE %	ER %	EE %	ER %
Up to €352	C0	All	Nil	1.85	Nil	1.85
€352.01 - €500	CX	First €26 Balance	Nil	1.85	Nil	1.85
			0.90	1.85	Nil	1.85
More than €500	C1	First €26 to €1,925 Balance	2.00	1.85	2.00	1.85
			2.90	1.85	2.00	1.85
			3.40	1.85	2.50	1.85
	*C2	First €26 Balance	Nil	1.85	Nil	1.85
			0.90	1.85	Nil	1.85

* Subclass C2 applies to medical card holders and to people getting a Social Welfare Widow's or Widower's Pension, a One-Parent Family Payment or a Deserted Wife's Benefits or Allowance.

People within Class C

- Commissioned Army Officers and members of the Army Nursing Service, recruited prior to 6 April 1995

Class C benefits

- Widow's or Widower's (Contributory) Pension
- Guardian's Payment (Contributory)
- Bereavement Grant
- Carer's Benefit

EE: employee; ER: employer

Class D			Annual pay ceiling			
Weekly pay band	PRSI Sub-class	How much of weekly pay	First €50,700		Over €50,700	
			EE %	ER %	EE %	ER %
Up to €352	D0	All	Nil	2.35	Nil	2.35
€352.01 - €500	DX	First €26 Balance	Nil 0.90	2.35 2.35	Nil Nil	2.35 2.35
More than €500	D1 €26.01	First €26 to €1,925 Balance	2.00	2.35	2.00	2.35
			2.90	2.35	2.00	2.35
			3.40	2.35	2.50	2.35
	*D2	First €26 Balance	Nil 0.90	2.35 2.35	Nil Nil	2.35 2.35

* Subclass D2 applies to medical card holders and to people getting a Social Welfare Widow's or Widower's Pension, a One-Parent Family Payment or a Deserted Wife's Benefit or Allowance.

People within Class D

- Permanent and pensionable employees in the public service other than those mentioned in Classes B and C, recruited prior to 6 April 1995

Class D benefits

- Widow's or Widower's (Contributory) Pension
- Guardian's Payment (Contributory)
- Occupational Injuries Benefits
- Bereavement Grant
- Carer's Benefit

EE: employee; ER: employer

Class H			Annual pay ceiling			
Weekly pay band	PRSI Sub-class	How much of weekly pay	First €50,700		Over €50,700	
			EE %	ER %	EE %	ER %
Up to €352	H0	All	Nil	10.05	Nil	10.05
€352.01 - €500	HX	First €127 Balance	Nil	10.05	Nil	10.05
			3.90	10.05	Nil	10.05
More than €500	H1	First €127 to €1,925 Balance	2.00	10.05	2.00	10.05
			5.90	10.05	2.00	10.05
			6.40	10.05	2.50	10.05
	*H2	First €127 Balance	Nil	10.05	Nil	10.05
			3.90	10.05	Nil	10.05

* Subclass H2 applies to medical card holders and to people getting a Social Welfare Widow's or Widower's Pension, a One-Parent Family Payment or a Deserted Wife's Benefit or Allowance.

People within Class H

- NCOs and enlisted personnel of the Defence Forces

Class H benefits

- Jobseeker's Benefit
- Illness Benefit
- Maternity Benefit
- Adoptive Benefit
- Health and Safety Benefit
- Invalidity Pension
- Widow's or Widower's (Contributory) Pension
- Guardian's Payment (Contributory)
- State Pension (Contributory)
- State Pension (Transition)
- Bereavement Grant
- Treatment Benefit
- Carer's Benefit

Only certain benefits are paid during service

EE: employee; ER: employer

Class K			No upper ceiling	
Weekly pay band	PRSI Sub-class	How much of weekly pay	All Income	
			EE %	ER %
Up to €500	No contribution payable. Record under Class M		Nil	Nil
More than €500	K1	First €1,925 Balance	2.00 2.50	Nil Nil

People within Class K

People with income on which they **only** pay the Health Contribution such as

- those in receipt of an occupational pension,
- certain office holders (for example, Judges and State Solicitors)
- people over 66, previously on Class S.

No benefits under Class K.

Class M	No contribution payable
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People within Class M

- People with no contribution liability such as employees under age 16 or people within Class K with a nil liability

Class M benefits

- Occupational Injuries Benefits, in certain cases

S/E: Self-Employed Contributor

Class S			No upper ceiling	
Weekly pay band	PRSI Sub-class	How much of weekly pay	All Income	
			%	
Up to €500	S0	All	3.00	
More than €500	S1	First €1,925 Balance	5.00	5.50
	*S2	All	3.00	

* Subclass S2 applies to medical card holders and to people getting a Social Welfare Widow's or Widower's Pension, a One-Parent Family Payment or a Deserted Wife's Benefit or Allowance.

People within Class S

- Self-employed people, including certain company directors and certain people with income from investments and rents. See **SW 14** on our website for details.

The minimum annual contribution for Class S is €253 for the year 2008.

Class S benefits

- Widow's or Widower's (Contributory) Pension
- Guardian's Payment (Contributory)
- State Pension (Contributory)
- Maternity Benefit
- Adoptive Benefit
- Bereavement Grant

Class P (optional)		
	First €50,700	Over €50,700
	%	
First €2,500 per year Balance	Nil	Nil
	4.00	Nil

People within Class P

- Sharefishermen/women who are classified as self-employed and who are already paying PRSI under Class S.

This contribution is over and above the PRSI paid under Class S.

The minimum annual contribution for Class P is €200 for the year 2008.

Class P benefits

- Limited Jobseeker's Benefit
- Limited Illness Benefit
- Treatment Benefit

Payments for retired or older people

State Pension (Contributory) from 4 January – see booklet **SW 118**

State Pension (Transition) from 3 January – see booklet **SW 118**

		Personal rate	Increase for Qualified Adult [‡]	
			Age 65 or under	Age 66 or over
Yearly average contributions		Rate per week	Rate per week	Rate per week
State Pension (Contributory)	48 or over	€223.30	€148.80	€200.00
	20-47	€218.90	€148.80	€200.00
	15-19	€167.50	*€111.60	*€150.00
	10-14	€111.70	*€74.40	*€100.00
State Pension (Transition)	48 or over	€223.30	€148.80	€200.00
	24-47	€218.90	€148.80	€200.00

Note

***These Increases for Qualified Adult rates apply to claims made from the 6 April 2001. For persons getting similar reduced personal rates before 6 April 2001, the following Increases for Qualified Adult Rates apply:**

Age 65 or under	€119.00	Age 66 or over	€150.00
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Increases:	Rate per week	
— Each qualified child	Full rate	**€24.00
	Half-rate	**€12.00

** You can get an increase of €24.00 for each qualified child if you get an increase for a qualified adult or if you are parenting alone. If you do not qualify for an increase for a qualified adult, you may get a half-rate qualified child increase.

Extra benefits	Rate per week
— Living Alone Increase for people age 66 or over	€7.70
— Extra increase for people age 80 or over	€10.00
— Increase for people age 66 or over, living on certain offshore islands	€12.70

[‡]You may get a reduced rate increase if your spouse or partner has earnings or income in excess of €100.00 and up to €300.00 gross per week, (see pages 52-58).

State Pension (Non-Contributory) from 4 January - see booklet **SW 116**

Weekly means, as assessed by us:	Increase per week for spouse/partner aged 65 or under	
	Personal rate	
Up to €30.00	€212.00	€140.10
Over €30.00 and up to €32.50	€209.50	€138.40
Over €32.50 and up to €35.00	€207.00	€136.80
Over €35.00 and up to €37.50	€204.50	€135.10
Over €37.50 and up to €40.00	€202.00	€133.50
Over €40.00 and up to €42.50	€199.50	€131.80
Over €42.50 and up to €45.00	€197.00	€130.20
Over €45.00 and up to €47.50	€194.50	€128.50
Over €47.50 and up to €50.00	€192.00	€126.90
Over €50.00 and up to €52.50	€189.50	€125.20
Over €52.50 and up to €55.00	€187.00	€123.60
Over €55.00 and up to €57.50	€184.50	€121.90
Over €57.50 and up to €60.00	€182.00	€120.30
Over €60.00 and up to €62.50	€179.50	€118.60
Over €62.50 and up to €65.00	€177.00	€117.00
Over €65.00 and up to €67.50	€174.50	€115.30
Over €67.50 and up to €70.00	€172.00	€113.70
Over €70.00 and up to €72.50	€169.50	€112.00
Over €72.50 and up to €75.00	€167.00	€110.40
Over €75.00 and up to €77.50	€164.50	€108.70
Over €77.50 and up to €80.00	€162.00	€107.10
Over €80.00 and up to €82.50	€159.50	€105.40
Over €82.50 and up to €85.00	€157.00	€103.80
Over €85.00 and up to €87.50	€154.50	€102.10
Over €87.50 and up to €90.00	€152.00	€100.40
Over €90.00 and up to €92.50	€149.50	€98.80
Over €92.50 and up to €95.00	€147.00	€97.10
Over €95.00 and up to €97.50	€144.50	€95.50
Over €97.50 and up to €100.00	€142.00	€93.80
Over €100.00 and up to €102.50	€139.50	€92.20
Over €102.50 and up to €105.00	€137.00	€90.50
Over €105.00 and up to €107.50	€134.50	€88.90
Over €107.50 and up to €110.00	€132.00	€87.20
Over €110.00 and up to €112.50	€129.50	€85.60
Over €112.50 and up to €115.00	€127.00	€83.90
Over €115.00 and up to €117.50	€124.50	€82.30
Over €117.50 and up to €120.00	€122.00	€80.60
Over €120.00 and up to €122.50	€119.50	€79.00
Over €122.50 and up to €125.00	€117.00	€77.30

