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SOCIAL INSURANCE PAYMENTS

The social insurance payments listed here are contributory payments. The contribution conditions for all payments are fully explained in the Department's publication 'Summary of social insurance and social assistance services' (S.W. 4), available free of charge. These conditions require that a person must have a certain number of contribution weeks paid or credited, over a specified period, to receive the maximum payment. Persons with less than the maximum number of contribution weeks may still receive social insurance payments at a lower rate. Persons who do not qualify for social insurance benefit may be entitled to social assistance.

Unemployment Benefit+ Disability Benefit

Maximum personal rate		£31.65 per week
Maximum rate for a person under 18 without a dependant		£27.80 per week
Maximum rate for a married woman dependent upon her husband		£27.80 per week
Increase for adult dependant		£20.50 per week
INCREASE FOR CHILDREN	First child	£ 7.50 per week
	Second child	£ 8.40 per week
	Third to fifth child	£ 6.95 per week
	Sixth and subsequent children	£ 5.55 per week
NOTE: Pay-related benefit may also be payable (see page 8)		

Widow's Contributory Pension

RATE PER WEEK: UNDER 66	RATE PER WEEK: 66-79	RATE PER WEEK: 80 OR OVER
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Maximum personal rate	£36.25 *	£36.95	£39.45
Increase for first child	£ 9.75	£ 9.95	£ 9.95
Increase for second to fifth child	£10.65	£10.80	£10.80
Increase for sixth and subsequent children	£ 9.25	£ 9.40	£ 9.40
Extra allowance for beneficiary over 66 who is living alone		£ 2.70	£ 2.70
Prescribed Relative Allowance		£19.30	£19.30

Deserted Wife's Benefit

RATE PER WEEK: UNDER 66	RATE PER WEEK: 66-79	RATE PER WEEK: 80 OR OVER
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Maximum personal rate	£36.25	£36.95	£39.45
Increase for first child	£ 9.75	£ 9.95	£ 9.95
Increase for second to fifth child	£10.65	£10.80	£10.80
Increase for sixth and subsequent children	£ 9.25	£ 9.40	£ 9.40
Extra allowance for beneficiary over 66 who is living alone		£ 2.70	£ 2.70
Prescribed Relative Allowance		£19.30	£19.30

Retirement Pension + Old Age Contributory Pension

RATE PER
WEEK:
UNDER 80

RATE PER
WEEK:
OVER 80

Maximum personal rate		£40.25	£43.05
Increase for adult dependant under 66		£25.70	£25.70
Increase for adult dependant — age 66 or over		£30.05	£30.05
INCREASE FOR CHILDREN	First child	£ 8.30	£ 8.30
	Second child	£ 9.20	£ 9.20
	Third to fifth child	£ 7.65	£ 7.65
	Sixth and subsequent children	£ 6.25	£ 6.25
Extra allowance for pensioner over 66 who is living alone		£ 2.70	£ 2.70
Prescribed Relative Allowance		£19.30	£19.30

Invalidity Pension

RATE PER
WEEK:
PENSIONER
UNDER 66

RATE PER
WEEK:
PENSIONER
66 OR OVER

Maximum personal rate		£35.50	£36.20
Maximum rate for a married woman dependent upon her husband		£31.25	£31.80
Increase for adult dependant		£23.05	£23.50
INCREASE FOR CHILDREN	First child	£ 8.15	£ 8.30
	Second child	£ 9.00	£ 9.20
	Third to fifth child	£ 7.45	£ 7.65
	Sixth and subsequent children	£ 6.05	£ 6.25
Extra allowance for pensioner over 66 who is living alone			£ 2.70
Prescribed Relative Allowance			£19.30

Maternity Allowance

GENERAL SCHEME	Pay-related benefit may also be payable (see page 8)	£31.65 per week
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SCHEME FOR WOMEN IN EMPLOYMENT

The amount payable is 80% of a woman's average weekly earnings in the relevant income tax year, subject to a minimum payment of £56.55 per week. The allowance is payable for a period of 14 weeks.

From 6 April 1982 to 5 April 1983 the relevant income tax year is the 1980/81 year.

Death Grant

FULL

REDUCED

Child under 5 years	£ 20.00	£19.00
Child between 5 and 18 years	£ 60.00	£48.00
Adult	£100.00	£80.00

Maternity Grant

£8.00 (separate grants payable on both husband's and wife's insurance).

