

## 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:

**Information Service**

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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

<b>From the Department .....</b>	<b>from end July 1994</b>
<b>PRSI Contributions.....</b>	<b>from 6 April 1994</b>
<b>Payments from Health Boards.....</b>	<b>for 1994</b>

Payments available from the Health Boards are shown on pages 24 and 25. For more information on these services, you should contact:

your local Health Board office - see page 26 or:

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This booklet will be available in Irish in the near future.  
Beidh an leabhrean seo ar fáil tré Ghaeilge go gairid.

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## PAY-RELATED SOCIAL INSURANCE

The rates of PRSI from 6 April, 1994 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 new 0.25% FÁS Apprenticeship Training Levy payable by certain designated employers (see below for details).

The employee's portion of the social insurance contribution is paid on the reckonable earnings up to a ceiling of £20,900. 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, J1, B1, C1, D1, H1, K1 and S1.

### FÁS APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING LEVY

The FÁS Apprenticeship Training Levy of 0.25% is payable by employers in the following sectors:

- Construction
- Printing and Paper
- Motor and Engineering (Mechanical and Electrical but NOT Electronic)

on all reckonable earnings of each employee up to the employer's ceiling of £25,800.

Where the levy applies, an additional 0.25% contribution should be added to the employer's share outlined under Classes A, J, B, C, D and H. The levy should be remitted with PRSI in the normal way throughout the year. However, employers will have to account separately for the total amount paid under the 0.25% FÁS Levy when returning the P35 for 1994/95.

### PRSI CLASSES

PRSI contribution classes are divided into three parts **0**, **1** and **2** representing different categories of people within each class as follows:

- 0.** Men and women with reckonable **weekly earnings of £173 or less**. The Health Contribution and the Employment and Training Levy are not payable.

**PRSI CLASSES continued**

1. Men and women insurable at the standard rate for that class with reckonable **weekly earnings in excess of £173**. Employees pay the Health Contribution and Employment and Training Levy.
2. Men and women with reckonable weekly earnings in excess of £173 who:
  - hold a current Medical Card;  
**or**
  - are in receipt of a Widow's Pension (Survivor's Contributory Pension from 28 October 1994), Deserted Wife's Benefit, certain social assistance allowances from the Department of Social Welfare;  
**or**
  - are in receipt of a social security Widow's Pension from a country covered by EC Regulations or with whom Ireland has a Bilateral Social Security Agreement. The Health Contribution and the Employment and Training Levy are not payable.

**SOCIAL INSURANCE AND PART-TIME WORKERS**

People in industrial, commercial and service-type employment employed under a contract of service whose reckonable earnings are **£30 or more** per week (from one or more employments) regardless of hours worked are covered under Class A.

People earning **less than £30** per week from all employments are insurable at Class J0.

**SPECIAL EXEMPTION FOR LOW PAID WORKERS**

Employees covered under Class A who are earning a reckonable weekly wage of £60 or less in any week are exempt from social insurance and levy deductions for that week i.e. employee's share is NIL. However, the employer's share is payable and should be recorded under Class A7. Employees are still covered for social insurance benefits.

Where reckonable earnings are between £60.01 and £173 weekly PRSI should be deducted under Class A0.

Earnings in excess of £173 per week will be recorded under A1 or A2.

## 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 these 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 £20,900) or £250, 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.

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

The Department of Social Welfare has responsibility for issuing Revenue and Social Insurance Numbers (RSI Numbers). In the majority of cases a person taking up employment will already have been issued with an RSI Number.

Employers should ask each employee for his/her RSI Number on commencement of employment and ensure that all deductions and other details are recorded under this number. It is also essential that the RSI Number be returned together with all employee details when completing the employer's end-of-year returns each year. This will ensure that it will not be necessary to contact the employer regarding the PRSI record of employees and ensure that social welfare claims are paid without delay.

An employee who does NOT HAVE an RSI Number should contact his/her local Tax Office where arrangements will be made with the Department of Social Welfare to issue one.

## PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYMENTS

<b>CLASS</b> <b>A</b> <b>RATES</b>	<b>First £20,900 of reckonable Earnings</b>	<b>Earnings between £20,900 and £25,800</b>	<b>CLASS</b> <b>J</b> <b>RATES</b>	<b>First £20,900 of reckonable Earnings</b>	<b>Earnings between £20,900 and £25,800</b>
<b>A7</b> EMPLOYER EMPLOYEE <b>TOTAL</b>	9.00%* Nil <b>9.00%</b>	9.00%* Nil <b>9.00%</b>	<b>J0</b> EMPLOYER EMPLOYEE <b>TOTAL</b>	0.50%* Nil <b>0.50%</b>	0.50%* Nil <b>0.50%</b>
<b>A0</b> EMPLOYER EMPLOYEE <b>TOTAL</b>	9.00%* 5.50% <b>14.50%</b>	9.00%* Nil <b>9.00%</b>	<b>J1</b> EMPLOYER EMPLOYEE <b>TOTAL</b>	0.50%* 2.25% <b>2.75%</b>	0.50%* 2.25% <b>2.75%</b>
<b>A1</b> EMPLOYER EMPLOYEE <b>TOTAL</b>	12.20%* 7.75% <b>19.95%</b>	12.20%* 2.25% <b>14.45%</b>	<b>J2</b> EMPLOYER EMPLOYEE <b>TOTAL</b>	0.50%* Nil <b>0.50%</b>	0.50%* Nil <b>0.50%</b>
<b>A2</b> EMPLOYER EMPLOYEE <b>TOTAL</b>	12.20%* 5.50% <b>17.70%</b>	12.20%* Nil <b>12.20%</b>	<b>J9</b> EMPLOYER EMPLOYEE <b>TOTAL</b>	0.50% Nil <b>0.50%</b>	

\* AN ADDITIONAL **0.25% FÁS APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING LEVY** MAY BE PAYABLE - SEE PAGE 1.

**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.

**CLASS A BENEFITS**

- Unemployment Benefit
- Disability Benefit
- Maternity 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.

**PEOPLE WITHIN CLASS J:**

People employed under a contract of service whose reckonable earnings are less than £30 per week.

Employees aged 66 or over.

People whose employment is of a subsidiary nature or of inconsiderable extent, e.g. Civil Servants insurable at a modified rate and who have a second job, attendants at Department of Education Examinations, Presiding Officers/Poll Clerks at Elections and F.C.A. members on Annual Training.

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

**CLASS J BENEFITS**

- Occupational Injuries Benefits.

## PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENTS

<div> <div>CLASS</div> <div><b>B</b></div> <div>RATES</div> </div>			<div> <div>CLASS</div> <div><b>C</b></div> <div>RATES</div> </div>		
	First £20,900 of reckonable Earnings	Earnings between £20,900 and £25,800		First £20,900 of reckonable Earnings	Earnings between £20,900 and £25,800
<b>B0</b> EMPLOYER	2.01%*	2.01%*	<b>C0</b> EMPLOYER	1.85%*	1.85%*
EMPLOYEE	0.90%	Nil	EMPLOYEE	0.90%	Nil
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.91%</b>	<b>2.01%</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.75%</b>	<b>1.85%</b>
<b>B1</b> EMPLOYER	2.01%*	2.01%*	<b>C1</b> EMPLOYER	1.85%*	1.85%*
EMPLOYEE	3.15%	2.25%	EMPLOYEE	3.15%	2.25%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5.16%</b>	<b>4.26%</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5.00%</b>	<b>4.10%</b>
<b>B2</b> EMPLOYER	2.01%*	2.01%*	<b>C2</b> EMPLOYER	1.85%*	1.85%*
EMPLOYEE	0.90%	Nil	EMPLOYEE	0.90%	Nil
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.91%</b>	<b>2.01%</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.75%</b>	<b>1.85%</b>

\* AN ADDITIONAL **0.25% FÁS APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING LEVY** MAY BE PAYABLE - SEE PAGE 1.

### PEOPLE WITHIN CLASS B:

Permanent and pensionable Civil Servants, Registered Doctors and Dentists employed in the Civil Service and Gardaí.

### PEOPLE WITHIN CLASS C:

Commissioned Army Officers and members of the Army Nursing Service.