State Pension (Non-Contributory) from 4 January - see booklet **SW 116**

Weekly means as assessed by us:	Increase per week for spouse/partner aged 65 or under	
	Personal rate	
Over €125.00 and up to €127.50	€114.50	€75.70
Over €127.50 and up to €130.00	€112.00	€74.00
Over €130.00 and up to €132.50	€109.50	€72.40
Over €132.50 and up to €135.00	€107.00	€70.70
Over €135.00 and up to €137.50	€104.50	€69.10
Over €137.50 and up to €140.00	€102.00	€67.40
Over €140.00 and up to €142.50	€99.50	€65.80
Over €142.50 and up to €145.00	€97.00	€64.10
Over €145.00 and up to €147.50	€94.50	€62.50
Over €147.50 and up to €150.00	€92.00	€60.80
Over €150.00 and up to €152.50	€89.50	€59.10
Over €152.50 and up to €155.00	€87.00	€57.50
Over €155.00 and up to €157.50	€84.50	€55.80
Over €157.50 and up to €160.00	€82.00	€54.20
Over €160.00 and up to €162.50	€79.50	€52.50
Over €162.50 and up to €165.00	€77.00	€50.90
Over €165.00 and up to €167.50	€74.50	€49.20
Over €167.50 and up to €170.00	€72.00	€47.60
Over €170.00 and up to €172.50	€69.50	€45.90
Over €172.50 and up to €175.00	€67.00	€44.30
Over €175.00 and up to €177.50	€64.50	€42.60
Over €177.50 and up to €180.00	€62.00	€41.00
Over €180.00 and up to €182.50	€59.50	€39.30
Over €182.50 and up to €185.00	€57.00	€37.70
Over €185.00 and up to €187.50	€54.50	€36.00
Over €187.50 and up to €190.00	€52.00	€34.40
Over €190.00 and up to €192.50	€49.50	€32.70
Over €192.50 and up to €195.00	€47.00	€31.10
Over €195.00 and up to €197.50	€44.50	€29.40
Over €197.50 and up to €200.00	€42.00	€27.80
Over €200.00 and up to €202.50	€39.50	€26.10
Over €202.50 and up to €205.00	€37.00	€24.50
Over €205.00 and up to €207.50	€34.50	€22.80
Over €207.50 and up to €210.00	€32.00	€21.10
Over €210.00 and up to €212.50	€29.50	€19.50
Over €212.50 and up to €215.00	€27.00	€17.80
Over €215.00 and up to €217.50	€24.50	€16.20
Over €217.50 and up to €220.00	€22.00	€14.50

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State Pension (Non-Contributory) Continued

Weekly means as assessed by us:	Increase per week for spouse/partner aged 65 or under	
	Personal rate	
Over €220.00 and up to €222.50	€19.50	€12.90
Over €222.50 and up to €225.00	€17.00	€11.20
Over €225.00 and up to €227.50	€14.50	€9.60
Over €227.50 and up to €230.00	€12.00	€7.90
Over €230.00 and up to €232.50	€9.50	€6.30
Over €232.50 and up to €235.00	€7.00	€4.60
Over €235.00 and up to €237.50	€4.50	€3.00
Over €237.50	Nil	Nil

Increases	Rate per week	
— Each qualified child	Full rate	€24.00
	Half-rate	€12.00
— Living Alone Increase for people age 66 or over		€7.70
— Extra increase for people age 80 or over		€10.00
— Increase for people age 66 or over, living on certain offshore islands		€12.70

Pre-Retirement Allowance from 26 December 2007

***Pre-Retirement Allowance was abolished for all new customers from the 4th July 2007.**

	Rate per week	
Maximum personal rate	€197.80	
Increases:	Rate per week	
— Increase for Qualified Adult [‡]	€131.30	
— Each qualified child	Full rate	**€24.00
	Half-rate	**€12.00

** You can get an increase of €24.00 for each qualified child if you get an increase for a qualified adult or if you are parenting alone. If you do not qualify for an increase for a qualified adult, you may get a half-rate qualified child increase.

‡ If you were in receipt of Pre-Retirement Allowance (PRETA) prior to 26 September 2007, you may get a reduced rate increase if your spouse or partner has earnings or income in excess of €100.00 and up to €300.00 gross per week, (see pages 52-58).

Widows, widowers and one-parent families

Widow's/Widower's (Contributory) Pension from 4 January - see booklet SW25

Deserted Wife's Benefit from 3 January

		Age 65 or under	Age 66 or over
		Rate per week	Rate per week
Personal rate	48 or over	€203.30	€223.30
	36-47	€200.40	€218.90
	24-35	€197.80	€213.70

Note

A yearly average of 39 weeks PRSI paid or credited under the three or five tax year condition will secure a maximum personal rate.

Increases:	Rate per week
— Each qualified child	€24.00
— Living Alone Increase for people age 66 or over	€7.70
— Extra increase for people age 80 or over	€10.00
— Increase for people age 66 or over living on certain offshore islands	€12.70

Widowed Parent Grant

	Rate
Widowed Parent Grant (a once off payment for a widowed parent with qualified child(ren))	€6,000

Widow's/Widower's (Non-Contributory) Pension from 4 January - see booklet **SW 26**

Deserted Wife's Allowance from 3 January

Prisoner's Wife's Allowance from 3 January

Weekly means, as assessed by us:	Age 65 or under Rate per week
Up to €7.60	€197.80
Over €7.60 and up to €10.10	€195.30
Over €10.10 and up to €12.60	€192.80
Over €12.60 and up to €15.10	€190.30
Over €15.10 and up to €17.60	€187.80
Over €17.60 and up to €20.10	€185.30
Over €20.10 and up to €22.60	€182.80
Over €22.60 and up to €25.10	€180.30
Over €25.10 and up to €27.60	€177.80
Over €27.60 and up to €30.10	€175.30
Over €30.10 and up to €32.60	€172.80
Over €32.60 and up to €35.10	€170.30
Over €35.10 and up to €37.60	€167.80
Over €37.60 and up to €40.10	€165.30
Over €40.10 and up to €42.60	€162.80
Over €42.60 and up to €45.10	€160.30
Over €45.10 and up to €47.60	€157.80
Over €47.60 and up to €50.10	€155.30
Over €50.10 and up to €52.60	€152.80
Over €52.60 and up to €55.10	€150.30
Over €55.10 and up to €57.60	€147.80
Over €57.60 and up to €60.10	€145.30
Over €60.10 and up to €62.60	€142.80
Over €62.60 and up to €65.10	€140.30
Over €65.10 and up to €67.60	€137.80
Over €67.60 and up to €70.10	€135.30
Over €70.10 and up to €72.60	€132.80
Over €72.60 and up to €75.10	€130.30
Over €75.10 and up to €77.60	€127.80
Over €77.60 and up to €80.10	€125.30
Over €80.10 and up to €82.60	€122.80
Over €82.60 and up to €85.10	€120.30
Over €85.10 and up to €87.60	€117.80
Over €87.60 and up to €90.10	€115.30
Over €90.10 and up to €92.60	€112.80
Over €92.60 and up to €95.10	€110.30
Over €95.10 and up to €97.60	€107.80
Over €97.60 and up to €100.10	€105.30
Over €100.10 and up to €102.60	€102.80
Over €102.60 and up to €105.10	€100.30
Over €105.10 and up to €107.60	€97.80
Over €107.60 and up to €110.10	€95.30

Widow's/Widower's (Non-Contributory) Pension from 4 January - see booklet **SW 26**

Deserted Wife's Allowance from 3 January

Prisoner's Wife's Allowance from 3 January

Weekly means, as assessed by us:	Age 65 or under Rate per week
Over €110.10 and up to €112.60	€92.80
Over €112.60 and up to €115.10	€90.30
Over €115.10 and up to €117.60	€87.80
Over €117.60 and up to €120.10	€85.30
Over €120.10 and up to €122.60	€82.80
Over €122.60 and up to €125.10	€80.30
Over €125.10 and up to €127.60	€77.80
Over €127.60 and up to €130.10	€75.30
Over €130.10 and up to €132.60	€72.80
Over €132.60 and up to €135.10	€70.30
Over €135.10 and up to €137.60	€67.80
Over €137.60 and up to €140.10	€65.30
Over €140.10 and up to €142.60	€62.80
Over €142.60 and up to €145.10	€60.30
Over €145.10 and up to €147.60	€57.80
Over €147.60 and up to €150.10	€55.30
Over €150.10 and up to €152.60	€52.80
Over €152.60 and up to €155.10	€50.30
Over €155.10 and up to €157.60	€47.80
Over €157.60 and up to €160.10	€45.30
Over €160.10 and up to €162.60	€42.80
Over €162.60 and up to €165.10	€40.30
Over €165.10 and up to €167.60	€37.80
Over €167.60 and up to €170.10	€35.30
Over €170.10 and up to €172.60	€32.80
Over €172.60 and up to €175.10	€30.30
Over €175.10 and up to €177.60	€27.80
Over €177.60 and up to €180.10	€25.30
Over €180.10 and up to €182.60	€22.80
Over €182.60 and up to €185.10	€20.30
Over €185.10 and up to €187.60	€17.80
Over €187.60 and up to €190.10	€15.30
Over €190.10 and up to €192.60	€12.80
Over €192.60 and up to €195.10	€10.30
Over €195.10 and up to €197.60	€7.80
Over €197.60 and up to €200.10	€5.30
Over €200.10 and up to €202.60	€2.80
Over €202.60	Nil
Increases:	Rate per week
— Living Alone Increase for people age 66 or over	€7.70
— Extra Increase for people age 80 or over	€10.00
— Increase for people age 66 or over living on certain offshore islands	€12.70

