

## What's in this Booklet

This booklet gives the rates of payment for the various payments provided by the Department of Social Welfare. 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 ráta íocaíochtaí éagsúla a chuireann an Roinn Leasa Shóisialaigh ar fáil. Chomh maith leis sin taispeánann sé na rátaí árachais sóisialaigh pá-choibhneasa (PRSI) a bhaineann le fostaithe, fostóirí agus daoine atá féin-fhostaithe.

Detailed *Information Leaflets* on all Department of Social Welfare Schemes are available free of charge from:

- your local Social Welfare Office

- or from:

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The *Guide to Social Welfare Services - SW 4* outlining the services provided by the Department is also available.

## Rates of Payment

From the Department from June 1995

PRSI Contributions from 6 April 1995

Payments from Health Boards for 1995

Payments available from the Health Boards are shown on pages 26 and 27. For more information on these services, you should contact:

- your local Health Board Office - see page 29

- or contact the:

**Department of Health**  
Hawkins House  
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## Pay-Related Social Insurance (PRSI)

The rates of PRSI from 6 April, 1995 given in the following tables include the Social Insurance Contribution, the Health Contribution (1.25%) and the Employment and Training Levy (1%) but DO NOT include the 0.25% FÁS Apprenticeship Training Levy payable by certain designated employers (see SW 14 for details).

The employee's portion of the social insurance contribution is paid on the reckonable earnings up to a ceiling of £21,500. The employer's portion continues to be payable on the reckonable earnings of each employee up to £25,800.

The 1.25% Health Contribution and the 1% Employment and Training Levy are payable by the employee on ALL reckonable earnings under Classes A1, AX, J1, B1, C1, D1, H1, K1 and S1.

### New PRSI-Free Allowance for Employees

From 6 April, 1995, a new weekly (non-cumulative) PRSI-Free Allowance of £50 per week applies to the employees social insurance contribution in Classes A, E and H. The allowance for people in Classes B, C, D and S is £10 per week. This allowance does not apply to the Health Contribution and Employment and Training Levy and it does not affect the employer deduction.

### Recipients of Survivor's Pension/Lone Parent's Allowance

From 6 April, 1995, men and women receiving a Social Welfare Survivor's Pension or Lone Parent's Allowance are exempt from paying the 2.25% Health Contribution and Employment and Training Levy.

### Earnings Thresholds for PRSI

In general PRSI deductions are decided by the nature of the employment and the amount of the employees gross reckonable earnings in any week. The following earnings thresholds apply to Class A (employees in industrial, commercial and service-type employment under a contract of service and new entrants to the Public Service) except where otherwise indicated.

**Up to £29.99 (from ALL employments)**

PRSI payable at Class J0, regardless of hours worked.

**£30.00 - £60.00 (individual employments)**

Class A employees in this earnings band are exempt from paying a PRSI contribution. However, the employer's share continues to be payable under Class A7.

**£60.01 - £178.00 (individual employments)**

The exemption from payment of the 2.25% levies (Health Contribution and Employment and Training Levy) applies to **employees in ALL classes** with earnings of £178 or less and PRSI is payable at Class A0, B0, etc.

**£178.01 - £231.00 (individual employments)**

This earnings threshold applies to Classes AX or AW\* (\*medical card holders, people in receipt of a Social Welfare Survivor's Pension, Lone Parent's Allowance, Widow's Pension or Deserted Wife's Benefit/Allowance).

**Note:** *In all other classes when earnings exceed £178 per week PRSI is payable at Classes B1/B2, C1/C2, D1/D2, H1/H2, J1/J2, K1/M or S1/S2.*

**In excess of £231.00 (individual employments)**

Employees in Class A who earn £231.01 or more in any week pay PRSI at Class A1 or A2\* (\*medical card holders, people in receipt of a Social Welfare Survivor's Pension, Lone Parent's Allowance, Widow's Pension or Deserted Wife's Benefit/Allowance).

## Contributions for Self-Employed People

Self-employed people are liable to pay Class S social insurance contributions. These contributions are payable on gross income less allowable superannuation and capital allowances.

The arrangements for paying self-employed contributions are:

- those who pay their tax direct to the Collector-General will pay their Social Insurance Contributions, Health Contribution and Employment and Training Levy with their income tax. They will be liable for a Social Insurance Contribution of 5% of income (up to £21,500) or £230, whichever is greater, in addition to the Health Contribution and Employment and Training Levy, 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, are liable to pay a flat rate contribution of £124 a year to the Department of Social Welfare. (These contributions can be paid by instalments.);
- those whose principle means of livelihood comes from share fishing may opt to pay an additional contribution for certain benefits under Class P. They will pay a contribution of 5% of income (up to £21,500) or £230, whichever is the greater, in addition to the PRSI being paid under Class S.

## Voluntary Contributions

If you cease to be 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, provided you satisfy certain conditions. See *information leaflet - SW 8* for details.

There are three rates of Voluntary Contributions:

<b>High Rate</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	for people who paid PRSI at Classes A, E and H
<b>Low Rate</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	for people who paid PRSI at Classes B, C and D

*If your income was less than £4,750 in the 1994/95 tax year, you must pay a minimum Voluntary Contribution as a % of £4,750.*

<b>Special Rate</b>	for people previously insured at Class S, there is a flat rate Voluntary Contribution of £230.
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### High Rate Benefits

- Retirement Pension
- Old Age Contributory Pension
- Survivor's Contributory Pension
- Orphan's Contributory Allowance
- Deserted Wife's Benefit
- Death Grant.

### Low Rate Benefits

- Survivor's Contributory Pension
- Orphan's Contributory Allowance
- Deserted Wife's Benefit.

### Special Rate Benefits

- Old Age Contributory Pension
- Survivor's Contributory Pension
- Orphan's Contributory Allowance.