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### CLASS B BENEFITS

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

### CLASS C BENEFITS

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

# PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENTS

CLASS D RATES			CLASS H RATES		
	First £20,900 of reckonable Earnings	Earnings between £20,900 and £25,800		First £20,900 of reckonable Earnings	Earnings between £20,900 and £25,800
D0 EMPLOYER	2.35%*	2.35%*	H0 EMPLOYER	11.30%*	11.30%*
EMPLOYEE	0.90%	Nil	EMPLOYEE	5.40%	Nil
TOTAL	3.25%	2.35%	TOTAL	16.70%	11.30%
D1 EMPLOYER	2.35%*	2.35%*	H1 EMPLOYER	11.30%*	11.30%*
EMPLOYEE	3.15%	2.25%	EMPLOYEE	7.65%	2.25%
TOTAL	5.50%	4.60%	TOTAL	18.95%	13.55%
D2 EMPLOYER	2.35%*	2.35%*	H2 EMPLOYER	11.30%*	11.30%*
EMPLOYEE	0.90%	Nil	EMPLOYEE	5.40%	Nil
TOTAL	3.25%	2.35%	TOTAL	16.70%	11.30%

\* AN ADDITIONAL **0.25% FÁS APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING LEVY** MAY BE PAYABLE - SEE PAGE 1.

## PEOPLE WITHIN CLASS D:

Permanent and pensionable employees in the public service other than those mentioned in Classes B and C.

## PEOPLE WITHIN CLASS H:

NCO's and enlisted personnel of the Defence Forces.

## CLASS D BENEFITS

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

## CLASS H BENEFITS

- Unemployment Benefit
- Disability Benefit
- Maternity 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

<div> <div>CLASS</div> <div><b>E</b></div> <div>RATES</div> </div>		First £20,900 of reckonable Earnings	Earnings between £20,900 and £25,800
<b>E0</b>	EMPLOYER	8.12%	8.12%
	EMPLOYEE	3.83%	Nil
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11.95%</b>	<b>8.12%</b>
<b>E1</b>	EMPLOYER	8.12%	8.12%
	EMPLOYEE	3.83%	Nil
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11.95%</b>	<b>8.12%</b>
<b>E2</b>	EMPLOYER	8.12%	8.12%
	EMPLOYEE	3.83%	Nil
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11.95%</b>	<b>8.12%</b>

### 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 direct to the Revenue Commissioners when paying income tax.

### CLASS E BENEFITS

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

## OCCUPATIONAL PENSIONS

<div> <div>CLASS</div> <div><b>K</b></div> <div>RATES</div> </div>		First £20,900 of all Earnings	Earnings over £20,900
		Income of £173 or LESS <b>No contribution payable</b> - record under Class M	
<b>K1</b>	EMPLOYER	Nil	Nil
	EMPLOYEE	2.25%	2.25%
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.25%</b>	<b>2.25%</b>

### 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.

<div>CLASS</div> <div><b>M</b></div> <div>RATES</div>
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**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 <b>S</b> RATES		
	First £20,900 of all income	Income over £20,900
S0	5.00%	Nil
S1	7.25%	Nil
S2	5.00%	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.

## OPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

CLASS <b>P</b> RATES		
	First £20,900 of all income	Income over £20,900
P	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 S BENEFITS

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

### CLASS P BENEFITS

- Limited Unemployment Benefit
- Disability Benefit
- Treatment Benefit.

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

HIGH RATE	6.6%
LOW RATE	2.6%

The ceiling for voluntary contributions is the same as for PRSI generally, that is £20,900.

If your income was less than £4,750 in the 1993/94 tax year you must pay a minimum voluntary contribution as a percentage of £4,750. However, for people previously insured at Class S there is a flat rate voluntary contribution of £250.

## UNEMPLOYMENT PAYMENTS

## UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT

see booklet - SW 64

	Rate per week
Personal Rate.....	£61.00
INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS	
Adult Dependant.....	£36.60
	<b>Half Rate                      Full Rate</b>
Each Child Dependant.....	£ 6.60                      £13.20

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

Average Weekly Earnings	Personal Rate	Increase for Adult Dependant (where payable)
Less than £35.....	£27.40.....	£23.60
£35 and less than £50.....	£39.40.....	£23.60
£50 and less than £70.....	£47.80.....	£23.60
£70 or more.....	£61.00.....	£36.60

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.

## UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

see booklet - SW 64

	Rate per week SHORT-TERM	Rate per week LONG-TERM
Maximum Personal Rate.....	£58.90	£61.00
INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS		
Adult Dependant.....	£36.60	£36.60
Each Child Dependant.....	<b>Full Rate                      Half Rate</b>	<b>Full Rate                      Half Rate</b>
	£13.20                      £ 6.60	£13.20                      £ 6.60

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.....	£38.90
If you are married with an adult dependant.....	£64.00

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

**FAMILY INCOME SUPPORT PAYMENTS****CHILD BENEFIT**

see leaflet - SW 42

	<b>Rate per month</b>
1st - 3rd child.....	£20.00
4th and other children.....	£23.00

	<b>Rate per month FROM SEPTEMBER</b>
1st & 2nd child.....	£20.00
3rd & other children.....	£25.00

**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**

see leaflet - SW 11

	<b>Rate per week</b>
Maximum rate.....	£158.90
Minimum rate.....	£ 74.20

The rate payable is 70% of your earnings in the relevant tax year subject to a reckonable earnings ceiling of £11,350.

# 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.

If you have:	and your family income is LESS than:
1 child.....	£185.00
2 children.....	£205.00
3 children.....	£225.00
4 children.....	£245.00
5 children.....	£270.00
6 children.....	£290.00
7 children.....	£307.00
8 children.....	£324.00

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)	£245.00
Your income	£200.00
Difference	£ 45.00
<b>Weekly FIS = 60% of £45</b>	<b>£ 27.00 per week</b>

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

# SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCE

see leaflet - SW 54

	Rate per week
Maximum Personal Rate.....	£58.90
<b>INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS</b>	
Adult Dependant.....	£36.60
Each Child Dependant.....	£13.20

**CARER'S ALLOWANCE**

see leaflet - SW 41

**Where the weekly means as  
assessed by the Department are:****Rate per week**

Up to £ 6.00.....	£61.00
Over £ 6.00 and up to £ 8.00.....	£59.00
Over £ 8.00 and up to £10.00.....	£57.00
Over £10.00 and up to £12.00.....	£55.00
Over £12.00 and up to £14.00.....	£53.00
Over £14.00 and up to £16.00.....	£51.00
Over £16.00 and up to £18.00.....	£49.00
Over £18.00 and up to £20.00.....	£47.00
Over £20.00 and up to £22.00.....	£45.00
Over £22.00 and up to £24.00.....	£43.00
Over £24.00 and up to £26.00.....	£41.00
Over £26.00 and up to £28.00.....	£39.00
Over £28.00 and up to £30.00.....	£37.00
Over £30.00 and up to £32.00.....	£35.00
Over £32.00 and up to £34.00.....	£33.00
Over £34.00 and up to £36.00.....	£31.00
Over £36.00 and up to £38.00.....	£29.00
Over £38.00 and up to £40.00.....	£27.00
Over £40.00 and up to £42.00.....	£25.00
Over £42.00 and up to £44.00.....	£23.00
Over £44.00 and up to £46.00.....	£21.00
Over £46.00 and up to £48.00.....	£19.00
Over £48.00 and up to £50.00.....	£17.00
Over £50.00 and up to £52.00.....	£15.00
Over £52.00 and up to £54.00.....	£13.00
Over £54.00 and up to £56.00.....	£11.00
Over £56.00 and up to £58.00.....	£ 9.00
Over £58.00 and up to £60.00.....	£ 7.00
Over £60.00 and up to £62.00.....	£ 5.00
Over £62.00 and up to £64.00.....	£ 3.00
Over £64.00.....	Nil

**Note:** The spouse or partner of a carer can earn £100 per week from employment or self-employment which is not counted as means.

**INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS****Half Rate****Full Rate**

Each child dependant.....	£6.60.....	£13.20
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WIDOW'S NON-CONTRIBUTORY PENSION /	see leaflet - SW 25
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 .....	£61.00
Over £ 6.00 and up to £ 8.00.....	£59.00
Over £ 8.00 and up to £10.00.....	£57.00
Over £10.00 and up to £12.00.....	£55.00
Over £12.00 and up to £14.00.....	£53.00
Over £14.00 and up to £16.00.....	£51.00
Over £16.00 and up to £18.00.....	£49.00
Over £18.00 and up to £20.00.....	£47.00
Over £20.00 and up to £22.00.....	£45.00
Over £22.00 and up to £24.00.....	£43.00
Over £24.00 and up to £26.00.....	£41.00
Over £26.00 and up to £28.00.....	£39.00
Over £28.00 and up to £30.00.....	£37.00
Over £30.00 and up to £32.00.....	£35.00
Over £32.00 and up to £34.00.....	£33.00
Over £34.00 and up to £36.00.....	£31.00
Over £36.00 and up to £38.00.....	£29.00
Over £38.00 and up to £40.00.....	£27.00
Over £40.00 and up to £42.00.....	£25.00
Over £42.00 and up to £44.00.....	£23.00
Over £44.00 and up to £46.00.....	£21.00
Over £46.00 and up to £48.00.....	£19.00
Over £48.00 and up to £50.00.....	£17.00
Over £50.00 and up to £52.00.....	£15.00
Over £52.00 and up to £54.00.....	£13.00
Over £54.00 and up to £56.00.....	£11.00
Over £56.00 and up to £58.00.....	£ 9.00
Over £58.00 and up to £60.00.....	£ 7.00
Over £60.00 and up to £62.00.....	£ 5.00
Over £62.00 and up to £64.00.....	£ 3.00
Over £64.00.....	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.....	£ 4.80
Extra allowance for people aged 80 or over.....	£ 4.70

## SURVIVOR'S CONTRIBUTORY PENSION (Widows/Widowers) / DESERTED WIFE'S BENEFIT

see leaflets - SW 25 / SW 43

		Rate per week
Personal Rate:	CONTRIBUTIONS:	
	48 or over.....	£64.50
	36 - 47.....	£63.40
	24 - 35.....	£61.60

**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 £64.50 - see leaflet **SW 25** for details of qualifying conditions.

### INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS

Each Child Dependant.....	£17.00
Living Alone Allowance for people aged 66 or over.....	£ 4.80
Extra allowance for people aged 80 or over.....	£ 4.70

## ORPHAN'S CONTRIBUTORY ALLOWANCE

see leaflet - SW 48

	Rate per week
Rate Payable.....	£40.40

## ORPHAN'S NON-CONTRIBUTORY PENSION

see leaflet - SW 48

**Where the weekly means as  
assessed by the Department are:**

	Rate per week
Up to £ 2.00.....	£40.40
Over £ 2.00 and up to £ 4.00.....	£38.40
Over £ 4.00 and up to £ 6.00.....	£36.40
Over £ 6.00 and up to £ 8.00.....	£34.40
Over £ 8.00 and up to £10.00.....	£32.40
Over £10.00 and up to £12.00.....	£30.40
Over £12.00 and up to £14.00.....	£28.40
Over £14.00 and up to £16.00.....	£26.40
Over £16.00 and up to £18.00.....	£24.40
Over £18.00 and up to £20.00.....	£22.40
Over £20.00 and up to £22.00.....	£20.40
Over £22.00 and up to £24.00.....	£18.40
Over £24.00 and up to £26.00.....	£16.40
Over £26.00 and up to £28.00.....	£14.40
Over £28.00 and up to £30.00.....	£12.40
Over £30.00 and up to £32.00.....	£10.40
Over £32.00 and up to £34.00.....	£ 8.40
Over £34.00 and up to £36.00.....	£ 6.40
Over £36.00 and up to £38.00.....	£ 4.40
Over £38.00 and up to £40.00.....	£ 2.40
Over £40.00.....	Nil

## PAYMENTS FOR SICK OR INCAPACITATED PEOPLE

### DISABILITY BENEFIT

see booklet - SW 9

	Rate per week
Personal Rate.....	£61.00

#### INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS

Adult Dependant.....	£36.60
	<b>Half Rate</b> <b>Full Rate</b>
Each Child Dependant.....	£ 6.60      £13.20

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

Average Weekly Earnings	Personal Rate	Increase for Adult Dependant (where payable)
Less than £35 .....	£27.40.....	£23.60
£35 and less than £50 .....	£39.40.....	£23.60
£50 and less than £70 .....	£47.80.....	£23.60
£70 or more .....	£61.00.....	£36.60

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.