One-Parent Family Payment from 3 January – see booklet **SW 82**
(Widowed Lone Parents from 4 January)

Weekly means, as assessed by us:	Age 65 or under Rate per week
Up to €7.60	€197.80
Over €7.60 and up to €10.10	€195.30
Over €10.10 and up to €12.60	€192.80
Over €12.60 and up to €15.10	€190.30
Over €15.10 and up to €17.60	€187.80
Over €17.60 and up to €20.10	€185.30
Over €20.10 and up to €22.60	€182.80
Over €22.60 and up to €25.10	€180.30
Over €25.10 and up to €27.60	€177.80
Over €27.60 and up to €30.10	€175.30
Over €30.10 and up to €32.60	€172.80
Over €32.60 and up to €35.10	€170.30
Over €35.10 and up to €37.60	€167.80
Over €37.60 and up to €40.10	€165.30
Over €40.10 and up to €42.60	€162.80
Over €42.60 and up to €45.10	€160.30
Over €45.10 and up to €47.60	€157.80
Over €47.60 and up to €50.10	€155.30
Over €50.10 and up to €52.60	€152.80
Over €52.60 and up to €55.10	€150.30
Over €55.10 and up to €57.60	€147.80
Over €57.60 and up to €60.10	€145.30
Over €60.10 and up to €62.60	€142.80
Over €62.60 and up to €65.10	€140.30
Over €65.10 and up to €67.60	€137.80
Over €67.60 and up to €70.10	€135.30
Over €70.10 and up to €72.60	€132.80
Over €72.60 and up to €75.10	€130.30
Over €75.10 and up to €77.60	€127.80
Over €77.60 and up to €80.10	€125.30
Over €80.10 and up to €82.60	€122.80
Over €82.60 and up to €85.10	€120.30
Over €85.10 and up to €87.60	€117.80
Over €87.60 and up to €90.10	€115.30
Over €90.10 and up to €92.60	€112.80
Over €92.60 and up to €95.10	€110.30
Over €95.10 and up to €97.60	€107.80
Over €97.60 and up to €100.10	€105.30
Over €100.10 and up to €102.60	€102.80
Over €102.60 and up to €105.10	€100.30
Over €105.10 and up to €107.60	€97.80

One-Parent Family Payment from 3 January – see booklet **SW 82**
(Widowed Lone Parents from 4 January)

Weekly means, as assessed by us:	Age 65 or under Rate per week
Over €107.60 and up to €110.10	€95.30
Over €110.10 and up to €112.60	€92.80
Over €112.60 and up to €115.10	€90.30
Over €115.10 and up to €117.60	€87.80
Over €117.60 and up to €120.10	€85.30
Over €120.10 and up to €122.60	€82.80
Over €122.60 and up to €125.10	€80.30
Over €125.10 and up to €127.60	€77.80
<i>(see note page 21)*</i>	
Over €127.60 and up to €130.10	€75.30
Over €130.10 and up to €132.60	€72.80
Over €132.60 and up to €135.10	€70.30
Over €135.10 and up to €137.60	€67.80
Over €137.60 and up to €140.10	€65.30
<i>(see note page 21)**</i>	
Over €140.10 and up to €142.60	€62.80
Over €142.60 and up to €145.10	€60.30
Over €145.10 and up to €147.60	€57.80
Over €147.60 and up to €150.10	€55.30
Over €150.10 and up to €152.60	€52.80
Over €152.60 and up to €155.10	€50.30
Over €155.10 and up to €157.60	€47.80
Over €157.60 and up to €160.10	€45.30
Over €160.10 and up to €162.60	€42.80
Over €162.60 and up to €165.10	€40.30
Over €165.10 and up to €167.60	€37.80
Over €167.60 and up to €170.10	€35.30
Over €170.10 and up to €172.60	€32.80
Over €172.60 and up to €175.10	€30.30
Over €175.10 and up to €177.60	€27.80
Over €177.60 and up to €180.10	€25.30
Over €180.10 and up to €182.60	€22.80
Over €182.60 and up to €185.10	€20.30
Over €185.10 and up to €187.60	€17.80
Over €187.60 and up to €190.10	€15.30
Over €190.10 and up to €192.60	€12.80
Over €192.60 and up to €195.10	€10.30
Over €195.10 and up to €197.60	€7.80
Over €197.60 and up to €200.10	€5.30
Over €200.10 and up to €202.60	€2.80
Over €202.60	Nil

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One-Parent Family Payment Continued

* Note

If you are getting One-Parent Family Payment, you could earn up to €146.50 per week and may still qualify for full payment. If you earn between €146.50 and €400.00, you may qualify for a reduced payment. If you are in receipt of One-Parent Family Payment and your earnings subsequently exceed €400.00 per week, you will continue to receive transitional half-rate payment for 6 months.

** Note: From May 2008

If you are getting One-Parent Family Payment, you could earn up to €146.50 per week and may still qualify for full payment. If you earn between €146.50 and €425.00, you may qualify for a reduced payment. If you are in receipt of One-Parent Family Payment and your earnings subsequently exceed €425.00 per week, you will continue to receive transitional half-rate payment for 6 months.

Increases:	Rate per week
— Each qualified child	€24.00

Child-related payments

Child Benefit - see booklet **SW 42**

	Rate per month before April 2008	Rate per month from April 2008
1st and 2nd child 3rd and subsequent children	€160.00 €195.00	€166.00 €203.00
Multiple births	Special Grants	Rate of Payment
	— Birth	€635.00
	— At age 4	€635.00
	— At age 12	€635.00

Twins – Child Benefit is paid at one and a half times (150%) the normal monthly rate for each child.

All other multiple births – Double the normal monthly rate of Child Benefit is paid.

Early Childcare Supplement*

	Rate
Annual Rate for each child (paid at a rate of €275 per quarter)	€1,100

*Early Childcare Supplement is a payment to assist with childcare costs of children under 6 years. Payment is made automatically if Child Benefit is being paid for a child under 6 years.

Maternity Benefit from 31 December 2007 - please see booklet **SW 11**

Adoptive Benefit from 31 December 2007 - please see booklet **SW 37**

	Rate per week
Maximum rate	€280.00
Minimum rate	€221.80

The rate payable is 80% of your earnings in the relevant tax year subject to a reckonable earnings ceiling.

Health & Safety Benefit from 31 December 2007 – see booklet **SW 21**

	Rate per week
Personal rate	€197.80
Increases:	
— Increase for Qualified Adult	€131.30
— Each qualified child	Full rate* €24.00 Half-rate* €12.00

*You can get an increase of €24.00 for each qualified child if you qualify for an increase for a qualified adult or if you are parenting alone. If you do not qualify for an increase for a qualified adult, you may get a half-rate qualified child increase, if your spouse or partner has income of €400 or less per week.

Health & Safety Benefit rates are graduated according to earnings in the relevant tax year.

Average weekly earnings	Personal rate	Increase for Qualified Adult
— Less than €80.00	€88.90	€85.10
— €80.00 and less than €125.00	€127.80	€85.10
— €125.00 and less than €150.00	€155.00	€85.10
— €150.00 or more	€197.80	€131.30

Guardian's Payment (Contributory) from 4 January – see booklet **SW 115**

	Rate per week
Rate per orphan	€170.00

Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) from 4 January – see booklet **SW 115**

Weekly means, as assessed by us:	Rate per week
Up to €7.60	€170.00
Over €7.60 and up to €10.10	€167.50
Over €10.10 and up to €12.60	€165.00
Over €12.60 and up to €15.10	€162.50
Over €15.10 and up to €17.60	€160.00
Over €17.60 and up to €20.10	€157.50
Over €20.10 and up to €22.60	€155.00
Over €22.60 and up to €25.10	€152.50
Over €25.10 and up to €27.60	€150.00
Over €27.60 and up to €30.10	€147.50
Over €30.10 and up to €32.60	€145.00
Over €32.60 and up to €35.10	€142.50
Over €35.10 and up to €37.60	€140.00
Over €37.60 and up to €40.10	€137.50
Over €40.10 and up to €42.60	€135.00
Over €42.60 and up to €45.10	€132.50
Over €45.10 and up to €47.60	€130.00
Over €47.60 and up to €50.10	€127.50
Over €50.10 and up to €52.60	€125.00
Over €52.60 and up to €55.10	€122.50
Over €55.10 and up to €57.60	€120.00
Over €57.60 and up to €60.10	€117.50
Over €60.10 and up to €62.60	€115.00
Over €62.60 and up to €65.10	€112.50
Over €65.10 and up to €67.60	€110.00
Over €67.60 and up to €70.10	€107.50
Over €70.10 and up to €72.60	€105.00
Over €72.60 and up to €75.10	€102.50
Over €75.10 and up to €77.60	€100.00
Over €77.60 and up to €80.10	€97.50
Over €80.10 and up to €82.60	€95.00
Over €82.60 and up to €85.10	€92.50
Over €85.10 and up to €87.60	€90.00
Over €87.60 and up to €90.10	€87.50
Over €90.10 and up to €92.60	€85.00
Over €92.60 and up to €95.10	€82.50
Over €95.10 and up to €97.60	€80.00
Over €97.60 and up to €100.10	€77.50
Over €100.10 and up to €102.60	€75.00
Over €102.60 and up to €105.10	€72.50
Over €105.10 and up to €107.60	€70.00
Over €107.60 and up to €110.10	€67.50

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Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) Continued