## Private Sector Employments

Class  
**A**  
rates

WEEKLY EARNINGS THRESHOLDS	PRSI Class	How much of weekly Earnings	CUMULATIVE EARNINGS CEILINGS					
			Up to and including £21,500			From £21,500.01 to £25,800		
			EE	ER	Total	EE	ER	Total
			%	%	%	%	%	%
£30 - £60	A7	ALL	Nil	9.00*	9.00	Nil	9.00*	9.00
£60.01 - £178.00	A0	First £50 Balance	Nil 5.50	9.00* 9.00*	9.00 14.50	Nil Nil	9.00* 9.00*	9.00 9.00
£178.01 - £231.00	AX	First £50 Balance	2.25 7.75	9.00* 9.00*	11.25 16.75	2.25 2.25	9.00* 9.00*	11.25 11.25
	** AW	First £50 Balance	Nil 5.50	9.00* 9.00*	9.00 14.50	Nil Nil	9.00* 9.00*	9.00 9.00
In excess of £231	A1	First £50 Balance	2.25 7.75	12.20* 12.20*	14.45 19.95	2.25 2.25	12.20* 12.20*	14.45 14.45
	** A2	First £50 Balance	Nil 5.50	12.20* 12.20*	12.20 17.70	Nil Nil	12.20* 12.20*	12.20 12.20

\* An additional 0.25% FÁS Apprenticeship Training Levy may be payable.

## People within Class A

People in industrial, commercial and service-type employment who are employed under a contract of service with reckonable earnings of £30 or more per week from all employments and Civil Servants recruited from 6 April 1995.

\*\* Class AW or A2 apply to Medical Card Holders, people in receipt of a Social Welfare Survivor's Pension, Lone Parent's Allowance, Widow's Pension or Deserted Wife's Benefit/Allowance.

## Class A Benefits

- Unemployment Benefit
- Disability Benefit
- Maternity Benefit
- Adoptive Benefit
- Health and Safety Benefit
- Invalidity Pension
- Survivor's Contributory Pension
- Orphan's Contributory Allowance
- Deserted Wife's Benefit
- Old Age Contributory Pension
- Retirement Pension
- Death Grant
- Treatment Benefit
- Occupational Injuries Benefits.

## Private Sector Employments

### Class

### J

rates

WEEKLY EARNINGS THRESHOLDS	PRSI Class	How much of weekly Earnings	CUMULATIVE EARNINGS CEILINGS					
			Up to and including £21,500			From £21,500.01 to £25,800		
			EE	ER	Total	EE	ER	Total
			%	%	%	%	%	%
Up to £178	J0	ALL	Nil	0.50*	0.50	Nil	0.50*	0.50
In excess of £178.00	J1	ALL	2.25	0.50*	2.75	2.25	0.50*	2.75
	** J2	ALL	Nil	0.50*	0.50	Nil	0.50*	0.50
No Limit	*** J9	ALL	Nil	0.50*	0.50	Nil	0.50*	0.50

\* An additional 0.25% FÁS Apprenticeship Training Levy may be payable

### People within Class J

People employed under a contract of service whose reckonable earnings are **less than £30 per week** (from all employments).

Employees aged 66 or over.

People whose employment is of a subsidiary nature or of inconsiderable extent e.g. Civil Servants insurable at Classes B, C, D or H who have a second job, attendants at Department of Education Examinations and Presiding Officers/Poll Clerks at Elections.

Participants in certain FÁS schemes insurable for occupational injuries benefits only under Class J9 e.g. Community Employment.

\*\* Medical Card Holders, people in receipt of a Social Welfare Survivor's Pension etc.

\*\*\* FÁS Participants.

### Class J Benefits

- Occupational Injuries Benefits.

EE : Employee  
ER : Employer

## Public Sector Employments

## Class

**B**  
rates

WEEKLY EARNINGS THRESHOLDS	PRSI Class	How much of weekly Earnings	CUMULATIVE EARNINGS CEILINGS					
			Up to and including £21,500			From £21,500.01 to £25,800		
			EE	ER	Total	EE	ER	Total
Up to £178	B0	First £10 Balance	% Nil 0.90	% 2.01 2.01	% 2.01 2.91	% Nil Nil	% 2.01 2.01	% 2.01 2.01
In excess of £178.00	B1	First £10 Balance	2.25 3.15	2.01 2.01	4.26 5.16	2.25 2.25	2.01 2.01	4.26 4.26
	** B2	First £10 Balance	Nil 0.90	2.01 2.01	2.01 2.91	Nil Nil	2.01 2.01	2.01 2.01

## People within Class B

Permanent and pensionable Civil Servants, Registered Doctors and Dentists employed in the Civil Service and Gardaí, recruited prior to 6 April 1995.

## Class B Benefits

- Survivor's Contributory Pension
- Orphan's Contributory Allowance
- Deserted Wife's Benefit
- Limited Occupational Injuries Benefits.

## Class

**C**  
rates

WEEKLY EARNINGS THRESHOLDS	PRSI Class	How much of weekly Earnings	CUMULATIVE EARNINGS CEILINGS					
			Up to and including £21,500			From £21,500.01 to £25,800		
			EE	ER	Total	EE	ER	Total
Up to £178	C0	First £10 Balance	% Nil 0.90	% 1.85 1.85	% 1.85 2.75	% Nil Nil	% 1.85 1.85	% 1.85 1.85
In excess of £178.00	C1	First £10 Balance	2.25 3.15	1.85 1.85	4.10 5.00	2.25 2.25	1.85 1.85	4.10 4.10
	** C2	First £10 Balance	Nil 0.90	1.85 1.85	1.85 2.75	Nil Nil	1.85 1.85	1.85 1.85

## People within Class C

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

## Class C Benefits

- Survivor's Contributory Pension
- Orphan's Contributory Allowance
- Deserted Wife's Benefit.

\*\* Medical Card Holders, people in receipt of a Social Welfare Survivor's Pension etc.