Orphan's Contributory Allowance

£22.90 per week

Pay-Related Benefit

Pay-related benefit is payable in addition to disability benefit, unemployment benefit and maternity allowance. It may also be payable with injury benefit under the occupational injuries scheme.

AMOUNT OF BENEFIT

Pay-related benefit is calculated on a person's weekly earnings between £25* and £190 in the relevant income tax year. Weekly earnings are got by dividing by 50 the gross taxable earnings in that year up to a maximum of £9,500.

In 1982 the relevant income tax year is the 1980/81 year. From 3 January 1983 it will be the 1981/82 income tax year.

The benefit is payable at the following percentage rates:

40%	for the first	147 days	} Sundays are not counted
30%	for the next	78 days	
25%	for the next	78 days	
20%	for the next	78 days	

*This figure will be increased on 3rd January 1983 to the single rate of Unemployment Benefit on that date.

OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES BENEFITS

Under the occupational injuries insurance scheme, the benefits shown here (pages 10 to 13) are payable to:

- i) insured persons who are injured in the course of their employment, or who contract a prescribed occupational disease.
- ii) the dependants of an insured person, where the insured person died as a result of such an accident or disease.

There are no contribution conditions for the award of these benefits.

Pay-related benefit is payable with injury benefit if the insured person would be entitled to receive disability benefit or maternity allowance were he/she not receiving injury benefit (see page 8).

Injury Benefit

Maximum personal rate	£43.55 per week
Personal rate for a person under 18 without a dependant	£34.45 per week
Personal rate for a married woman (dependent on her husband)	£34.45 per week
Increase for adult dependant	£20.50 per week
Increase for first child	£ 7.50 per week
Increase for second child	£ 8.40 per week
Increase for third to fifth child	£ 6.95 per week
Increase for sixth and subsequent children	£ 5.55 per week

Disablement Benefit.

RATE PER
WEEK:
UNDER 66

RATE PER
WEEK:
66 OR OVER

95% TO 100% DISABLEMENT	Maximum personal pension	£47.40	£48.40
	Maximum rate for a person under 18 without a dependant	£37.50	
	Maximum rate for a married woman (dependent on her husband)	£37.50	£38.30
20% TO 94% DISABLEMENT	Persons assessed as disabled between 20% and 94% are paid reduced rate pensions		
1% TO 19% DISABLEMENT	Maximum (19%) gratuity	[£3,285]	[£3,355]
	Persons assessed as disabled between 1% and 18% are paid reduced gratuities		

Unemployability Supplement

RATE PER
WEEK:

RATE PER
WEEK:
UNDER 66

RATE PER
WEEK:
66 OR OVER

Maximum personal rate	£31.65	£32.25
Personal rate for a person under 18 without a dependant	£27.80	
Personal rate for a married woman (dependent upon her husband)	£27.80	£28.40
Increase for adult dependant	£20.50	
Increase for first child	£ 7.50	
Increase for second child	£ 8.40	
Increase for third to fifth child	£ 6.95	
Increase for sixth and subsequent children	£ 5.55	

Constant Attendance Allowance

RATE PER WEEK:
UNDER 66

RATE PER WEEK:
66 OR OVER

95% TO 100% DISABLEMENT	Standard rate	£18.95	£19.30
	Reduced standard rate	£ 9.48	£ 9.65
SEVERE DISABLEMENT	Rate payable to severely disabled persons	£28.43	£28.95
EXCEPTIONALLY SEVERE DISABLEMENT	Rate payable to exceptionally severely disabled persons	£37.90	£38.65

Medical Care

The occupational injuries scheme covers the cost of medical care and attention reasonably and necessarily incurred as a result of the occupational accident or disease to the extent that these expenses are not already met by the Health Board or by way of treatment benefit from the Department of Social Welfare.

Hospital Treatment Allowance

If a person in receipt of a disablement pension of less than 100% receives approved in-patient hospital treatment for his injury or disease his disablement pension will be increased to the 100% rate for the period of his stay in hospital.