Weekly means, as assessed by us:	Rate per week
Over €110.10 and up to €112.60	€65.00
Over €112.60 and up to €115.10	€62.50
Over €115.10 and up to €117.60	€60.00
Over €117.60 and up to €120.10	€57.50
Over €120.10 and up to €122.60	€55.00
Over €122.60 and up to €125.10	€52.50
Over €125.10 and up to €127.60	€50.00
Over €127.60 and up to €130.10	€47.50
Over €130.10 and up to €132.60	€45.00
Over €132.60 and up to €135.10	€42.50
Over €135.10 and up to €137.60	€40.00
Over €137.60 and up to €140.10	€37.50
Over €140.10 and up to €142.60	€35.00
Over €142.60 and up to €145.10	€32.50
Over €145.10 and up to €147.60	€30.00
Over €147.60 and up to €150.10	€27.50
Over €150.10 and up to €152.60	€25.00
Over €152.60 and up to €155.10	€22.50
Over €155.10 and up to €157.60	€20.00
Over €157.60 and up to €160.10	€17.50
Over €160.10 and up to €162.60	€15.00
Over €162.60 and up to €165.10	€12.50
Over €165.10 and up to €167.60	€10.00
Over €167.60 and up to €170.10	€7.50
Over €170.10 and up to €172.60	€5.00
Over €172.60 and up to €175.10	€2.50

Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance – see booklet SW 75

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance is paid to parents whose income limits are at or below the following amounts:

Couple with:	Income limit	Lone Parent with:	Income limit
— 1 child	€496.10	— 1 child	€347.30
— 2 children	€520.10	— 2 children	€371.30
— 3 children	€544.10	— 3 children	€395.30
— 4 children	*€568.10	— 4 children	*€419.30

* Limit is increased by €24.00 for each additional child.

	Rate payable
— Rate for each child aged 2-11	€200.00
— Rate for each child aged 12-17**	€305.00

** This is also paid for children aged 18-22 if they are in full-time education, for whom a qualified child increase is payable.

Illness, disability and caring

Illness Benefit from 31 December 2007 – see booklet **SW 119**

	Rate per week
Personal rate	€197.80
Increases:	
— Increase for Qualified Adult[‡]	€131.30
— Each qualified child	Full rate *€24.00
	Half-rate *€12.00

Illness Benefit rates are graduated according to earnings in the relevant tax year.

Average weekly earnings	Personal rate	Increase for Qualified Adult[‡]
— Less than €80.00	€88.90	€85.10
— €80.00 and less than €125.00	€127.80	€85.10
— €125.00 and less than €150.00	€155.00	€85.10
— €150.00 or more	€197.80	€131.30

*You can get an increase of €24.00 for each qualified child if you qualify for an increase for a qualified adult or if you are parenting alone. If you do not qualify for an increase for a qualified adult, you may get a half-rate qualified child increase, if your spouse or partner has income of €400 or less per week.

[‡]You may get a reduced rate increase if your spouse or partner has earnings or income in excess of €100.00 and up to €300.00 gross per week (see pages 52-58).

Invalidity Pension from 3 January – see booklet **SW 44**

	Rate per week
Personal rate	
— Under age 65	€203.30
— Age 65	€223.30
Increases:	
Increase for Qualified Adult[‡]	
— Under age 66	€145.10
— Age 66 or over	€200.00
— Each qualified child	*€24.00
	Full rate
	Half-rate
	*€12.00

*You can get an increase of €24.00 for each qualified child if you get a payment for a qualified adult or if you are parenting alone. If you do not qualify for an increase for a qualified adult, you may get a half-rate qualified child increase.

Extra Benefit	Rate per week
— Living Alone Increase	€7.70
— Increase for people living on certain offshore islands	€12.70

[‡]You may get a reduced rate increase if your spouse or partner has earnings or income in excess of €100.00 and up to €300.00 gross per week (see pages 52-58).

Disability Allowance from 2 January 2008 – see booklet **SW 29**

Weekly means, as assessed by us:	Rate per week
Up to €2.50	€197.80
Over €2.50 and up to €5.00	€195.30
Over €5.00 and up to €7.50	€192.80
Over €7.50 and up to €10.00	€190.30
Over €10.00 and up to €12.50	€187.80
Over €12.50 and up to €15.00	€185.30
Over €15.00 and up to €17.50	€182.80
Over €17.50 and up to €20.00	€180.30
Over €20.00 and up to €22.50	€177.80
Over €22.50 and up to €25.00	€175.30
Over €25.00 and up to €27.50	€172.80
Over €27.50 and up to €30.00	€170.30
Over €30.00 and up to €32.50	€167.80
Over €32.50 and up to €35.00	€165.30
Over €35.00 and up to €37.50	€162.80
Over €37.50 and up to €40.00	€160.30
Over €40.00 and up to €42.50	€157.80
Over €42.50 and up to €45.00	€155.30
Over €45.00 and up to €47.50	€152.80
Over €47.50 and up to €50.00	€150.30
Over €50.00 and up to €52.50	€147.80
Over €52.50 and up to €55.00	€145.30
Over €55.00 and up to €57.50	€142.80
Over €57.50 and up to €60.00	€140.30
Over €60.00 and up to €62.50	€137.80
Over €62.50 and up to €65.00	€135.30
Over €65.00 and up to €67.50	€132.80
Over €67.50 and up to €70.00	€130.30
Over €70.00 and up to €72.50	€127.80
Over €72.50 and up to €75.00	€125.30
Over €75.00 and up to €77.50	€122.80
Over €77.50 and up to €80.00	€120.30
Over €80.00 and up to €82.50	€117.80
Over €82.50 and up to €85.00	€115.30
Over €85.00 and up to €87.50	€112.80
Over €87.50 and up to €90.00	€110.30
Over €90.00 and up to €92.50	€107.80
Over €92.50 and up to €95.00	€105.30
Over €95.00 and up to €97.50	€102.80
Over €97.50 and up to €100.00	€100.30
Over €100.00 and up to €102.50	€97.80

Disability Allowance from 2 January – see booklet **SW 29**

Weekly means, as assessed by us:	Rate per week
Over €102.50 and up to €105.00	€95.30
Over €105.00 and up to €107.50	€92.80
Over €107.50 and up to €110.00	€90.30
Over €110.00 and up to €112.50	€87.80
Over €112.50 and up to €115.00	€85.30
Over €115.00 and up to €117.50	€82.80
Over €117.50 and up to €120.00	€80.30
Over €120.00 and up to €122.50	€77.80
Over €122.50 and up to €125.00	€75.30
Over €125.00 and up to €127.50	€72.80
Over €127.50 and up to €130.00	€70.30
Over €130.00 and up to €132.50	€67.80
Over €132.50 and up to €135.00	€65.30
Over €135.00 and up to €137.50	€62.80
Over €137.50 and up to €140.00	€60.30
Over €140.00 and up to €142.50	€57.80
Over €142.50 and up to €145.00	€55.30
Over €145.00 and up to €147.50	€52.80
Over €147.50 and up to €150.00	€50.30
Over €150.00 and up to €152.50	€47.80
Over €152.50 and up to €155.00	€45.30
Over €155.00 and up to €157.50	€42.80
Over €157.50 and up to €160.00	€40.30
Over €160.00 and up to €162.50	€37.80
Over €162.50 and up to €165.00	€35.30
Over €165.00 and up to €167.50	€32.80
Over €167.50 and up to €170.00	€30.30
Over €170.00 and up to €172.50	€27.80
Over €172.50 and up to €175.00	€25.30
Over €175.00 and up to €177.50	€22.80
Over €177.50 and up to €180.00	€20.30
Over €180.00 and up to €182.50	€17.80
Over €182.50 and up to €185.00	€15.30
Over €185.00 and up to €187.50	€12.80
Over €187.50 and up to €190.00	€10.30
Over €190.00 and up to €192.50	€7.80
Over €192.50 and up to €195.00	€5.30
Over €195.00 and up to €197.50	€2.80
Over €197.50	Nil

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Disability Allowance continued

Increases:	Rate per week
— Increase for Qualified Adult[‡]	€131.30
— Each qualified child	Full rate *€24.00 Half-rate *€12.00
— Living Alone Increase	€7.70
— Increase for people living on certain offshore islands	€12.70

*You can get an increase of €24.00 for each qualified child if you get an increase for a qualified adult or if you are parenting alone. If you do not qualify for an increase for a qualified adult, you may get a half-rate qualified child increase.

[‡] If you were in receipt of Disability Allowance prior to 26 September 2007, you may get a reduced rate increase if your spouse or partner has earnings or income in excess of €100.00 and up to €300.00 gross per week, (see pages 52-58).