## Public Sector Employments

# Class

## D

### rates

WEEKLY EARNINGS THRESHOLDS	PRSI Class	How much of weekly Earnings	CUMULATIVE EARNINGS CEILINGS					
			Up to and including £21,500			From £21,500.01 to £25,800		
			EE	ER	Total	EE	ER	Total
Up to £178	D0	First £10 Balance	% Nil 0.90	% 2.35* 2.35*	% 2.35 3.25	% Nil Nil	% 2.35* 2.35*	% 2.35 2.35
In excess of £178.00	D1	First £10 Balance	2.25 3.15	2.35* 2.35*	4.60 5.50	2.25 2.25	2.35* 2.35*	4.60 4.60
	** D2	First £10 Balance	Nil 0.90	2.35* 2.35*	2.35 3.25	Nil Nil	2.35* 2.35*	2.35 2.35

\* An additional 0.25% FÁS Apprenticeship Training Levy may be payable.

## 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.

\*\* Medical Card Holders, people in receipt of a Social Welfare Survivor's Pension etc.

## Class D Benefits

- Survivor's Contributory Pension
- Orphan's Contributory Allowance
- Deserted Wife's Benefit
- Occupational Injuries Benefits.

EE : Employee  
ER : Employer

## Public Sector Employments

# Class H rates

EE : Employee  
ER : Employer

WEEKLY EARNINGS THRESHOLDS	PRSI Class	How much of weekly Earnings	CUMULATIVE EARNINGS CEILINGS					
			Up to and including £21,500			From £21,500.01 to £25,800		
			EE	ER	Total	EE	ER	Total
			%	%	%	%	%	%
Up to £178	H0	First £50 Balance	Nil	11.30	11.30	Nil	11.30	11.30
			5.40	11.30	16.70	Nil	11.30	11.30
In excess of £178.00	H1	First £50 Balance	2.25	11.30	13.55	2.25	11.30	13.55
			7.65	11.30	18.95	2.25	11.30	13.55
	** H2	First £50 Balance	Nil	11.30	11.30	Nil	11.30	11.30
			5.40	11.30	16.70	Nil	11.30	11.30

## People within Class H

NCO's and enlisted personnel of the Defence Forces.

\*\* Medical Card Holders, people in receipt of a Social Welfare Survivor's Pension etc.

## Class H Benefits

- Unemployment Benefit
- Disability Benefit
- Maternity Benefit
- Adoptive Benefit
- Health and Safety Benefit
- Invalidity Pension
- Survivor's Contributory Pension
- Orphan's Contributory Allowance
- Deserted Wife's Benefit
- Old Age Contributory Pension
- Retirement Pension
- Death Grant
- Treatment Benefit.

Only certain benefits are payable during service.

## Private Sector Employments

EE : Employee  
ER : Employer

Class <b>E</b> rates	WEEKLY EARNINGS THRESHOLDS	PRSI Class	How much of weekly Earnings	CUMULATIVE EARNINGS CEILINGS					
				Up to and including £21,500			From £21,500.01 to £25,800		
				EE	ER	Total	EE	ER	Total
	Up to £178	EO	First £50 Balance	% Nil 3.83	% 8.12 8.12	% 8.12 11.95	% Nil Nil	% 8.12 8.12	% 8.12 8.12
	In excess of £178	E1/**E2	First £50 Balance	Nil 3.83	8.12 8.12	8.12 11.95	Nil Nil	8.12 8.12	8.12 8.12

### People within Class E

Ministers of Religion employed by the Church of Ireland Representative Body.

PRSI is remitted under the Special Collection System and the rates quoted do not include the Health Contribution and the Employment and Training Levy. These levies should be paid directly to the Revenue Commissioners when paying income tax.

\*\* Medical Card Holders, people in receipt of a Social Welfare Survivor's Pension etc.

### Class E Benefits

- Disability Benefit
- Maternity Benefit
- Adoptive Benefit
- Health and Safety Benefit
- Invalidity Pension
- Survivor's Contributory Pension
- Orphan's Contributory Allowance
- Deserted Wife's Benefit
- Old Age Contributory Pension
- Retirement Pension
- Death Grant
- Treatment Benefit.

## Occupational Pensions

Class <div>K</div> rates	WEEKLY EARNINGS THRESHOLDS	PRSI Class	How much of weekly Earnings	CUMULATIVE EARNINGS CEILINGS					
				Up to and including £21,500			Earnings over £21,500		
				EE	ER	Total	EE	ER	Total
				%	%	%	%	%	%
Up to £178		No contribution payable - record under Class M							
In excess of £178		K1	All	2.25	Nil	2.25	2.25	Nil	2.25

### People within Class K

People receiving income which is not subject to social insurance contributions but which is liable for the Health Contribution and Employment and Training Levy such as, Occupational Pensions, income deriving from positions of certain office holders (e.g. Judiciary and State Solicitors) and income of people over age 66 previously liable for Class S.

### Class K Benefits

- Nil

## Occupational Pensions

### Class

**M**

rates

 NO  
CONTRIBUTION  
PAYABLE

### People within Class M

The M Class should be used for people with NIL contribution liability (e.g. employees under age 16, people within Class K with a NIL liability etc.)

### Class M Benefits

In certain circumstances Occupational Injuries Benefits may be payable.

## Self-Employment

### Class

**S**

rates

 WEEKLY  
EARNINGS  
THRESHOLDS

 PRSI  
Class

 How much  
of weekly  
Earnings

### CUMULATIVE EARNINGS CEILINGS

 Up to and including  
£21,500

 Income over  
£21,500

				%	%
Up to £178	S0	First £10 Balance		Nil 5.00	Nil Nil
In excess of £178	S1	First £10 Balance		2.25 7.25	2.25 2.25
	** S2	First £10 Balance		Nil 5.00	Nil Nil

### People within Class S

Self-employed people such as farmers, professional people, certain company directors, people in business on their own account and people with income from investments and rents.

\*\* Medical Card Holders, people in receipt of a Social Welfare Survivor's Pension etc.

