

# Rent Allowance



## Amount of rent allowance from 26 July 2002 for tenants affected by de-control of rents.

The maximum weekly amount of allowance payable is the difference between the old and the new rent. If, however, the old rent was less than €13.00, the maximum allowance is the new rent less €13.00.

You may get a reduced allowance if your means do not entitle you to the maximum amount.

### 1.1 IF YOU ARE SINGLE OR WIDOWED

If you are single or widowed, you may receive the maximum allowance if your means are not more than €230.30 per week. The maximum allowance is reduced by 50 cent for every €1 of means between €230.30 and €430.30 and by €1 for every €1 of means over €430.30.

#### Examples

1. You are single with means of €230.30 per week.

- Old Rent €20.00	NEW RENT €127.00
The maximum allowance is €107.00, that is, New Rent €127.00 less Old Rent €20.00	

**Allowance payable: €107.00 per week**

2. You are single with means of €230.30 per week.

- Old Rent €5.00 (minimum Rent €13.00)	NEW RENT €225.00
The maximum allowance is €212.00, that is, New Rent €225.00 less minimum Rent €13.00.	

**Allowance payable: €212.00 per week**

3. You are single with means of €520.30 per week.

- Old Rent €5.00 (minimum Rent €13.00)	NEW RENT €300.00
The maximum allowance is €287.00	

Maximum allowance is reduced by the amount of means over €230.30 as follows:

Reduction for each €1 of means from:

€230.30 to €430.30	€200.00 x €0.50	=	€100.00
€430.30 to €520.30	€90.00 x €1.00	=	€90.00
			€190.00

**Allowance payable: €287.00 less €190.00 = €97.00 per week**

## 1.2 IF YOU ARE MARRIED

If you are married (see below\*), you may receive the maximum allowance if your means are not more than €436.60 per week. The maximum allowance is reduced by 50 cent for every €1 of means between €436.60 and €636.60 and by €1 for every €1 of means over €636.60.

\* (A married person for the purpose of this allowance is a person whose spouse or partner is living with them or who is wholly or mainly maintained by them.)

### Examples

1. You are married with means of €261.10 a week

- Old Rent €15.00  
Maximum Allowance is €107.00 that is,  
New Rent €122.00 less Old Rent €15.00

NEW RENT €122.00

**Allowance payable: €107.00 per week**

2. You are married with means of €720.10 per week.

- Old Rent €5.00 (minimum Rent €13.00)  
The maximum allowance is €287.00, that is,  
New Rent €300.00 less minimum Rent €13.00

NEW RENT €300.00

Maximum allowance is reduced by the amount of means over €436.60 as follows:

Reduction for each €1 of means from:

€436.60 to €636.60	€200.00 x €0.50	=	€ 100.00
€636.60 to €720.10	€83.50 x €1.00	=	€ <u>83.50</u>
			€ 183.50

**Allowance payable: €287.00 less €183.50 = €103.50 per week**

### YOUR ALLOWANCE MAY ALSO BE AFFECTED:

- By the income of other people living with you  
or
- If your accommodation is beyond your reasonable needs.

#### Note

**No payment will be made if the amount of the allowance is less than €1. In calculating the means of a person, an amount of €19.30 shall be disregarded in respect of each qualified child.**

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