Blind Pension from 4 January – see booklet **SW 76**

Weekly means, as assessed by us:	Personal rate per week	Increase per week for spouse/partner aged 65 or under
Up to €7.60	€197.80	€131.30
Over €7.60 and up to €10.10	€195.30	€129.60
Over €10.10 and up to €12.60	€192.80	€128.00
Over €12.60 and up to €15.10	€190.30	€126.30
Over €15.10 and up to €17.60	€187.80	€124.70
Over €17.60 and up to €20.10	€185.30	€123.00
Over €20.10 and up to €22.60	€182.80	€121.30
Over €22.60 and up to €25.10	€180.30	€119.70
Over €25.10 and up to €27.60	€177.80	€118.00
Over €27.60 and up to €30.10	€175.30	€116.40
Over €30.10 and up to €32.60	€172.80	€114.70
Over €32.60 and up to €35.10	€170.30	€113.00
Over €35.10 and up to €37.60	€167.80	€111.40
Over €37.60 and up to €40.10	€165.30	€109.70
Over €40.10 and up to €42.60	€162.80	€108.10
Over €42.60 and up to €45.10	€160.30	€106.40
Over €45.10 and up to €47.60	€157.80	€104.70
Over €47.60 and up to €50.10	€155.30	€103.10
Over €50.10 and up to €52.60	€152.80	€101.40
Over €52.60 and up to €55.10	€150.30	€99.80
Over €55.10 and up to €57.60	€147.80	€98.10
Over €57.60 and up to €60.10	€145.30	€96.50
Over €60.10 and up to €62.60	€142.80	€94.80
Over €62.60 and up to €65.10	€140.30	€93.10
Over €65.10 and up to €67.60	€137.80	€91.50
Over €67.60 and up to €70.10	€135.30	€89.80
Over €70.10 and up to €72.60	€132.80	€88.20
Over €72.60 and up to €75.10	€130.30	€86.50
Over €75.10 and up to €77.60	€127.80	€84.80
Over €77.60 and up to €80.10	€125.30	€83.20
Over €80.10 and up to €82.60	€122.80	€81.50
Over €82.60 and up to €85.10	€120.30	€79.90
Over €85.10 and up to €87.60	€117.80	€78.20
Over €87.60 and up to €90.10	€115.30	€76.50
Over €90.10 and up to €92.60	€112.80	€74.90
Over €92.60 and up to €95.10	€110.30	€73.20
Over €95.10 and up to €97.60	€107.80	€71.60
Over €97.60 and up to €100.10	€105.30	€69.90

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Blind Pension from 4 January – see booklet SW 76

Weekly means, as assessed by us:	Personal rate per week	Increase per week for spouse/partner aged 65 or under
Over €100.10 and up to €102.60	€102.80	€68.20
Over €102.60 and up to €105.10	€100.30	€66.60
Over €105.10 and up to €107.60	€97.80	€64.90
Over €107.60 and up to €110.10	€95.30	€63.30
Over €110.10 and up to €112.60	€92.80	€61.60
Over €112.60 and up to €115.10	€90.30	€59.90
Over €115.10 and up to €117.60	€87.80	€58.30
Over €117.60 and up to €120.10	€85.30	€56.60
Over €120.10 and up to €122.60	€82.80	€55.00
Over €122.60 and up to €125.10	€80.30	€53.30
Over €125.10 and up to €127.60	€77.80	€51.60
Over €127.60 and up to €130.10	€75.30	€50.00
Over €130.10 and up to €132.60	€72.80	€48.30
Over €132.60 and up to €135.10	€70.30	€46.70
Over €135.10 and up to €137.60	€67.80	€45.00
Over €137.60 and up to €140.10	€65.30	€43.30
Over €140.10 and up to €142.60	€62.80	€41.70
Over €142.60 and up to €145.10	€60.30	€40.00
Over €145.10 and up to €147.60	€57.80	€38.40
Over €147.60 and up to €150.10	€55.30	€36.70
Over €150.10 and up to €152.60	€52.80	€35.00
Over €152.60 and up to €155.10	€50.30	€33.40
Over €155.10 and up to €157.60	€47.80	€31.70
Over €157.60 and up to €160.10	€45.30	€30.10
Over €160.10 and up to €162.60	€42.80	€28.40
Over €162.60 and up to €165.10	€40.30	€26.80
Over €165.10 and up to €167.60	€37.80	€25.10
Over €167.60 and up to €170.10	€35.30	€23.40
Over €170.10 and up to €172.60	€32.80	€21.80
Over €172.60 and up to €175.10	€30.30	€20.10
Over €175.10 and up to €177.60	€27.80	€18.50
Over €177.60 and up to €180.10	€25.30	€16.80
Over €180.10 and up to €182.60	€22.80	€15.10
Over €182.60 and up to €185.10	€20.30	€13.50
Over €185.10 and up to €187.60	€17.80	€11.80
Over €187.60 and up to €190.10	€15.30	€10.20
Over €190.10 and up to €192.60	€12.80	€8.50
Over €192.60 and up to €195.10	€10.30	€6.80
Over €195.10 and up to €197.60	€7.80	€5.20
Over €197.60 and up to €200.10	€5.30	€3.50
Over €200.10 and up to €202.60	€2.80	€1.90
Over €202.60	Nil	Nil

Blind Pension continued

Increases:	Rate per week	
— Each qualified child	Full rate	*€24.00
— Living Alone Increase	Half-rate	*€12.00 €7.70
— Increase for people living on certain offshore islands		€12.70

* You can get an increase of €24.00 for each qualified child if you get an increase for a qualified adult or if you are parenting alone. If you do not qualify for an increase for a qualified adult, you may get a half-rate qualified child increase.

Respite Care Grant – see booklet **SW 113**

Annual rate for each person you are caring for - **€1,700

This is payable from the first Thursday in June 2008. Please note that applications for the 2007 scheme (rate €1,500) can be made up to 31 December 2008 and applications for the 2006 scheme (rate €1,200) can be made up to **31 December 2007.

Carer's Benefit from 3 January – see booklet **SW 49**

Where the carer is caring for:		
	one person Rate per week	more than one person Rate per week
Personal rate	€214.70	€322.10
Increases:		
— Each qualified child	Full rate €24.00 Half-rate €12.00	€24.00 €12.00

ATTENTION CARER'S !!!

Do you need to take time off work to look after someone who needs full time care?

If so, you may be entitled to Carer's Benefit, which is not means tested.

← See Carer's Benefit rates on previous page

FOR MORE INFORMATION....

Check our website,
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Contact your local Social Welfare Office

Tel : Information Services at (071) 91 93313 or

LoCall 1890 66 22 44 (from Republic of Ireland only)

Email: info@welfare.ie

Note

The rates charged for the use of 1890 (LoCall) numbers may vary among different service providers.

Carer's Allowance from 3 January - see booklet SW41

Weekly means, as assessed by us:	Where the carer is aged under 66 and caring for:	
	one person Rate per week	more than one person Rate per week
Up to €7.60	€214.00	€321.00
Over €7.60 and up to €10.10	€211.50	€318.50
Over €10.10 and up to €12.60	€209.00	€316.00
Over €12.60 and up to €15.10	€206.50	€313.50
Over €15.10 and up to €17.60	€204.00	€311.00
Over €17.60 and up to €20.10	€201.50	€308.50
Over €20.10 and up to €22.60	€199.00	€306.00
Over €22.60 and up to €25.10	€196.50	€303.50
Over €25.10 and up to €27.60	€194.00	€301.00
Over €27.60 and up to €30.10	€191.50	€298.50
Over €30.10 and up to €32.60	€189.00	€296.00
Over €32.60 and up to €35.10	€186.50	€293.50
Over €35.10 and up to €37.60	€184.00	€291.00
Over €37.60 and up to €40.10	€181.50	€288.50
Over €40.10 and up to €42.60	€179.00	€286.00
Over €42.60 and up to €45.10	€176.50	€283.50
Over €45.10 and up to €47.60	€174.00	€281.00
Over €47.60 and up to €50.10	€171.50	€278.50
Over €50.10 and up to €52.60	€169.00	€276.00
Over €52.60 and up to €55.10	€166.50	€273.50
Over €55.10 and up to €57.60	€164.00	€271.00
Over €57.60 and up to €60.10	€161.50	€268.50
Over €60.10 and up to €62.60	€159.00	€266.00
Over €62.60 and up to €65.10	€156.50	€263.50
Over €65.10 and up to €67.60	€154.00	€261.00
Over €67.60 and up to €70.10	€151.50	€258.50
Over €70.10 and up to €72.60	€149.00	€256.00
Over €72.60 and up to €75.10	€146.50	€253.50
Over €75.10 and up to €77.60	€144.00	€251.00
Over €77.60 and up to €80.10	€141.50	€248.50
Over €80.10 and up to €82.60	€139.00	€246.00
Over €82.60 and up to €85.10	€136.50	€243.50
Over €85.10 and up to €87.60	€134.00	€241.00
Over €87.60 and up to €90.10	€131.50	€238.50
Over €90.10 and up to €92.60	€129.00	€236.00
Over €92.60 and up to €95.10	€126.50	€233.50
Over €95.10 and up to €97.60	€124.00	€231.00
Over €97.60 and up to €100.10	€121.50	€228.50

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Carer's Allowance continued

Weekly means, as assessed by us:	Where the carer is aged under 66 and caring for:	
	one person Rate per week	more than one person Rate per week
Over €100.10 and up to €102.60	€119.00	€226.00
Over €102.60 and up to €105.10	€116.50	€223.50
Over €105.10 and up to €107.60	€114.00	€221.00
Over €107.60 and up to €110.10	€111.50	€218.50
Over €110.10 and up to €112.60	€109.00	€216.00
Over €112.60 and up to €115.10	€106.50	€213.50
Over €115.10 and up to €117.60	€104.00	€211.00
Over €117.60 and up to €120.10	€101.50	€208.50
Over €120.10 and up to €122.60	€99.00	€206.00
Over €122.60 and up to €125.10	€96.50	€203.50
Over €125.10 and up to €127.60	€94.00	€201.00
Over €127.60 and up to €130.10	€91.50	€198.50
Over €130.10 and up to €132.60	€89.00	€196.00
Over €132.60 and up to €135.10	€86.50	€193.50
Over €135.10 and up to €137.60	€84.00	€191.00
Over €137.60 and up to €140.10	€81.50	€188.50
Over €140.10 and up to €142.60	€79.00	€186.00
Over €142.60 and up to €145.10	€76.50	€183.50
Over €145.10 and up to €147.60	€74.00	€181.00
Over €147.60 and up to €150.10	€71.50	€178.50
Over €150.10 and up to €152.60	€69.00	€176.00
Over €152.60 and up to €155.10	€66.50	€173.50
Over €155.10 and up to €157.60	€64.00	€171.00
Over €157.60 and up to €160.10	€61.50	€168.50
Over €160.10 and up to €162.60	€59.00	€166.00
Over €162.60 and up to €165.10	€56.50	€163.50
Over €165.10 and up to €167.60	€54.00	€161.00
Over €167.60 and up to €170.10	€51.50	€158.50
Over €170.10 and up to €172.60	€49.00	€156.00
Over €172.60 and up to €175.10	€46.50	€153.50
Over €175.10 and up to €177.60	€44.00	€151.00
Over €177.60 and up to €180.10	€41.50	€148.50
Over €180.10 and up to €182.60	€39.00	€146.00
Over €182.60 and up to €185.10	€36.50	€143.50
Over €185.10 and up to €187.60	€34.00	€141.00
Over €187.60 and up to €190.10	€31.50	€138.50