### Class S Benefits

- Survivor's Contributory Pension
- Orphan's Contributory Allowance
- Old Age Contributory Pension.

### Class

**P**

rates

 First  
£21,500  
of all Income

 Income over  
£21,500

5.00%

Nil

### People within Class P

Self-employed people whose principal means of livelihood comes from share fishing who are already paying PRSI under Class S. This contribution is over and above the PRSI being paid under Class S.

### Class P Benefits

- Limited Unemployment Benefit
- Limited Disability Benefit
- Treatment Benefit.

## Unemployment Payments

### UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT

see booklet SW 64

<b>Personal rate</b>	<b>Rate per week</b>	
	£62.50	
<b>INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS</b>		
Adult Dependant	£37.50	
	<b>Full rate</b>	<b>Half-rate</b>
EACH Child Dependant	£13.20	£6.60

The rates of Unemployment Benefit are graduated according to earnings as follows:

<b>Average Weekly Earnings</b>	<b>Personal rate</b>	<b>Increase for Adult Dependant</b>
Less than £35	£28.10	£24.20
£35 and less than £50	£40.40	£24.20
£50 and less than £70	£49.00	£24.20
£70 or more	£62.50	£37.50

*An increase of £13.20 is payable for each child dependant if you are in receipt of a payment for an adult dependant. Where you do not qualify for an adult dependant allowance, half rate child dependant increases may be payable.*

### UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

see booklet SW 64

	<b>Rate per week</b>	<b>Rate per week</b>
<b>Maximum Personal rate</b>	<b>Short-term</b>	<b>Long-term</b>
	£60.40	£62.50
<b>INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS</b>		
Adult Dependant	£37.50	£37.50
EACH Child Dependant	<b>Full rate</b>	<b>£13.20</b>
	<b>Half-rate</b>	<b>£6.60</b>

The long-term rate applies to you if you have been getting an unemployment payment for at least 390 days (15 months).

### PART-TIME JOB INCENTIVE SCHEME

	<b>Rate per week</b>
If you are SINGLE	£39.90
If you are MARRIED with an Adult Dependant	£65.60

The supplement is not affected by your wages from the part-time job.

## Family Income Support Payments

### CHILD BENEFIT

see leaflet SW 42

	Rate per month	From SEPTEMBER
1st - 2nd child	£20.00	£27.00
3rd and other children	£25.00	£32.00

#### MULTIPLE BIRTHS

- Special Grants

A special grant of £100 per child is paid on the birth of twins, triplets or more, subject to a maximum payment of £400 for four or more children. Where the multiple birth involves three or more children, Child Benefit is paid at double the normal monthly rate for each child so long as at least three of the children remain qualified.

### MATERNITY BENEFIT ADOPTIVE BENEFIT

see leaflet SW 11

see leaflet SW 37

	Rate per week
MAXIMUM rate	£162.80
MINIMUM rate	£75.70

The rate payable is 70% of your earnings in the relevant tax year subject to a reckonable earnings ceiling.

### HEALTH & SAFETY BENEFIT

see Fact Sheet 2-95

	Rate per week	
Personal rate	£62.50	
INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS		
Adult Dependant	£37.50	
	Full rate	Half-rate
EACH Child Dependant	£13.20	£6.60

The rates of Health & Safety Benefit are graduated according to earnings as follows:

Average Weekly Earnings	Personal rate	Increase for Adult Dependant
Less than £35	£28.10	£24.20
£35 and less than £50	£40.40	£24.20
£50 and less than £70	£49.00	£24.20
£70 or more	£62.50	£37.50

An increase of £13.20 is payable for each child dependant if you are in receipt of a payment for an adult dependant. Where you do not qualify for an adult dependant allowance, half rate child dependant increases may be payable.

**FAMILY INCOME SUPPLEMENT**

see leaflet SW 22

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

<b>If you have:</b>	<b>and your family income is LESS than:</b>
1 child	£185
2 children	£205
3 children	£225
4 children	£245
5 children	£270
6 children	£290
7 children	£307
8 children	£324

The FIS you receive is 60% of the difference between your family income and the income limit which applies to your family.

**EXAMPLE**

If you have 4 children and your family income is £200 a week, your FIS would be calculated as follows:

Income Limit	for 4 child family	£245
Your income		£200
Difference		£45
Weekly FIS	(60% of £45)	£27 per week

**Note:** A minimum supplement of £5 per week is payable.

**SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCE**

see leaflet SW 54

	<b>Rate per week</b>
<b>Maximum Personal Rate</b>	£60.40
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<b>INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS</b>	
Adult Dependant	£37.50
EACH Child Dependant	£13.20

**ORPHAN'S CONTRIBUTORY ALLOWANCE**

see leaflet SW 48

Rate payable per week	£41.40
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**CARER'S ALLOWANCE**

see leaflet SW 41

Where the weekly means as assessed  
by the Department are:

Rate per week

Up to £6.00	£62.50
Over £6.00 and up to £8.00	£60.50
Over £8.00 and up to £10.00	£58.50
Over £10.00 and up to £12.00	£56.50
Over £12.00 and up to £14.00	£54.50
Over £14.00 and up to £16.00	£52.50
Over £16.00 and up to £18.00	£50.50
Over £18.00 and up to £20.00	£48.50
Over £20.00 and up to £22.00	£46.50
Over £22.00 and up to £24.00	£44.50
Over £24.00 and up to £26.00	£42.50
Over £26.00 and up to £28.00	£40.50
Over £28.00 and up to £30.00	£38.50
Over £30.00 and up to £32.00	£36.50
Over £32.00 and up to £34.00	£34.50
Over £34.00 and up to £36.00	£32.50
Over £36.00 and up to £38.00	£30.50
Over £38.00 and up to £40.00	£28.50
Over £40.00 and up to £42.00	£26.50
Over £42.00 and up to £44.00	£24.50
Over £44.00 and up to £46.00	£22.50
Over £46.00 and up to £48.00	£20.50
Over £48.00 and up to £50.00	£18.50
Over £50.00 and up to £52.00	£16.50
Over £52.00 and up to £54.00	£14.50
Over £54.00 and up to £56.00	£12.50
Over £56.00 and up to £58.00	£10.50
Over £58.00 and up to £60.00	£8.50
Over £60.00 and up to £62.00	£6.50
Over £62.00 and up to £64.00	£4.50
Over £64.00 and up to £66.00	£2.50
Over £66.00	Nil

**Note:** Currently the spouse or partner of a carer can earn £100 per week from employment or self-employment which is not counted as means. This disregard of £100 will increase to £150 from 15 June 1995 and will apply to all income.

INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS  
EACH Child Dependand

Half-rate  
£6.60

Full rate  
£13.20

Full rate child dependant allowance is payable if you are single, widowed, or separated. Half the child dependant allowance is payable if you are living with your spouse/partner.

# WIDOW'S NON-CONTRIBUTORY PENSION

see leaflet SW 26

# DESERTED WIFE'S ALLOWANCE/

see leaflet SW 43

# LONE PARENT'S/PRISONER'S WIFE'S ALLOWANCE

see leaflet SW 82

Where the weekly means as assessed  
by the Department are:

	Rate per week
Up to £6.00	£62.50
Over £6.00 and up to £8.00	£60.50
Over £8.00 and up to £10.00	£58.50
Over £10.00 and up to £12.00	£56.50
Over £12.00 and up to £14.00	£54.50
Over £14.00 and up to £16.00	£52.50
Over £16.00 and up to £18.00	£50.50
Over £18.00 and up to £20.00	£48.50
Over £20.00 and up to £22.00	£46.50
Over £22.00 and up to £24.00	£44.50
Over £24.00 and up to £26.00	£42.50
Over £26.00 and up to £28.00	£40.50
Over £28.00 and up to £30.00	£38.50
Over £30.00 and up to £32.00	£36.50
Over £32.00 and up to £34.00	£34.50
Over £34.00 and up to £36.00	£32.50
Over £36.00 and up to £38.00	£30.50
Over £38.00 and up to £40.00	£28.50
Over £40.00 and up to £42.00	£26.50
Over £42.00 and up to £44.00	£24.50
Over £44.00 and up to £46.00	£22.50
Over £46.00 and up to £48.00	£20.50
Over £48.00 and up to £50.00	£18.50
Over £50.00 and up to £52.00	£16.50
Over £52.00 and up to £54.00	£14.50
Over £54.00 and up to £56.00	£12.50
Over £56.00 and up to £58.00	£10.50
Over £58.00 and up to £60.00	£8.50
Over £60.00 and up to £62.00	£6.50
Over £62.00 and up to £64.00	£4.50
Over £64.00 and up to £66.00	£2.50
Over £66.00	Nil

**Note:** A lone parent getting one of these payments can also earn £24 a week which is not counted as means. Child minding and travelling expenses can also be taken into account. In addition, only half of any earnings in excess of the combined disregards are counted as means.

## INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS

EACH Child Dependant	£15.20
Living Alone Allowance for people aged 66 or over	£4.90
Extra allowance for people aged 80 or over	£4.80

**SURVIVOR'S CONTRIBUTORY PENSION** widow(er)s **see leaflet SW 25**  
**DESERTED WIFE'S BENEFIT** **see leaflet SW 43**

Personal rate	Contributions	Rate per week
	48 or over	£66.10
	36 - 47	£65.00
	24 - 35	£63.10

**Note:** A yearly average of 39 weeks PRSI paid or credited under the 3 or 5 tax year condition will secure maximum personal rate of £66.10.

**INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS**

EACH Child Dependant	£17.00
Living Alone Allowance for people aged 66 or over	£4.90
Extra allowance for people aged 80 or over	£4.80

The rate of Deserted Wife's Benefit is governed by your gross annual earnings as follows:

Annual Income	Rate per week
Greater than £14,000	Nil
Between £10,000 - £14,000	Reduced Rate
Less than £10,000	Maximum Rate

**ORPHAN'S NON-CONTRIBUTORY PENSION** **see leaflet SW 48**

Where the weekly means as assessed  
by the Department are:

	Rate per week
Up to £6.00	£41.40
Over £6.00 and up to £8.00	£39.40
Over £8.00 and up to £10.00	£37.40
Over £10.00 and up to £12.00	£35.40
Over £12.00 and up to £14.00	£33.40
Over £14.00 and up to £16.00	£31.40
Over £16.00 and up to £18.00	£29.40
Over £18.00 and up to £20.00	£27.40
Over £20.00 and up to £22.00	£25.40
Over £22.00 and up to £24.00	£23.40
Over £24.00 and up to £26.00	£21.40
Over £26.00 and up to £28.00	£19.40
Over £28.00 and up to £30.00	£17.40
Over £30.00 and up to £32.00	£15.40
Over £32.00 and up to £34.00	£13.40
Over £34.00 and up to £36.00	£11.40
Over £36.00 and up to £38.00	£9.40
Over £38.00 and up to £40.00	£7.40
Over £40.00 and up to £42.00	£5.40
Over £42.00 and up to £44.00	£3.40
Over £44.00	Nil

## Payments for Sick or Incapacitated People

### DISABILITY BENEFIT

see booklet **SW 9**

<b>Personal rate</b>	<b>Rate per week</b>	
	£62.50	
<b>INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS</b>		
Adult Dependant	£37.50	
	<b>Full rate</b>	<b>Half-rate</b>
EACH Child Dependant	£13.20	£6.60

The rates of Disability Benefit are graduated according to earnings as follows:

<b>Average Weekly Earnings</b>	<b>Personal rate</b>	<b>Increase for Adult Dependant</b>
Less than £35	£28.10	£24.20
£35 and less than £50	£40.40	£24.20
£50 and less than £70	£49.00	£24.20
£70 or more	£62.50	£37.50