Survivor's Benefits

RATE PER WEEK: UNDER 66	RATE PER WEEK: 66 OR OVER
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Personal rate payable to widow or invalided widower dependent on deceased	£45.95	£46.90
Personal gratuity to invalided widower not dependent on deceased	[£2,395]	[£2,445]
Increase for first child	£ 9.75	£ 9.95
Increase for second to fifth child	£10.65	£10.80
Increase for sixth and subsequent children	£ 9.25	£ 9.40
Extra allowance for pensioner over 66 who is living alone		£ 2.70
Prescribed Relative Allowance		£19.30

Dependent Parents' Pensions

RATE PER WEEK: UNDER 66	RATE PER WEEK: 66 OR OVER
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Where deceased was unmarried:	i) one parent	£45.95	£46.90
	ii) other parent	£20.50	£20.90
Where deceased was married	to each parent	£20.50	£20.90
Extra allowance for pensioner over 66 who is living alone			£ 2.70

Orphan's Pension

£24.20 per week

Funeral Grant

Maximum payment	£220.00
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SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

The social assistance payments shown here (pages 14 to 21) are for persons who have no insurance, or who have not enough insurance for social insurance benefit, or who have exhausted their entitlement to benefit. There are no contribution conditions for these payments, but claimants must satisfy a means test. The rates shown for supplementary welfare allowance and unemployment assistance are maximum rates and apply to persons who have no means. Where a person has means these rates will be reduced accordingly.

Supplementary Welfare Allowance

Maximum personal rate	£25.45 per week
Person with 1 adult dependant	£43.95 per week
Person with 1 adult and 1 child dependant	£50.50 per week
Person with 1 adult and 2 child dependants	£57.95 per week
Person with 1 child dependant	£32.35 per week
Person with 2 child dependants	£39.80 per week
Increase for third to fifth child	£ 5.80 per week
Increase for sixth and subsequent children	£ 4.65 per week

Unemployment Assistance -Urban

Maximum personal rate	£26.25 per week
Person with 1 adult dependant	£45.20 per week
Person with 1 adult and 1 child dependant	£51.75 per week
Person with 1 adult and 2 child dependants	£59.20 per week
Person with 1 child dependant	£33.10 per week
Person with 2 child dependants	£40.55 per week
Increase for third to fifth child	£ 5.80 per week
Increase for sixth and subsequent children	£ 4.65 per week

Unemployment Assistance -Non-urban

Maximum personal rate	£25.45 per week
Person with 1 adult dependant	£43.95 per week
Person with 1 adult and 1 child dependant	£50.50 per week
Person with 1 adult and 2 child dependants	£57.95 per week
Person with 1 child dependant	£32.35 per week
Person with 2 child dependants	£39.80 per week
Increase for third to fifth child	£ 5.80 per week
Increase for sixth and subsequent children	£ 4.65 per week

Smallholder's Unemployment Assistance

The unemployment assistance rates shown on page 15 do not apply to landholders whose means from land are notionally assessed by reference to land valuation.

The smallholder rates shown here are maximum rates and apply to persons who have no means. Where a person has means these rates will be reduced accordingly.

Smallholder's Unemployment Assistance: up to £10 valuation

Maximum personal rate	£21.20 per week
Person with 1 adult dependant	£36.60 per week
Person with 1 adult and 1 child dependant	£42.00 per week
Person with 1 adult and 2 child dependants	£48.25 per week
Person with 1 child dependant	£26.90 per week
Person with 2 child dependants	£33.15 per week
Increase for third to fifth child	£ 4.80 per week
Increase for sixth and subsequent children	£ 3.85 per week

Smallholder's Unemployment Assistance: £10-£15 valuation

Maximum personal rate	£17.80 per week
Person with 1 adult dependant	£30.85 per week
Person with 1 adult and 1 child dependant	£35.10 per week
Person with 1 adult and 2 child dependants	£40.25 per week
Person with 1 child dependant	£22.30 per week
Person with 2 child dependants	£27.45 per week
Increase for third to fifth child	£ 4.15 per week
Increase for sixth and subsequent children	£ 3.30 per week

Smallholder's Unemployment Assistance: £15-£20 valuation

Maximum personal rate	£15.00 per week
Person with 1 adult dependant	£25.90 per week
Person with 1 adult and 1 child dependant	£29.40 per week
Person with 1 adult and 2 child dependants	£33.80 per week
Person with 1 child dependant	£18.70 per week
Person with 2 child dependants	£23.10 per week
Increase for third to fifth child	£ 3.50 per week
Increase for sixth and subsequent children	£ 2.80 per week

Widow's Non-Contributory Pension + Deserted Wife's Allowance + Prisoner's Wife's Allowance

WHERE THE WEEKLY MEANS ARE:

RATE
UNDER 66

RATE
OVER 66

Up to £ 6.00	£33.80 per week	£34.45 per week
Over £ 6.00 and up to £ 8.00	£31.80 per week	£32.45 per week
Over £ 8.00 and up to £10.00	£29.80 per week	£30.45 per week
Over £10.00 and up to £12.00	£27.80 per week	£28.45 per week
Over £12.00 and up to £14.00	£25.80 per week	£26.45 per week
Over £14.00 and up to £16.00	£23.80 per week	£24.45 per week
Over £16.00 and up to £18.00	£21.80 per week	£22.45 per week
Over £18.00 and up to £20.00	£19.80 per week	£20.45 per week
Over £20.00 and up to £22.00	£17.80 per week	£18.45 per week
Over £22.00 and up to £24.00	£15.80 per week	£16.45 per week
Over £24.00 and up to £26.00	£13.80 per week	£14.45 per week
Over £26.00 and up to £28.00	£11.80 per week	£12.45 per week
Over £28.00 and up to £30.00	£ 9.80 per week	£10.45 per week
Over £30.00 and up to £32.00	£ 7.80 per week	£ 8.45 per week
Over £32.00 and up to £34.00	£ 5.80 per week	£ 6.45 per week
Over £34.00 and up to £36.00	£ 3.80 per week	£ 4.45 per week
Over £36.00 and up to £38.00	Nil	£ 2.45 per week
Over £38.00	Nil	Nil

INCREASES TO ABOVE

	RATE PER WEEK: UNDER 66	RATE PER WEEK: 66-79	RATE PER WEEK: 80 OR OVER
Increase for first child	£ 8.80	£ 9.00	£ 9.00
Increase for second to fifth child	£ 9.70	£ 9.90	£ 9.90
Increase for sixth and subsequent children	£ 8.30	£ 8.50	£ 8.50
Living Alone Allowance		£ 2.70	£ 2.70
Prescribed Relative Allowance		£19.30	£19.30
Increase over basic rate			£ 2.50

Old Age + Blind Non-Contributory Pension

WHERE THE WEEKLY MEANS ARE:	RATE:	INCREASE FOR ADULT DEPENDANT
Up to £ 6.00	£34.45 per week	£17.30 per week
Over £ 6.00 and up to £ 8.00	£32.45 per week	£16.30 per week
Over £ 8.00 and up to £10.00	£30.45 per week	£15.30 per week
Over £10.00 and up to £12.00	£28.45 per week	£14.30 per week
Over £12.00 and up to £14.00	£26.45 per week	£13.30 per week
Over £14.00 and up to £16.00	£24.45 per week	£12.30 per week
Over £16.00 and up to £18.00	£22.45 per week	£11.30 per week
Over £18.00 and up to £20.00	£20.45 per week	£10.30 per week
Over £20.00 and up to £22.00	£18.45 per week	£ 9.30 per week
Over £22.00 and up to £24.00	£16.45 per week	£ 8.30 per week
Over £24.00 and up to £26.00	£14.45 per week	£ 7.30 per week
Over £26.00 and up to £28.00	£12.45 per week	£ 6.30 per week
Over £28.00 and up to £30.00	£10.45 per week	£ 5.30 per week
Over £30.00 and up to £32.00	£ 8.45 per week	£ 4.30 per week
Over £32.00 and up to £34.00	£ 6.45 per week	£ 3.30 per week
Over £34.00 and up to £36.00	£ 4.45 per week	£ 2.30 per week
Over £36.00 and up to £38.00	£ 2.45 per week	£ 1.30 per week
Over £38.00	(see Note 1)	Nil

NOTE 1: Depending on the amount of his/her weekly means in excess of £38.00 a pensioner with children may receive a reduced pension.

INCREASES TO ABOVE

	RATE PER WEEK: UNDER 66	RATE PER WEEK: 66-79	RATE PER WEEK: 80 OR OVER
Increase for first child	£7.30	£7.30	£7.30
Increase for second child	£8.20	£8.20	£8.20
Increase for third to fifth child	£6.40	£6.40	£6.40
Increase for sixth and subsequent children	£5.10	£5.10	£5.10
Living Alone Allowance		£2.70	£2.70
Increase over basic rate			£2.50

Unmarried Mother's Allowance

WHERE THE WEEKLY MEANS ARE:

RATE:
MOTHER AND
1 CHILD

RATE:
MOTHER AND
2 CHILDREN

Up to £ 6.00	£42.60 per week	£52.30 per week
Over £ 6.00 and up to £ 8.00	£40.60 per week	£50.30 per week
Over £ 8.00 and up to £10.00	£38.60 per week	£48.30 per week
Over £10.00 and up to £12.00	£36.60 per week	£46.30 per week
Over £12.00 and up to £14.00	£34.60 per week	£44.30 per week
Over £14.00 and up to £16.00	£32.60 per week	£42.30 per week
Over £16.00 and up to £18.00	£30.60 per week	£40.30 per week
Over £18.00 and up to £20.00	£28.60 per week	£38.30 per week
Over £20.00 and up to £22.00	£26.60 per week	£36.30 per week
Over £22.00 and up to £24.00	£24.60 per week	£34.30 per week
Over £24.00 and up to £26.00	£22.60 per week	£32.30 per week
Over £26.00 and up to £28.00	£20.60 per week	£30.30 per week
Over £28.00 and up to £30.00	£18.60 per week	£28.30 per week
Over £30.00 and up to £32.00	£16.60 per week	£26.30 per week
Over £32.00 and up to £34.00	£14.60 per week	£24.30 per week
Over £34.00 and up to £36.00	£12.60 per week	£22.30 per week
Over £36.00 and up to £38.00	£10.60 per week	£20.30 per week
Over £38.00 and up to £40.00	£ 8.60 per week	£18.30 per week
Over £40.00 and up to £42.00	£ 6.60 per week	£16.30 per week
Over £42.00 and up to £44.00	£ 4.60 per week	£14.30 per week
Over £44.00 and up to £46.00	£ 2.60 per week	£12.30 per week
Over £46.00 and up to £48.00	Nil	£10.30 per week
Over £48.00 and up to £50.00	Nil	£ 8.30 per week
Over £50.00 and up to £52.00	Nil	£ 6.30 per week
Over £52.00 and up to £54.00	Nil	£ 4.30 per week
Over £54.00 and up to £56.00	Nil	£ 2.30 per week
Over £56.00	Nil	(see Note 2)

NOTE 2: Depending on the amount of her weekly means in excess of £56.00 an unmarried mother with two or more children may receive a reduced allowance.

INCREASES TO ABOVE

Increase for third to fifth child	£9.70 per week
Increase for sixth and subsequent children	£8.30 per week

Single Woman's Allowance + Orphan's Non-Contributory Pension

WHERE THE WEEKLY MEANS ARE:

RATE:
SINGLE WOMAN

RATE:
ORPHAN

Up to £ 1.00	£29.50 per week	£19.20 per week
Over £ 1.00 and up to £ 3.00	£27.50 per week	£17.20 per week
Over £ 3.00 and up to £ 5.00	£25.50 per week	£15.20 per week
Over £ 5.00 and up to £ 7.00	£23.50 per week	£13.20 per week
Over £ 7.00 and up to £ 9.00	£21.50 per week	£11.20 per week
Over £ 9.00 and up to £11.00	£19.50 per week	£ 9.20 per week
Over £11.00 and up to £13.00	£17.50 per week	£ 7.20 per week
Over £13.00 and up to £15.00	£15.50 per week	£ 5.20 per week
Over £15.00 and up to £17.00	£13.50 per week	£ 3.20 per week
Over £17.00 and up to £19.00	£11.50 per week	Nil
Over £19.00 and up to £21.00	£ 9.50 per week	Nil
Over £21.00 and up to £23.00	£ 7.50 per week	Nil
Over £23.00 and up to £25.00	£ 5.50 per week	Nil
Over £25.00 and up to £27.00	£ 3.50 per week	Nil
Over £27.00	Nil	Nil

**HELP
US TO
SPEED UP
PAYMENT:
MAKE YOUR
CLAIMS
IN GOOD
TIME.**

Claims for Benefit, Assistance or Grants should be made immediately the need arises.

Maternity claims should reach us eight weeks before the date of expected confinement.

Old Age and Retirement Pensions should be claimed three months *before* you qualify.

So, please remember, help us to speed up payment: make your claim in good time!

MISC. PAYMENTS

Children's Allowance

First to fifth child	£11.25 per month
Sixth and subsequent children	£17.50 per month

MULTIPLE BIRTHS

In the case of multiple births of three or more children, double the normal monthly allowance is payable for each child so long as not less than three of the children remain qualified for children's allowances. In addition, a grant of £300 is payable on the birth of triplets and £400 on the birth of quadruplets, quintuplets, etc.