Carer's Allowance continued

Weekly means, as assessed by us:	Where the carer is aged under 66 and caring for:	
	one person Rate per week	more than one person Rate per week
Over €190.10 and up to €192.60	€29.00	€136.00
Over €192.60 and up to €195.10	€26.50	€133.50
Over €195.10 and up to €197.60	€24.00	€131.00
Over €197.60 and up to €200.10	€21.50	€128.50
Over €200.10 and up to €202.60	€19.00	€126.00
Over €202.60 and up to €205.10	€16.50	€123.50
Over €205.10 and up to €207.60	€14.00	€121.00
Over €207.60 and up to €210.10	€11.50	€118.50
Over €210.10 and up to €212.60	€9.00	€116.00
Over €212.60 and up to €215.10	€6.50	€113.50
Over €215.10 and up to €217.60	€4.00	€111.00
Over €217.60 and up to €220.10	€1.50	€108.50
Over €220.10 and up to €222.60	Nil	€106.00

Increases:	Rate per week	
— Each qualified child	Full rate	*€24.00
	Half rate	**€12.00

* You can get this, if you are single, widowed or separated.

** You can get this, if you are living with your spouse or partner.

Respite Care Grant – see booklet **SW 113**

Annual rate for each person you are caring for - ***€1,700

***This is payable from the first Thursday in June 2008. Please note that applications for the 2007 scheme (rate €1,500) can be made up to 31 December 2008 and applications for the 2006 scheme (rate €1,200) can be made up to **31 December 2007**.

Carer's Allowance from 3 January - see booklet SW41

Weekly means, as assessed by us:	Where the carer is aged 66 or over and caring for:	
	one person Rate per week	more than one person Rate per week
Up to €7.60	€232.00	€348.00
Over €7.60 and up to €10.10	€229.50	€345.50
Over €10.10 and up to €12.60	€227.00	€343.00
Over €12.60 and up to €15.10	€224.50	€340.50
Over €15.10 and up to €17.60	€222.00	€338.00
Over €17.60 and up to €20.10	€219.50	€335.50
Over €20.10 and up to €22.60	€217.00	€333.00
Over €22.60 and up to €25.10	€214.50	€330.50
Over €25.10 and up to €27.60	€212.00	€328.00
Over €27.60 and up to €30.10	€209.50	€325.50
Over €30.10 and up to €32.60	€207.00	€323.00
Over €32.60 and up to €35.10	€204.50	€320.50
Over €35.10 and up to €37.60	€202.00	€318.00
Over €37.60 and up to €40.10	€199.50	€315.50
Over €40.10 and up to €42.60	€197.00	€313.00
Over €42.60 and up to €45.10	€194.50	€310.50
Over €45.10 and up to €47.60	€192.00	€308.00
Over €47.60 and up to €50.10	€189.50	€305.50
Over €50.10 and up to €52.60	€187.00	€303.00
Over €52.60 and up to €55.10	€184.50	€300.50
Over €55.10 and up to €57.60	€182.00	€298.00
Over €57.60 and up to €60.10	€179.50	€295.50
Over €60.10 and up to €62.60	€177.00	€293.00
Over €62.60 and up to €65.10	€174.50	€290.50
Over €65.10 and up to €67.60	€172.00	€288.00
Over €67.60 and up to €70.10	€169.50	€285.50
Over €70.10 and up to €72.60	€167.00	€283.00
Over €72.60 and up to €75.10	€164.50	€280.50
Over €75.10 and up to €77.60	€162.00	€278.00
Over €77.60 and up to €80.10	€159.50	€275.50
Over €80.10 and up to €82.60	€157.00	€273.00
Over €82.60 and up to €85.10	€154.50	€270.50
Over €85.10 and up to €87.60	€152.00	€268.00
Over €87.60 and up to €90.10	€149.50	€265.50
Over €90.10 and up to €92.60	€147.00	€263.00
Over €92.60 and up to €95.10	€144.50	€260.50
Over €95.10 and up to €97.60	€142.00	€258.00
Over €97.60 and up to €100.10	€139.50	€255.50

Carer's Allowance from 3 January - see booklet SW41

Weekly means, as assessed by us:	Where the carer is aged 66 or over and caring for:	
	one person Rate per week	more than one person Rate per week
Over €100.10 and up to €102.60	€137.00	€253.00
Over €102.60 and up to €105.10	€134.50	€250.50
Over €105.10 and up to €107.60	€132.00	€248.00
Over €107.60 and up to €110.10	€129.50	€245.50
Over €110.10 and up to €112.60	€127.00	€243.00
Over €112.60 and up to €115.10	€124.50	€240.50
Over €115.10 and up to €117.60	€122.00	€238.00
Over €117.60 and up to €120.10	€119.50	€235.50
Over €120.10 and up to €122.60	€117.00	€233.00
Over €122.60 and up to €125.10	€114.50	€230.50
Over €125.10 and up to €127.60	€112.00	€228.00
Over €127.60 and up to €130.10	€109.50	€225.50
Over €130.10 and up to €132.60	€107.00	€223.00
Over €132.60 and up to €135.10	€104.50	€220.50
Over €135.10 and up to €137.60	€102.00	€218.00
Over €137.60 and up to €140.10	€99.50	€215.50
Over €140.10 and up to €142.60	€97.00	€213.00
Over €142.60 and up to €145.10	€94.50	€210.50
Over €145.10 and up to €147.60	€92.00	€208.00
Over €147.60 and up to €150.10	€89.50	€205.50
Over €150.10 and up to €152.60	€87.00	€203.00
Over €152.60 and up to €155.10	€84.50	€200.50
Over €155.10 and up to €157.60	€82.00	€198.00
Over €157.60 and up to €160.10	€79.50	€195.50
Over €160.10 and up to €162.60	€77.00	€193.00
Over €162.60 and up to €165.10	€74.50	€190.50
Over €165.10 and up to €167.60	€72.00	€188.00
Over €167.60 and up to €170.10	€69.50	€185.50
Over €170.10 and up to €172.60	€67.00	€183.00
Over €172.60 and up to €175.10	€64.50	€180.50
Over €175.10 and up to €177.60	€62.00	€178.00
Over €177.60 and up to €180.10	€59.50	€175.50
Over €180.10 and up to €182.60	€57.00	€173.00
Over €182.60 and up to €185.10	€54.50	€170.50
Over €185.10 and up to €187.60	€52.00	€168.00
Over €187.60 and up to €190.10	€49.50	€165.50

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Carer's Allowance continued

Weekly means, as assessed by us:	Where the carer is aged 66 or over and caring for:	
	one person Rate per week	more than one person Rate per week
Over €190.10 and up to €192.60	€47.00	€163.00
Over €192.60 and up to €195.10	€44.50	€160.50
Over €195.10 and up to €197.60	€42.00	€158.00
Over €197.60 and up to €200.10	€39.50	€155.50
Over €200.10 and up to €202.60	€37.00	€153.00
Over €202.60 and up to €205.10	€34.50	€150.50
Over €205.10 and up to €207.60	€32.00	€148.00
Over €207.60 and up to €210.10	€29.50	€145.50
Over €210.10 and up to €212.60	€27.00	€143.00
Over €212.60 and up to €215.10	€24.50	€140.50
Over €215.10 and up to €217.60	€22.00	€138.00
Over €217.60 and up to €220.10	€19.50	€135.50
Over €220.10 and up to €222.60	€17.00	€133.00
Over €222.60 and up to €225.10	€14.50	€130.50
Over €225.10 and up to €227.60	€12.00	€128.00
Over €227.60 and up to €230.10	€9.50	€125.50
Over €230.10 and up to €232.60	€7.00	€123.00
Over €232.60 and up to €235.10	€4.50	€120.50
Over €235.10 and up to €237.60	€2.00	€118.00
Over €237.60 and up to €240.10	Nil	€115.50

Increases:	Rate per week	
— For carers age 80 or over		€10.00
— Each qualified child	Full rate	*€24.00
	Half rate	**€12.00
— Increase for people age 66 or over living on certain offshore islands		€12.70

Respite Care Grant – see booklet **SW 113**
Annual rate for each person you are caring for - ***€1,700

* You can get this, if you are single, widowed or separated.
 ** You can get this, if you are living with your spouse or partner.
 ***You may get this for each person you are caring for. This is payable from the first Thursday in June 2008. Please note that applications for the 2007 scheme (rate €1,500) can be made up to 31 December 2008 and applications for the 2006 scheme (rate €1,200) can be made up to **31 December 2007**.

ATTENTION CARER'S !!!

Are you providing home care for someone in need of full time assistance and getting a social welfare payment?

If so, you may be entitled to a half rate payment of Carer's Allowance.

From 27 September 2007, if you are getting certain payment(s) from this Department and you satisfy the conditions for Carer's Allowance, you may get half the rate of Carer's Allowance along with your existing payments. It may also be possible for you to receive half rate Carer's Allowance in addition to someone receiving an increase for you as a qualified adult on their own payment. The qualifying conditions for receipt of the half rate Carer's Allowance payment are exactly the same as Carer's Allowance (SW41).