*An increase of £13.20 is payable for each child dependant if you are in receipt of a payment for an adult dependant. Where you do not qualify for an adult dependant allowance, half rate child dependant increases may be payable.*

### INVALIDITY PENSION

see leaflet **SW 44**

<b>Personal rate</b>	<b>Rate per week</b>	
	Under Age 65	£64.20
	Aged 65 or over	£72.80
<b>INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS</b>		
Adult Dependant		£42.30
EACH Child Dependant	<b>Full rate</b>	£15.20
	<b>Half-rate</b>	£7.60

*An increase of £15.20 is payable for each child dependant if you are in receipt of a payment for an adult dependant. Where you do not qualify for an adult dependant allowance, half rate child dependant increases may be payable.*

Living Alone Allowance for people aged 66 or over	£4.90
Extra allowance for people aged 80 or over	£4.80

Certain other payments are available for incapacitated people from the Health Boards - see page 26.

**BLIND PERSON'S PENSION**see booklet **SW 76**

Where the weekly means as assessed by the Department are:

	Rate per week	Increase per week for Adult Dependant
Up to £6.00 .....	£62.50.....	£37.50
Over £6.00 and up to £8.00 .....	£60.50.....	£36.50
Over £8.00 and up to £10.00 .....	£58.50.....	£35.50
Over £10.00 and up to £12.00 .....	£56.50.....	£34.50
Over £12.00 and up to £14.00 .....	£54.50.....	£33.50
Over £14.00 and up to £16.00 .....	£52.50.....	£32.50
Over £16.00 and up to £18.00 .....	£50.50.....	£31.50
Over £18.00 and up to £20.00 .....	£48.50.....	£30.50
Over £20.00 and up to £22.00 .....	£46.50.....	£29.50
Over £22.00 and up to £24.00 .....	£44.50.....	£28.50
Over £24.00 and up to £26.00 .....	£42.50.....	£27.50
Over £26.00 and up to £28.00 .....	£40.50.....	£26.50
Over £28.00 and up to £30.00 .....	£38.50.....	£25.50
Over £30.00 and up to £32.00 .....	£36.50.....	£24.50
Over £32.00 and up to £34.00 .....	£34.50.....	£23.50
Over £34.00 and up to £36.00 .....	£32.50.....	£22.50
Over £36.00 and up to £38.00 .....	£30.50.....	£21.50
Over £38.00 and up to £40.00 .....	£28.50.....	£20.50
Over £40.00 and up to £42.00 .....	£26.50.....	£19.50
Over £42.00 and up to £44.00 .....	£24.50.....	£18.50
Over £44.00 and up to £46.00 .....	£22.50.....	£17.50
Over £46.00 and up to £48.00 .....	£20.50.....	£16.50
Over £48.00 and up to £50.00 .....	£18.50.....	£15.50
Over £50.00 and up to £52.00 .....	£16.50.....	£14.50
Over £52.00 and up to £54.00 .....	£14.50.....	£13.50
Over £54.00 and up to £56.00 .....	£12.50.....	£12.50
Over £56.00 and up to £58.00 .....	£10.50.....	£11.50
Over £58.00 and up to £60.00 .....	£8.50.....	£10.50
Over £60.00 and up to £62.00 .....	£6.50.....	£9.50
Over £62.00 and up to £64.00 .....	£4.50.....	£8.50
Over £64.00 and up to £66.00 .....	£2.50.....	£7.50
Over £66.00 .....	Nil.....	Nil

**Note:** A person getting this payment can also earn £104 a year for each dependent child which is not counted as means.

**INCREASES IN PENSION**  
**EACH Child Dependant**

<b>Full rate</b>	£13.20
<b>Half-rate</b>	£6.60

Living Alone Allowance for people aged 66 or over	£4.90
Extra allowance for people aged 80 or over	£4.80

## Occupational Injuries Benefits Payments

### INJURY BENEFIT

see leaflet SW 30

#### Personal rate

#### Rate per week

£62.50

#### INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS

Adult Dependant

£37.50

EACH Child Dependant

#### Full rate

£13.20

#### Half-rate

£6.60

*An increase of £13.20 is payable for each child dependant if you are in receipt of a payment for an adult dependant. Where you do not qualify for an adult dependant allowance, half rate child dependant increases may be payable.*

### DISABLEMENT BENEFIT

see leaflet SW 31

**Over 90% Disablement**

Maximum Personal Pension £85.60 per week

**20% to 90% Disablement**

People assessed as disabled between 20% and 90% are paid reduced rate pension

**Up to 19% Disablement**

If you are 1% to 19% disabled you may be entitled to a lump sum, subject to a maximum of £5,980

### UNEMPLOYABILITY SUPPLEMENT

see leaflet SW 31

#### Personal rate

#### Rate per week

£62.50

#### INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS

Adult Dependant

£37.50

EACH Child Dependant

#### Full rate

£13.20

#### Half-rate

£6.60

*An increase of £13.20 is payable for each child dependant if you are in receipt of a payment for an adult dependant. Where you do not qualify for an adult dependant allowance, half rate child dependant increases may be payable.*

**MEDICAL CARE****see leaflet SW 34**

The Occupational Injuries Benefits Scheme covers the cost of medical care and attention reasonably and necessarily incurred as a result of an occupational accident or disease.

However, these expenses must not already have been met by the Health Board or by way of Treatment Benefit from the Department of Social Welfare.

