



Department of Social and Family Affairs

Social Welfare Payments And The Postal Dispute

Special arrangements for social welfare payments by cheque during the duration of the current dispute at An Post will continue for the duration of the dispute.

Mary Coughlan, Minister for Social and Family Affairs, said today: "I would encourage customers collecting cheques in my Department's office to take the opportunity to arrange payment directly to their bank or building society accounts, if at all possible."

"My staff will make forms available to customers at local offices or from the Department's website www.welfare.ie so that they can have their benefits paid into the bank or building society account," added Minister Coughlan.

The facility to have payments made directly to a bank/building society account is available for all payments except Disablement Benefit and Unemployed casual workers.

Cheque collection centres have been set up at Social Welfare Local Offices in affected areas where all Social Welfare cheques, **including Supplementary Welfare Allowance cheques**, can be collected. Customers should contact the appropriate office for details of collection times.

Customers who normally collect their payment at their local post office, or have their payment lodged to a Bank/Building Society account will continue to receive their payment as normal. Customers can also leave in their Medical Certificates, Disability Claim Forms and Injury Benefit Claim Forms to the collection centres.

Details of the collection centres:

DUBLIN AREA:

Postal District

Local Office

Dublin 1, 3 Swords, Portrane &

North Cumberland Street

Donabate

Apollo House - Tara Street

Dublin 2 & 4

Kilbarrack-Greendale Shopping Cntr

Dublin 5, 13, Howth & Portmarnock

Bishops Square - Redmond's Hill

Dublin 6, 6W & 12

Navan Road

Dublin 7

Thomas Street

Dublin 8

Ballymun Shopping Centre

Dublin 9



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Dublin 10 & 20	Ballyfermot - Rossmore Avenue
Dublin 11, Ashbourne & Nth Co Dublin	Finglas - Mellows Road
Dublin 14 & 16	Rathfarnham - Nutgrove Shopping Cntr
Dublin 15	Blanchardstown - Westend Retail Park
Dublin 17 & Malahide	Coolock-Northside Civic Centre
Dublin 18, Blackrock & Dun Laoghaire	Dun Laoghaire - Cumberland Street
Dublin 22 & Lucan	Clondalkin - 9 th Lock Road
Dublin 24	Tallaght - The Square
Balbriggan, Rush, Lusk & Skerries	Balbriggan - Railway Street

PROVINCIAL CENTRES

Galway

Tuam Church View

Meath

Kells Bective Square
Navan Kennedy Road
Trim Haggard Street

Louth

Ardee Moore Hall
Drogheda Custom House Quay
Dundalk Government Buildings
 St Alphonsus Road

Monaghan

Castleblaney Monaghan Road
Carrickmacross Ardee Road

Wicklow

Bray The Esplanade
Wicklow The Murrough

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