FOR MORE INFORMATION....

**Check our website,
www.welfare.ie/publications/sw41.html**

Contact your local Social Welfare Office

Tel : Information Services at (071) 91 93313 or

LoCall 1890 66 22 44 (from Republic of Ireland only)

Email: info@welfare.ie

Note

The rates charged for the use of 1890 (LoCall) numbers may vary among different service providers.

Injury Benefit from 31 December 2007 – see booklet **SW 30**

	Rate per week	
Personal rate	€197.80	
Increases:		
— Increase for Qualified Adult[‡]	€131.30	
— Each qualified child	Full rate	**€24.00
	Half-rate	*€12.00

*You can get an increase of €24.00 for each qualified child if you qualify for an increase for a qualified adult or if you are parenting alone. If you do not qualify for an increase for a qualified adult, you may get a half-rate qualified child increase, if your spouse or partner has earnings of €400 or less per week.

Incapacity Supplement from 4 January - see booklet **SW 31**

	Rate per week	
Personal rate	€197.80	
Increases:		
— Increase for Qualified Adult[‡]	€131.30	
— Each qualified child	Full rate	**€24.00
	Half-rate	**€12.00
— Living Alone Increase	€7.70	
— Increase for people under age 66, living on certain offshore islands	€12.70	

**You can get an increase of €24.00 for each qualified child if you qualify for an increase for a qualified adult or if you are parenting alone. If you do not qualify for an increase for a qualified adult, you may get a half-rate qualified child increase.

Constant Attendance Allowance from 4 January – see booklet **SW 31**

	Rate per week
Allowance	€214.70

[‡]You may get a reduced rate increase if your spouse or partner has earnings or income in excess of €100.00 and up to €300.00 gross per week (see pages 52-58).

Disablement Benefit from 4 January – see booklet **SW 31**

Over 90% disablement Maximum personal pension	€228.90 per week
20% to 90% disablement	Reduced pension
— 90%	€206.00
— 80%	€183.10
— 70%	€160.20
— 60%	€137.30
— 50%	€114.50
— 40%	€91.60
— 30%	€68.70
— 20%	€45.80
Up to 19% disablement You may get a lump sum, up to a maximum of	€16,020

Medical Care Scheme – see booklet **SW 34**

This scheme covers the cost of certain medical care expenses due to an occupational accident or disease. However, these costs must not have already been paid by either the Treatment Benefit Section of the Department of Social and Family Affairs or the Health Service Executive.

Death Benefits (Survivor's Benefits) from 4 January – see booklet **SW 32**

	Rate per week	
Pension for a widow or widower	age 65 or under	€227.70
	age 66 or over	€227.70
Increases:		
— Each qualified child		€24.00

	Rate per week
— Living Alone Increase for people age 66 or over	€7.70
— Extra increase for people age 80 or over	€10.00
— Increase for people age 66 or over living on certain offshore islands	€12.70
— Orphan's Payment	€173.80
— Funeral Grant	€850.00

Jobseeker's supports

Jobseeker's Benefit from 27 December 2007

	Rate per week
Personal rate	€197.80
Increases:	
— Increase for Qualified Adult ‡	€131.30
— Each qualified child	Full rate *€24.00 Half-rate *€12.00

Jobseeker's Benefit rates are graduated according to earnings in the relevant tax year.

Average weekly earnings	Personal rate	Increase for a Qualified Adult‡
— Less than €80.00	€88.90	€85.10
— €80.00 and less than €125.00	€127.80	€85.10
— €125.00 and less than €150.00	€155.00	€85.10
— €150.00 or more	€197.80	€131.30

*You can get an increase of €24.00 for each qualified child if you qualify for an increase for a qualified adult or if you are parenting alone. If you do not qualify for an increase for a qualified adult, you may get a half-rate qualified child increase, if your spouse or partner has income of €400 or less a week.

Jobseeker's Allowance from 26 December 2007

	Rate per week
Maximum personal rate	€197.80
Increases:	
— Increase for Qualified Adult ‡	€131.30
— Each qualified child	Full rate *€24.00 Half-rate *€12.00

*You can get an increase of €24.00 for each qualified child if you qualify for an increase for a qualified adult or if you are parenting alone. If you do not qualify for an increase for a qualified adult, you may get a half-rate qualified child increase.

‡ If you were in receipt of Jobseeker's Allowance prior to 26 September 2007, you may get a reduced rate increase if your spouse or partner has earnings or income in excess of €100.00 and up to €300.00 gross per week, (see pages 52-58).

Employment supports

Family Income Supplement from 3 January – see booklet SW 22

To qualify for Family Income Supplement (FIS), your net average weekly family income must be below a certain amount for your family size.

You have:	Your net family income is less than:
1 child	€490
2 children	€570
3 children	€655
4 children	€760
5 children	€870
6 children	€970
7 children	€1,090
8 or more children	€1,170

The FIS you receive is 60% of the difference between your net family income (that is, gross pay minus tax, employee PRSI, Health Contribution, superannuation) and the income limit that applies to your family.

Note

No matter how little you may qualify for, you will still get a minimum of €20 each week.

Farm Assist from 26 December 2007 – see booklet SW 27

	Rate per week
Maximum personal rate	€197.80
Increases	
— Increase for a Qualified Adult[‡]	€131.30
— Each qualified child	
Full rate	*€24.00
Half-rate	*€12.00

*You can get an increase of €24.00 for each qualified child if you get an increase for a qualified adult or if you are parenting alone. If you do not qualify for an increase for a qualified adult, you may get a half-rate qualified child increase.

[‡] If you were in receipt of Farm Assist prior to 26 September 2007, you may get a reduced rate increase if your spouse or partner has earnings or income in excess of €100.00 and up to €300.00 gross per week, (see pages 52-58).

Back to Work Allowance (Employees) – see booklet **SW 93**

- 75% of social welfare payment for the first year
- 50% of social welfare payment for the second year
- 25% of social welfare payment for the third year

Back to Work Enterprise Allowance – see booklet **SW 92**

- 100% of social welfare payment for the first year
- 75% of social welfare payment for the second year
- 50% of social welfare payment for the third year
- 25% of social welfare payment for the fourth year

Part-time Job Incentive Scheme from 26th December 2007 – see booklet **SW 69**

	Rate per week
Personal rate	€125.30
Rate including an Increase for a Qualified Adult	€204.90

Your pay from the part-time job will not effect the supplement.

Back to Education Allowance – see booklet **SW 70**

Payment is made at a standard rate and is not means-tested. If you qualify for the Back to Education Allowance, you will receive a weekly personal rate equivalent to the maximum personal standard rate of the relevant social welfare payment that actually qualified you for participation in the scheme. Where applicable, you may also qualify for increases in respect of a qualified adult and each qualified child. Also, an annual Cost of Education Allowance of €500.00 per annum is paid at the start of each academic year.

Extra benefits

Bereavement Grant – see booklet **SW 47**

— Death of a Child	€850
— Death of an Adult	€850

Widowed Parent Grant (for widowed people with qualified child(ren))

Widowed Parent Grant (A once-off payment for widowed people with qualified child(ren))	€6,000
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Fuel Allowance – see booklet **SW 17**

	Rate per week
Allowance paid from late September to late April (30 weeks)	€18.00

Smokeless Fuel Allowance – see leaflet **SW 17a**

	Rate per week
Allowance paid from late September to late April (30 weeks)	€3.90

Electricity Allowance – see booklet **SW 107**

Allowance	
— Individual Account	Normal standing charges and up to 2,400 units per year
— Group Account	€45.00 per month

Gas Allowance – see booklet **SW 107**

Natural Gas Allowance	Provides a credit of up to €123.00 in each two-monthly billing period in winter and a credit of up to €57.00 in each two-monthly billing period in summer.
Bottled Gas Refill Allowance	€45.00 per month

Telephone Allowance – see booklet **SW 107**

Allowance	
— Landline	Provides a credit of €25.90 every month towards your telephone bill.
— Mobile Phone	€25.90 per month

Free Television Licence – see booklet **SW 107**

If you qualify for the Household Benefits Package you will get a free colour television licence from the next renewal date of your current licence.

Supplementary Welfare Allowance

Supplementary Welfare Allowance from 31 December 2007 – see booklet
SW 54

	Rate per week
Maximum personal rate	€197.80
Increases:	
— Increase for a Qualified Adult	€131.30
— Each qualified child	€24.00

Appendix

Increase for Qualified Adult rates for State Pension (Transition) and State Pension (Contributory)

You can get an increase for your spouse or partner, as follows, if your personal rate is based on:

- a yearly average of 20 or more contributions for State Pension (Contributory) or
- a yearly average of 24 or more contributions for State Pension (Transition).