**CONSTANT ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE****see leaflet SW 31**

		<b>Rate per week</b>
100% Disablement	Standard rate	£34.70
	Reduced Standard rate	£17.35
Severe Disablement	Rate payable to severely disabled people	£52.05
Exceptionally Severe Disablement	Rate payable to exceptionally severely disabled people	£69.50

**SURVIVOR'S BENEFITS****see leaflet SW 32**

	<b>Rate per week</b>
Pension for a widow or invalided widower dependent on deceased	£83.90

INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS EACH Child Dependant	£17.00
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<b>DEPENDENT PARENT'S PENSION</b>		<b>Rate per week</b>
- Where deceased was <b>Unmarried</b>	- one parent	£83.90
	- other parent	£37.70
- Where deceased was <b>Married</b>	- each parent	£37.70

Living Alone Allowance for people aged 66 or over	£4.90
Orphan's Pension	£43.60
Lump sum for a widower dependent on deceased	£4,360
Funeral Grant (Lump Sum)	£300

## Payments for Elderly or Retired People

### RETIREMENT PENSION/ OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION

see leaflet SW 18

	Contributions	Rate per week
Personal rate	48 or over	£72.80
	36 - 47	£70.90
	24 - 35	£68.50
Old Age Contributory Pension only	20 - 23	£67.00

#### INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS

Adult Dependant under age 66	£48.10
Adult Dependant aged 66 or over	£52.30

EACH Child Dependant	Full rate	£15.20
	Half-rate	£7.60

Living Alone Allowance for people aged 66 or over	£4.90
Extra allowance for people aged 80 or over	£4.80

#### Mixed Insurance Pro-Rata Pension

A Mixed Insurance Pro-Rata Pension is payable to people who have a mixture of full rate insurance and modified insurance and because of this do not qualify for a standard Old Age Contributory Pension or Retirement Pension.

### PRE-RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE

see leaflet SW 80

	Rate per week
Maximum Personal rate	£62.50

#### INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS

Adult Dependant	£37.50
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	Full rate	Half-rate
EACH Child Dependant	£13.20	£6.60

*An increase of £13.20 is payable for each child dependant if you are in receipt of a payment for an adult dependant. Where you do not qualify for an adult dependant allowance, half rate child dependant increases may be payable.*

## OLD AGE NON-CONTRIBUTORY PENSION

see leaflet SW 16

Where the weekly means as assessed by the Department are:	Rate per week	Increase per week for Adult Dependant
Up to £6.00 .....	£62.50.....	£37.50
Over £6.00 and up to £8.00 .....	£60.50.....	£36.50
Over £8.00 and up to £10.00 .....	£58.50.....	£35.50
Over £10.00 and up to £12.00 .....	£56.50.....	£34.50
Over £12.00 and up to £14.00 .....	£54.50.....	£33.50
Over £14.00 and up to £16.00 .....	£52.50.....	£32.50
Over £16.00 and up to £18.00 .....	£50.50.....	£31.50
Over £18.00 and up to £20.00 .....	£48.50.....	£30.50
Over £20.00 and up to £22.00 .....	£46.50.....	£29.50
Over £22.00 and up to £24.00 .....	£44.50.....	£28.50
Over £24.00 and up to £26.00 .....	£42.50.....	£27.50
Over £26.00 and up to £28.00 .....	£40.50.....	£26.50
Over £28.00 and up to £30.00 .....	£38.50.....	£25.50
Over £30.00 and up to £32.00 .....	£36.50.....	£24.50
Over £32.00 and up to £34.00 .....	£34.50.....	£23.50
Over £34.00 and up to £36.00 .....	£32.50.....	£22.50
Over £36.00 and up to £38.00 .....	£30.50.....	£21.50
Over £38.00 and up to £40.00 .....	£28.50.....	£20.50
Over £40.00 and up to £42.00 .....	£26.50.....	£19.50
Over £42.00 and up to £44.00 .....	£24.50.....	£18.50
Over £44.00 and up to £46.00 .....	£22.50.....	£17.50
Over £46.00 and up to £48.00 .....	£20.50.....	£16.50
Over £48.00 and up to £50.00 .....	£18.50.....	£15.50
Over £50.00 and up to £52.00 .....	£16.50.....	£14.50
Over £52.00 and up to £54.00 .....	£14.50.....	£13.50
Over £54.00 and up to £56.00 .....	£12.50.....	£12.50
Over £56.00 and up to £58.00 .....	£10.50.....	£11.50
Over £58.00 and up to £60.00 .....	£8.50.....	£10.50
Over £60.00 and up to £62.00 .....	£6.50.....	£9.50
Over £62.00 and up to £64.00 .....	£4.50.....	£8.50
Over £64.00 and up to £66.00 .....	£2.50.....	£7.50
Over £66.00 .....	Nil.....	Nil

**Note:** A person getting this payment can also earn £104 a year for each dependent child which is not counted as means.

INCREASES IN PENSION  
EACH Child Dependant

Full rate	£13.20
Half-rate	£6.60

Living Alone Allowance for people aged 66 or over	£4.90
Extra allowance for people aged 80 or over	£4.80

## Extra Benefits

### TREATMENT BENEFIT

see leaflet SW 24

Treatment Benefit is available to insured workers and their dependent spouses subject to certain PRSI contribution conditions and income limits - for more details see *information leaflet - SW 24*.

### BUTTER VOUCHERS

Butter vouchers are issued automatically to all people who receive social assistance payments. Each person receives 2 vouchers each month for themselves and an additional 2 vouchers for each dependant. Only one voucher can be used towards the cost of one pound of butter and some spreadable butters.

### FUEL ALLOWANCE

see leaflet SW 17

The Fuel Allowance is payable to people dependent on long-term social welfare or health board payments and who are unable to provide for their own heating needs. Only one allowance is payable per household.

Allowance

*payable from mid-October to mid-April*

**Rate per week**  
£5.00

### SMOKELESS FUEL ALLOWANCE

This allowance applies to households in restricted areas in Dublin and Cork city where the burning of bituminous coal is banned.

It is payable:

- to recipients of a Fuel Allowance,  
**and**
- to people who have been dependent on short-term social welfare payments for at least 3 months,  
**or**
- to people getting Family Income Supplement (FIS) who also meet the conditions of the National Fuel Scheme.