### INVALIDITY PENSION

see leaflet - SW 44

	Rate per week
Personal Rate: Under Age 66.....	£62.60
Aged 66 or over.....	£71.00

#### INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS

Adult Dependant.....	£41.30
	<b>Half Rate</b> <b>Full Rate</b>
Each Child Dependant.....	£ 7.60      £15.20

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.....	£ 4.80
Extra allowance for people aged 80 or over.....	£ 4.70

Certain other payments are available for incapacitated people from the Health Boards - see pages 24 and 25.

**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.....	£61.00.....	£36.60
Over £ 6.00 and up to £ 8.00.....	£59.00.....	£35.60
Over £ 8.00 and up to £10.00.....	£57.00.....	£34.60
Over £10.00 and up to £12.00.....	£55.00.....	£33.60
Over £12.00 and up to £14.00.....	£53.00.....	£32.60
Over £14.00 and up to £16.00.....	£51.00.....	£31.60
Over £16.00 and up to £18.00.....	£49.00.....	£30.60
Over £18.00 and up to £20.00.....	£47.00.....	£29.60
Over £20.00 and up to £22.00.....	£45.00.....	£28.60
Over £22.00 and up to £24.00.....	£43.00.....	£27.60
Over £24.00 and up to £26.00.....	£41.00.....	£26.60
Over £26.00 and up to £28.00.....	£39.00.....	£25.60
Over £28.00 and up to £30.00.....	£37.00.....	£24.60
Over £30.00 and up to £32.00.....	£35.00.....	£23.60
Over £32.00 and up to £34.00.....	£33.00.....	£22.60
Over £34.00 and up to £36.00.....	£31.00.....	£21.60
Over £36.00 and up to £38.00.....	£29.00.....	£20.60
Over £38.00 and up to £40.00.....	£27.00.....	£19.60
Over £40.00 and up to £42.00.....	£25.00.....	£18.60
Over £42.00 and up to £44.00.....	£23.00.....	£17.60
Over £44.00 and up to £46.00.....	£21.00.....	£16.60
Over £46.00 and up to £48.00.....	£19.00.....	£15.60
Over £48.00 and up to £50.00.....	£17.00.....	£14.60
Over £50.00 and up to £52.00.....	£15.00.....	£13.60
Over £52.00 and up to £54.00.....	£13.00.....	£12.60
Over £54.00 and up to £56.00.....	£11.00.....	£11.60
Over £56.00 and up to £58.00.....	£ 9.00.....	£10.60
Over £58.00 and up to £60.00.....	£ 7.00.....	£ 9.60
Over £60.00 and up to £62.00.....	£ 5.00.....	£ 8.60
Over £62.00 and up to £64.00.....	£ 3.00.....	£ 7.60
Over £64.00.....	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	Half Rate	Full Rate
Each child dependant.....	£ 6.60.....	£13.20
Living alone allowance for people aged 66 or over.....		£ 4.80
Extra allowance for people aged 80 or over.....		£ 4.70

## OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES BENEFITS PAYMENTS

### INJURY BENEFIT

see leaflet - SW 30

	Rate per week
Personal Rate.....	£61.00

#### INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS

Adult Dependant.....		£36.60
	<b>Half Rate</b>	<b>Full Rate</b>
Each Child Dependant.....	£ 6.60	£13.20

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

<b>Over 90% Disablement.....</b>	Maximum Personal Pension £83.50 per week.
<b>20% to 90% Disablement.....</b>	People assessed as disabled between 20% and 90% are paid reduced rate pensions.
<b>Up to 19% Disablement.....</b>	If you are 1% to 19% disabled you may be entitled to a lump sum, subject to a maximum of £5,830.