Spouse or partner's gross weekly income or earnings	Increase for Qualified Adult	
	Age 65 or under Rate per week	Age 66 or over Rate per week
— Up to €100	€148.80	€200.00
— From €100.01 to €110.00	€141.80	€190.50
— From €110.01 to €120.00	€134.80	€181.00
— From €120.01 to €130.00	€127.80	€171.50
— From €130.01 to €140.00	€120.80	€162.00
— From €140.01 to €150.00	€113.80	€152.50
— From €150.01 to €160.00	€106.80	€143.00
— From €160.01 to €170.00	€99.80	€133.50
— From €170.01 to €180.00	€92.80	€124.00
— From €180.01 to €190.00	€85.80	€114.50
— From €190.01 to €200.00	€78.80	€105.00
— From €200.01 to €210.00	€71.80	€95.50
— From €210.01 to €220.00	€64.80	€86.00
— From €220.01 to €230.00	€57.80	€76.50
— From €230.01 to €240.00	€50.80	€67.00
— From €240.01 to €250.00	€43.80	€57.50
— From €250.01 to €260.00	€36.80	€48.00
— From €260.01 to €270.00	€29.80	€38.50
— From €270.01 to €280.00	€22.80	€29.00
— From €280.01 to €290.00	€15.80	€19.50
— From €290.01 to €300.00	€8.80	€10.00
— Over €300.00	Nil	Nil

Increase for Qualified Adult rates for State Pension (Contributory)

For claims made on or after 6 April 2001

If you are getting State Pension (Contributory) where your personal rate is based on a yearly average of 15 - 19 contributions (see page 12), you can get an increase for your spouse or partner as follows:

Increase for Qualified Adult		
Spouse or partner's gross weekly income or earnings	Age 65 or under	Age 66 or over
	Rate per week	Rate per week
— Up to €100.00	€111.60	€150.00
— From €100.01 to €110.00	€106.30	€142.90
— From €110.01 to €120.00	€101.00	€135.80
— From €120.01 to €130.00	€95.70	€128.70
— From €130.01 to €140.00	€90.40	€121.60
— From €140.01 to €150.00	€85.10	€114.50
— From €150.01 to €160.00	€79.80	€107.40
— From €160.01 to €170.00	€74.50	€100.30
— From €170.01 to €180.00	€69.20	€93.20
— From €180.01 to €190.00	€63.90	€86.10
— From €190.01 to €200.00	€58.60	€79.00
— From €200.01 to €210.00	€53.30	€71.90
— From €210.01 to €220.00	€48.00	€64.80
— From €220.01 to €230.00	€42.70	€57.70
— From €230.01 to €240.00	€37.40	€50.60
— From €240.01 to €250.00	€32.10	€43.50
— From €250.01 to €260.00	€26.80	€36.40
— From €260.01 to €270.00	€21.50	€29.30
— From €270.01 to €280.00	€16.20	€22.20
— From €280.01 to €290.00	€10.90	€15.10
— From €290.01 to €300.00	€5.60	€8.00
— Over €300.00	Nil	Nil

Increase for Qualified Adult rates for State Pension (Contributory)

For claims made on or after 6 April 2001

If you are getting State Pension (Contributory) where your personal rate is based on a yearly average of 10 - 14 contributions (see page 12), you can get an increase for your spouse or partner, as follows:

Spouse or partner's gross weekly income or earnings	Increase for Qualified Adult	
	Age 65 or under	Age 66 or over
	Rate per week	Rate per week
— Up to €100.00	€74.40	€100.00
— From €100.01 to €110.00	€70.90	€95.30
— From €110.01 to €120.00	€67.40	€90.60
— From €120.01 to €130.00	€63.90	€85.90
— From €130.01 to €140.00	€60.40	€81.20
— From €140.01 to €150.00	€56.90	€76.50
— From €150.01 to €160.00	€53.40	€71.80
— From €160.01 to €170.00	€49.90	€67.10
— From €170.01 to €180.00	€46.40	€62.40
— From €180.01 to €190.00	€42.90	€57.70
— From €190.01 to €200.00	€39.40	€53.00
— From €200.01 to €210.00	€35.90	€48.30
— From €210.01 to €220.00	€32.40	€43.60
— From €220.01 to €230.00	€28.90	€38.90
— From €230.01 to €240.00	€25.40	€34.20
— From €240.01 to €250.00	€21.90	€29.50
— From €250.01 to €260.00	€18.40	€24.80
— From €260.01 to €270.00	€14.90	€20.10
— From €270.01 to €280.00	€11.40	€15.40
— From €280.01 to €290.00	€7.90	€10.70
— From €290.01 to €300.00	€4.40	€6.00
— Over €300.00	Nil	Nil

Increase for Qualified Adult rates for State Pension (Contributory)

For claims made before 6 April 2001

If you are getting State Pension (Contributory) where your personal rate is based on a yearly average of less than 20 contributions (see page 12), you can get an increase for your spouse or partner, as follows:

Increase for Qualified Adult		
Spouse or partner's gross weekly income or earnings	Age 65 or under	Age 66 or over
	Rate per week	Rate per week
— Up to €100.00	€119.00	€150.00
— From €100.01 to €110.00	€113.20	€142.90
— From €110.01 to €120.00	€107.40	€135.80
— From €120.01 to €130.00	€101.60	€128.70
— From €130.01 to €140.00	€95.80	€121.60
— From €140.01 to €150.00	€90.00	€114.50
— From €150.01 to €160.00	€84.20	€107.40
— From €160.01 to €170.00	€78.40	€100.30
— From €170.01 to €180.00	€72.60	€93.20
— From €180.01 to €190.00	€66.80	€86.10
— From €190.01 to €200.00	€61.00	€79.00
— From €200.01 to €210.00	€55.20	€71.90
— From €210.01 to €220.00	€49.40	€64.80
— From €220.01 to €230.00	€43.60	€57.70
— From €230.01 to €240.00	€37.80	€50.60
— From €240.01 to €250.00	€32.00	€43.50
— From €250.01 to €260.00	€26.20	€36.40
— From €260.01 to €270.00	€20.40	€29.30
— From €270.01 to €280.00	€14.60	€22.20
— From €280.01 to €290.00	€8.80	€15.10
— From €290.01 to €300.00	€3.00	€8.00
— Over €300.00	Nil	Nil

Increase for a Qualified Adult rates for Invalidity Pension

If you are getting Invalidity Pension, you can get an increase for your spouse or partner, as follows:

Spouse or partner's gross weekly income or earnings	Increase for Qualified Adult	
	Age 65 or under Rate per week	Age 66 or over Rate per week
— Up to €100.00	€145.10	€200.00
— From €100.01 to €110.00	€138.30	€190.50
— From €110.01 to €120.00	€131.50	€181.00
— From €120.01 to €130.00	€124.70	€171.50
— From €130.01 to €140.00	€117.90	€162.00
— From €140.01 to €150.00	€111.10	€152.50
— From €150.01 to €160.00	€104.30	€143.00
— From €160.01 to €170.00	€97.50	€133.50
— From €170.01 to €180.00	€90.70	€124.00
— From €180.01 to €190.00	€83.90	€114.50
— From €190.01 to €200.00	€77.10	€105.00
— From €200.01 to €210.00	€70.30	€95.50
— From €210.01 to €220.00	€63.50	€86.00
— From €220.01 to €230.00	€56.70	€76.50
— From €230.01 to €240.00	€49.90	€67.00
— From €240.01 to €250.00	€43.10	€57.50
— From €250.01 to €260.00	€36.30	€48.00
— From €260.01 to €270.00	€29.50	€38.50
— From €270.01 to €280.00	€22.70	€29.00
— From €280.01 to €290.00	€15.90	€19.50
— From €290.01 to €300.00	€9.10	€10.00
— Over €300.00	Nil	Nil

Increase for a Qualified Adult (IQA)

If you are getting one of the payments listed below, you may get an increase for your spouse or partner.

Illness Benefit, Jobseeker's Benefit, Occupational Injury Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit, Incapacity Supplement, Disability Allowance*, Jobseeker's Allowance*, Pre-Retirement Allowance* and Farm Assist*

Increase for Qualified Adult	
Spouse or partner's gross weekly income or earnings	Rate per week
— Up to €100.00	€131.30
— From €100.01 to €110.00	€125.90
— From €110.01 to €120.00	€120.50
— From €120.01 to €130.00	€114.20
— From €130.01 to €140.00	€107.90
— From €140.01 to €150.00	€101.60
— From €150.01 to €160.00	€95.30
— From €160.01 to €170.00	€89.00
— From €170.01 to €180.00	€82.70
— From €180.01 to €190.00	€76.40
— From €190.01 to €200.00	€70.10
— From €200.01 to €210.00	€63.80
— From €210.01 to €220.00	€57.50
— From €220.01 to €230.00	€51.20
— From €230.01 to €240.00	€44.90
— From €240.01 to €250.00	€38.60
— From €250.01 to €260.00	€32.30
— From €260.01 to €270.00	€26.00
— From €270.01 to €280.00	€19.70
— From €280.01 to €290.00	€13.40
— From €290.01 to €300.00	€7.10
— Over €300.00	Nil

*In the case of these four schemes, this table applies only to certain claims made prior to 26 September 2007.

Illness or Jobseeker's or Health and Safety Benefit only

If you are getting a reduced rate of Illness or Jobseeker's or Health and Safety Benefit, you can get an increase for your spouse or partner, as follows:

Increase for Qualified Adult	
Spouse or partner's gross weekly income or earnings	Rate per week
— Up to €100.00	€85.10
— From €100.01 to €110.00	€81.10
— From €110.01 to €120.00	€77.10
— From €120.01 to €130.00	€73.10
— From €130.01 to €140.00	€69.10
— From €140.01 to €150.00	€65.10
— From €150.01 to €160.00	€61.10
— From €160.01 to €170.00	€57.10
— From €170.01 to €180.00	€53.10
— From €180.01 to €190.00	€49.10
— From €190.01 to €200.00	€45.10
— From €200.01 to €210.00	€41.10
— From €210.01 to €220.00	€37.10
— From €220.01 to €230.00	€33.10
— From €230.01 to €240.00	€29.10
— From €240.01 to €250.00	€25.10
— From €250.01 to €260.00	€21.10
— From €260.01 to €270.00	€17.10
— From €270.01 to €280.00	€13.10
— From €280.01 to €290.00	€9.10
— From €290.01 to €300.00	€5.10
— Over €300.00	Nil