Allowance

*payable from mid-October to mid-April*

**Rate per week**  
£3.00

### FREE ELECTRICITY ALLOWANCE

see leaflet SW 39

Allowance  
Individual Account  
Group Account

**Normal Standing Charges PLUS**  
1,500 units per year  
£10.30 per month

## FREE NATURAL GAS ALLOWANCE

see leaflet SW 81

### Allowance

For people on the Reducing Rate Tariff

Normal Standing Charges PLUS

2,460 kWh\* per year

\*kilowatt hours

## FREE BOTTLED GAS REFILL ALLOWANCE

### For the Period:

January - April

May - June

July - August

September - December

### Allowance

5 cylinders

2 cylinders

2 cylinders

5 cylinders

## FREE TELEVISION LICENCE

If you qualify for a Free Electricity/Natural Gas/Bottled Gas Refill Allowance you are entitled to a Free Black and White television licence.

If you satisfy the above condition and at present you also qualify for a Fuel Allowance you will be entitled to a Colour television licence. From October 1995, if you qualify for a Free Electricity/Natural Gas/Bottled Gas Refill Allowance, you will be entitled to receive a Free Colour television licence from the next due renewal date of your current television licence, whether or not you are getting a Fuel Allowance.

## FREE TELEPHONE RENTAL ALLOWANCE

see leaflet SW 45

This allowance is available to people getting certain social welfare pensions or equivalent payments who live alone or only with certain other people. The allowance covers the full cost of the yearly rental and up to 20 free units per two monthly billing period. It does not include installation costs.

## RENT ALLOWANCE for people affected by the DE-CONTROL OF RENTS

see leaflet SW 58

This allowance is payable, subject to a means test, to tenants affected by the de-control of rents. The maximum amount of the allowance is the difference between the old and the new rent.

## RENT AND MORTGAGE SUPPLEMENTS

see leaflet SW 28

The rate of the supplement payable is determined by the Health Board.

## BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ALLOWANCE

see leaflet **SW 75**

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance is payable to parents with school going children whose income limits are at or below the following amounts:

Couple with:	Income Limit	Lone Parent with:	Income Limit
1 child	£141.10	1 child	£88.10
2 children	£156.20	2 children	£105.10
3 children	£171.50	3 children	£122.10
4 children	* £186.70	4 children	** £139.10

\* Limit is increased by £15.20 for each additional child

\*\* Limit is increased by £17.00 for each additional child

	Allowance
Rate for each child in Second Level School	£55.00 per year
Rate for each child in Primary School	£40.00 per year

## EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS PAYMENTS

These payments are generally made to people on social welfare or health board payments on a once-off basis to meet an exceptional need.

## DEATH GRANT

see leaflet **SW 46**

	Reduced Rate	Full Rate
Child under age 5	£19.00	£20.00
Child aged between 5 and 18	£48.00	£60.00
Adult	£80.00	£100.00

## Payments from Health Boards

For further details of the Health Schemes please contact your local Health Board - see page 29 for list of offices.

### BLIND WELFARE ALLOWANCE

A **Supplementary Allowance** is payable with **Disabled Person's Maintenance Allowance** to blind people over age 16 and under age 18 for dependants.

INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS	Rate per week
Increase for Adult Dependant	£2.30
Increase for each Child Dependant	£2.90

A **Supplementary Allowance** is payable to blind people receiving a **Blind Person's Pension** from the Department of Social Welfare.

INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS	Rate per week
Increase for Blind Pensioner over age 18	£20.10
Increase for Adult Dependant	£40.10
Increase for each Child Dependant	£3.40

### ALLOWANCES AND GRANTS

#### Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowance

Maximum Personal rate	£62.50
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INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS	
Increase for Dependent Spouse	£43.30
Increase for EACH Child Dependant	£13.20

#### Disabled Person's Maintenance Allowance

Maximum Personal rate	£62.50
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INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS	
Increase for Dependent Spouse	£37.50
Increase for EACH Child Dependant	£13.20

#### Other Allowances and Grants

Mobility Allowance	£38.00 per month
Domiciliary Care Allowance - Maximum personal rate	£97.70 per month
Maternity Cash Grant - For medical card holders	£8.00
Motorised Transport Grant - For disabled people, up to	£2,639

## CHARGES IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS

HEALTH BOARD:	Private per day	Semi-Private per day	Day Care*
- Regional Hospitals and Voluntary Teaching Hospitals	£132.00	£104.00	£70.00
- Country Hospitals and Voluntary Non-Teaching Hospitals	£108.00	£88.00	£60.00
- District Hospitals	£68.00	£59.00	£43.00

Everyone is entitled to hospital services as an in-patient in a public ward or as an out-patient at a public clinic.

\* **Day Care:** This charge applies to private/semi-private day beds or to day-cases in other private/semi-private beds.

### Hospital Charges

The in-patient charge is at a rate of £20.00 per night subject to a maximum of £200.00 in a 12 month period. People who attend the Accident and Emergency Department directly without having a referral note from his/her G.P., will be liable for a charge of £12 which will apply only to the first visit of any episode of care. This charge does not apply to attendances at out-patient clinics.

## MEANS TEST FOR MEDICAL CARD

The income guidelines from January 1995 are as follows:

	Under age 66	Age 66 - 79	Age 80 or over
Single person living alone	£84.50	£92.50	£96.50
Single person living with family	£74.50	£79.50	£82.50
Married couple	£122.50	£137.00	£144.00
<b>Allowances:</b>			
Each child under age 16	£14.50 per week		
Other dependants	£16.00		
House expenses, e.g. rent, mortgage in excess of	£14.50		
Cost of travelling to work in excess of	£13.00		

## DRUGS REFUND SCHEME

There is a scheme in operation for non-medical card holders where a refund of expenditure on prescribed drugs and medicines over £90.00 per quarter, or a refund of all expenditures over £32.00 per month for people who, in the view of their doctor or consultant, suffer from a long-term medical condition requiring on-going medication. Further information is available from the Health Boards.