Free Electricity Allowance

INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNT:	April/May to August/September or May/June to September/October:	200 units each two- month billing period
	Remainder of year:	300 units each two- month billing period
GROUP ACCOUNT:		£6.25 per month

Free Bottled Gas Refills

January to April	5 cylinders
May to June	2 cylinders
July to August	2 cylinders
September to December	5 cylinders

Free Telephone Rental

The allowance consists of the full cost of the yearly rental. It does not include the cost of installation or the cost of calls.

CONTRIBUTION RATES

(Pay-Related Social Insurance (PRSI)
Intermittent Unemployment Insurance ('Wet-Time')
Voluntary Insurance)

From 6 April 1982 to 5 April 1983, PRSI contributions are payable on the percentage rates shown in the following tables on the amount of earnings up to a ceiling of £9,500.

In addition the 1% Youth Employment Levy continues to be payable on all earnings in excess of £9,500.

The Health contribution and the Youth Employment Levy are each fixed at 1% and are normally included in the employees share of the contribution. However, if the employee has a medical card, the employer pays both elements.

A full description of the categories of workers in each contribution class is contained in the 'Summary of Social Insurance and Assistance Services' (S.W. 4) or leaflet S.W. 14 which are available free of charge from the Department of Social Welfare.

An Employers Guide to the PRSI system is also available.

A

CONTRIBUTION CLASS

A1	Employer	11.61%
	Employee	7.50%
	Total	19.11%
A2	Employer	11.61%
	Employee	Nil
	Total	11.61%
A3	Employer	13.61%
	Employee	5.50%
	Total	19.11%

B

CONTRIBUTION CLASS

B1	Employer	1.95%
	Employee	2.90%
	Total	4.85%
B2	Employer	1.95%
	Employee	Nil
	Total	1.95%
B3	Employer	3.95%
	Employee	0.90%
	Total	4.85%

C

CONTRIBUTION CLASS

C1	Employer	1.85%
	Employee	2.90%
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Total		4.75%

C2	Employer	1.85%
	Employee	Nil
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Total		1.85%

C3	Employer	3.85%
	Employee	0.90%
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Total		4.75%

D

CONTRIBUTION CLASS

D1	Employer	2.15%
	Employee	2.90%
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Total		5.05%

D2	Employer	2.15%
	Employee	Nil
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Total		2.15%

D3	Employer	4.15%
	Employee	0.90%
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Total		5.05%

E

CONTRIBUTION CLASS

E1	Employer	8.12%
	Employee	5.83%
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Total		13.95%

E2	Employer	8.12%
	Employee	Nil
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Total		8.12%

E3	Employer	10.12%
	Employee	3.83%
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Total		13.95%

F

CONTRIBUTION CLASS

F1	Employer	8.42%
	Employee	5.83%
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Total		14.25%

F2	Employer	8.42%
	Employee	Nil
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Total		8.42%

F3	Employer	10.42%
	Employee	3.83%
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Total		14.25%

G

CONTRIBUTION CLASS

G1	Employer	11.30%
	Employee	7.50%
	Total	18.80%

G2	Employer	11.30%
	Employee	Nil
	Total	11.30%

G3	Employer	13.30%
	Employee	5.50%
	Total	18.80%

H

CONTRIBUTION CLASS

H1	Employer	11.30%
	Employee	7.40%
	Total	18.70%

H2	Employer	11.30%
	Employee	Nil
	Total	11.30%

H3	Employer	13.30%
	Employee	5.40%
	Total	18.70%

J

CONTRIBUTION CLASS

J1	Employer	0.30%
	Employee	2.00%
	Total	2.30%

J2	Employer	0.30%
	Employee	Nil
	Total	0.30%

J3	Employer	2.30%
	Employee	Nil
	Total	2.30%

K

CONTRIBUTION CLASS

K1	Employer	Nil
	Employee	2.00%
	Total	2.00%

L

CONTRIBUTION CLASS

L1	Employer	0.10%
	Employee	2.00%
Total		2.10%

L2	Employer	0.10%
	Employee	Nil
Total		0.10%

L3	Employer	2.10%
	Employee	Nil
Total		2.10%

M

CONTRIBUTION CLASS

The M Class should be used for persons with nil contribution liability, e.g. employees under 16 years of age.