### UNEMPLOYABILITY SUPPLEMENT

see leaflet - SW 31

	Rate per week
Personal Rate.....	£61.00

#### INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS

Adult Dependant.....		£36.60
	<b>Half Rate</b>	<b>Full Rate</b>
Each Child Dependant.....	£ 6.60	£13.20

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 the 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

		Rate per week
<b>100% Disablement</b>	Standard Rate.....	£33.90
	Reduced Standard Rate.....	£16.95
<b>Severe Disablement</b>	Rate payable to severely disabled people.....	£50.85
<b>Exceptionally Severe Disablement</b>	Rate payable to exceptionally severely disabled people.....	£67.80

**SURVIVORS' BENEFITS**

see leaflet - SW 32

	Rate per week
Pension for a widow or invalided widower dependent on deceased..	£81.90
<b>INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS</b>	
Each Child Dependant.....	£17.00
<b>DEPENDENT PARENT'S PENSION</b>	
- Where deceased was <b>unmarried</b> :	
- one parent .....	£81.90
- other parent.....	£36.80
- Where deceased was <b>married</b> :	
- each parent .....	£36.80
Living Alone Allowance for people aged 66 or over .....	£ 4.80
Orphan's Pension.....	£42.50
Lump sum for a widower dependent on deceased .....	£4,250
Funeral Grant (Lump Sum) .....	£290

## PAYMENTS FOR ELDERLY OR RETIRED PEOPLE

### RETIREMENT PENSION / OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION

see leaflet - SW 18

see leaflet - SW 18

		Rate per week
Personal Rate:	CONTRIBUTIONS:	
	48 or over.....	£71.00
	36 - 47.....	£69.20
	24 - 35.....	£66.80
	20 - 23*.....	£65.40
	(*Old Age Contributory Pension only)	

#### INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS

Adult Dependant under age 66..... £45.20

Adult Dependant aged 66 or over..... £51.00

	<b>Half Rate</b>	<b>Full Rate</b>
Each Child Dependant.....	£ 7.60	£15.20

Living Alone Allowance for people aged 66 or over ..... £ 4.80

Extra allowance for people aged 80 or over..... £ 4.70

### 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.

#### How is your Pension Calculated?

First the notional pension is calculated (that is, the pension which would be paid if all PRSI contributions, both full rate and modified rate, were counted). Then the proportion of full rate PRSI contributions to total PRSI contributions paid or credited is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Total number of full rate contributions}}{\text{Total number of full rate and modified rate contributions}} \times \text{Rate of pension payable if all your contributions were full rate}$$

### PRE-RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE

see leaflet - SW 80

	Rate per week
Maximum Personal Rate .....	£61.00

#### INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS

Adult Dependant ..... £36.60

	<b>Half Rate</b>	<b>Full Rate</b>
Each Child Dependant.....	£ 6.60	£13.20

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.....	£61.00.....	£36.60
Over £ 6.00 and up to £ 8.00.....	£59.00.....	£35.60
Over £ 8.00 and up to £10.00.....	£57.00.....	£34.60
Over £10.00 and up to £12.00.....	£55.00.....	£33.60
Over £12.00 and up to £14.00.....	£53.00.....	£32.60
Over £14.00 and up to £16.00.....	£51.00.....	£31.60
Over £16.00 and up to £18.00.....	£49.00.....	£30.60
Over £18.00 and up to £20.00.....	£47.00.....	£29.60
Over £20.00 and up to £22.00.....	£45.00.....	£28.60
Over £22.00 and up to £24.00.....	£43.00.....	£27.60
Over £24.00 and up to £26.00.....	£41.00.....	£26.60
Over £26.00 and up to £28.00.....	£39.00.....	£25.60
Over £28.00 and up to £30.00.....	£37.00.....	£24.60
Over £30.00 and up to £32.00.....	£35.00.....	£23.60
Over £32.00 and up to £34.00.....	£33.00.....	£22.60
Over £34.00 and up to £36.00.....	£31.00.....	£21.60
Over £36.00 and up to £38.00.....	£29.00.....	£20.60
Over £38.00 and up to £40.00.....	£27.00.....	£19.60
Over £40.00 and up to £42.00.....	£25.00.....	£18.60
Over £42.00 and up to £44.00.....	£23.00.....	£17.60
Over £44.00 and up to £46.00.....	£21.00.....	£16.60
Over £46.00 and up to £48.00.....	£19.00.....	£15.60
Over £48.00 and up to £50.00.....	£17.00.....	£14.60
Over £50.00 and up to £52.00.....	£15.00.....	£13.60
Over £52.00 and up to £54.00.....	£13.00.....	£12.60
Over £54.00 and up to £56.00.....	£11.00.....	£11.60
Over £56.00 and up to £58.00.....	£ 9.00.....	£10.60
Over £58.00 and up to £60.00.....	£ 7.00.....	£ 9.60
Over £60.00 and up to £62.00.....	£ 5.00.....	£ 8.60
Over £62.00 and up to £64.00.....	£ 3.00.....	£ 7.60
Over £64.00.....	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	Half Rate	Full Rate
Each child dependant .....	£ 6.60.....	£13.20
Living alone allowance for people aged 66 or over .....		£ 4.80
Extra allowance for people aged 80 or over.....		£ 4.70