Voluntary Insurance Contributions

Full rate	6.6%
Reduced rate	2.6%

N

CONTRIBUTION CLASS

N1	Employer	11.51%
	Employee	7.50%
Total		19.01%

N2	Employer	11.51%
	Employee	Nil
Total		11.51%

N3	Employer	13.51%
	Employee	5.50%
Total		19.01%

Intermittent Unemployment Insurance (WET TIME)

RATES OF CONTRIBUTION:

Skilled worker	£1.42 per week
Unskilled worker	£1.38 per week
Persons under 18	£0.52 per week

RATES OF BENEFIT:

Skilled worker	£0.87 per hour
Unskilled worker	£0.79 per hour
Persons under 18	£0.32 per hour

NOTE: Half the contribution is payable by the employer and half by the employee.

PAYMENTS FROM HEALTH BOARDS

For further details of the Health schemes set out on pages 29 to 31 please contact your local Health Board; do not contact the Department of Social Welfare.

Blind Welfare Allowance

A Supplementary Allowance payable in addition to Disabled Person's Maintenance Allowance to blind persons over 16 years and under 18 years.

Increase for adult dependant	£ 1.05 per week
Increase for first child	£ 1.65 per week
Increase for second child	£ 1.60 per week
Increase for third to fifth child	£ 1.60 per week
Increase for sixth and subsequent children	£ 1.35 per week

B Supplementary Allowance payable to blind persons in receipt of a Blind Pension.

Increase for blind pensioner	£11.15 per week
Increase for blind married couple	£22.30 per week
Increase for first child	£ 2.15 per week
Increase for second child	£ 2.10 per week
Increase for third to fifth child	£ 2.00 per week
Increase for sixth and subsequent children	£ 1.90 per week

Allowances and Grants

INFECTIOUS
DISEASES:
WEEKLY
MAINTENANCE
ALLOWANCE

DISABLED
PERSONS:
WEEKLY
MAINTENANCE
ALLOWANCE

Maximum personal rate	£32.80	£32.55
Increase for dependent spouse	£26.70	£18.50
Increase for first child	£ 7.20	£ 6.55
Increase for second child	£ 8.05	£ 7.45
Increase for third to fifth child	£ 8.05	£ 5.80
Increase for sixth and subsequent children	£ 6.65	£ 4.65

OTHER ALLOWANCES AND GRANTS

MOBILITY ALLOWANCE:		£250.00 per year
CONSTANT CARE ALLOWANCE:	Maximum personal rate	£ 55.00 per month
MATERNITY CASH GRANT:	For medical card holders	£ 8.00
MOTOR TRANSPORT GRANT:	For disabled persons, up to	£1,500

Charges in Public Hospitals

PRIVATE

SEMI-PRIVATE

Health Board Regional Hospitals and Voluntary Teaching Hospitals	£36.00 per day	£27.00 per day
Health Board County Hospitals and Voluntary Non-Teaching Hospitals	£27.00 per day	£22.00 per day
Health Board District Hospitals	£14.00 per day	£11.00 per day

All persons are entitled to hospital services free of charge as an in-patient in a public ward or as an out-patient at a public clinic except that, those persons whose income in the year ended 5th April 1981 was £8,500 or more, are liable for the fees of the consultants involved in their treatment. From 1st June 1982, the ceiling will be £9,500 in the 1981/1982 tax year.

Means Test for Medical Card

(weekly income guide)

Single person living alone	£47.50 per week
Single person living with family	£40.50 per week
Married couple	£68.50 per week
Allowance per child under 16 years	£ 7.50 per week
Allowance for other dependants	£ 9.00 per week
Allowance for outgoing on house, excess over	£ 7.50 per week
Other allowances:	Reasonable expenses necessarily incurred in travelling to work

Contribution towards the cost of Hospital Services

CLASS A:	Hospitals and homes providing acute medical and surgical treatment	£ 1.85 per day
CLASS B:	Nursing homes and maternity homes with some treatment facilities	£ 1.45 per day
CLASS C:	Homes providing nursing care only	£ 4.50 per day
CLASS D:	Homes providing nursing care mainly for old people	£ 4.00 per day
PRIVATE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS:	Teaching	£ 2.25 per day
	Other	£ 1.30 per day

REFUND SCHEME FOR DRUGS

Where a person incurs expenditure in excess of £12 on medicines prescribed by a medical practitioner for use in respect of any calendar month, he will be able to get a refund from the health board of the full amount in excess of £12.