## 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 .....	<b>Rate per week</b> £5.00
Payable from Mid-October to Mid-April.	

### SMOKELESS FUEL ALLOWANCE

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

It is payable:

- to recipients of the 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 .....	<b>Rate per week</b> £3.00
Payable from Mid-October to Mid-April.	

**FREE ELECTRICITY ALLOWANCE**

see leaflet - SW 39

ALLOWANCE	Normal Standing Charges PLUS
Individual Account .....	1,500 units per year
Group Account .....	£10.30 per month

**FREE NATURAL GAS ALLOWANCE**

see leaflet - SW 81

ALLOWANCE	Normal Standing Charges PLUS
For people on the Reducing Rate Tariff .....	2,460 KWH* per year
	*kilowatt hours

**FREE BOTTLED GAS REFILL ALLOWANCE**

see leaflet - SW 55

FOR THE PERIOD:	ALLOWANCE
January - April .....	5 cylinders
May - June .....	2 cylinders
July - August .....	2 cylinders
September - December .....	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 you also qualify for a Fuel Allowance you will be entitled to a Colour television licence.

**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:

<b>Couple With:</b>	<b>INCOME LIMIT</b>	<b>Lone Parent With:</b>	<b>INCOME LIMIT</b>
1 child.....	£136.40	1 child.....	£ 86.50
2 children.....	£151.60	2 children.....	£103.50
3 children.....	£166.80	3 children.....	£120.50
4 children.....	£182.00*	4 children.....	£137.50**

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

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

**ALLOWANCE:**

Maximum rate for each child in second level school..... £50.00 per year

Maximum rate for each child in primary school..... £35.00 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

	<b>Reduced Rate</b>	<b>Full Rate</b>
Child under age 5.....	£19.00.....	£ 20.00
Child aged between 5 and 18.....	£48.00.....	£ 60.00
Adult.....	£80.00.....	£100.00

For further details of the Health Schemes please contact your local Health Board - see overleaf 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.....	£ 2.20
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.....	£19.60
Increase for Adult Dependant.....	£19.60
Increase for each Child Dependant.....	£ 3.40

## ALLOWANCES AND GRANTS

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

	Rate per week
Maximum Personal Rate.....	£61.00
INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS	
Increase for Dependent Spouse.....	£43.30
Increase for each Child Dependant.....	£13.20

### DISABLED PERSON'S MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

	Rate per week
Maximum Personal Rate.....	£61.00
INCREASES FOR DEPENDANTS	
Increase for Dependent Spouse.....	£36.60
Increase for each Child Dependant.....	£13.20

### OTHER ALLOWANCES AND GRANTS

- Mobility Allowance.....	£37.10 per month
- Domiciliary Care Allowance - Maximum personal rate.....	£95.30 per month
- Maternity Cash Grant - For medical card holders.....	£ 8.00
- Motorised Transport Grant - For disabled people, up to.....	£2,575

## CHARGES IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS

	PRIVATE per day	SEMI-PRIVATE per day	DAY CARE*
HEALTH BOARD:			
- 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 per night subject to a maximum of £200 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 1994 are as follows:

	Under age 66	Age 66 - 79	Age 80 or over
- Single person living alone.....	£ 82.50	£ 90.00	£ 94.00
- Single person living with family.....	£ 72.50	£ 77.50	£ 80.50
- Married couple.....	£119.50	£133.50	£140.50

## ALLOWANCES:

Each child under age 16.....	£14.00 per week
Other dependants.....	£15.50 per week
House expenses, e.g. rent, mortgage in excess of.....	£14.00 per week
Cost of travelling to work in excess of .....	£12.50 per week

## 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 per quarter, or a refund of all expenditures over £32 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.