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AN ACT TO AMEND AND EXTEND THE SOCIAL WELFARE ACTS AND TO AMEND THE HEALTH CONTRIBUTIONS ACT 1979.

[16th December, 2005]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:

1.—In this Act “Principal Act” means the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005. Definitions.

2.—(1) Schedule 2 to the Principal Act is amended by substituting the Parts set out in *Schedule 1* to this Act for Parts 1 to 4 of the said Schedule 2. Social insurance benefits (new rates).

(2) This section comes into operation—

- (a) in so far as it relates to unemployment benefit, on 29 December 2005,
- (b) in so far as it relates to disability benefit, health and safety benefit, injury benefit and disablement gratuity, on 2 January 2006,
- (c) in so far as it relates to carer’s benefit, retirement pension, invalidity pension and a payment referred to in paragraph (a) of the definition of “relevant payment” in section 178 of the Principal Act, on 5 January 2006, and
- (d) in so far as it relates to disablement pension, death benefit under section 81, 82 or 83 of the Principal Act, old age (contributory) pension, widow’s (contributory) pension, widower’s (contributory) pension and orphan’s (contributory) allowance, on 6 January 2006.

3.—(1) Schedule 4 to the Principal Act is amended by substituting the Parts set out in *Schedule 2* to this Act for Parts 1 to 5 of the said Schedule 4. Social assistance payments (new rates).

- (2) This section comes into operation—
- (a) in so far as it relates to unemployment assistance, pre-retirement allowance and farm assist, on 28 December 2005,
 - (b) in so far as it relates to supplementary welfare allowance, on 2 January 2006,
 - (c) in so far as it relates to disability allowance, on 4 January 2006,
 - (d) in so far as it relates to one-parent family payment (other than where payable in respect of a widow or widower), carer's allowance and a payment referred to in paragraph (b) or (c) of the definition of "relevant payment" in section 178 of the Principal Act, on 5 January 2006, and
 - (e) in so far as it relates to old age (non-contributory) pension, blind pension, widow's (non-contributory) pension, widower's (non-contributory) pension, one-parent family payment payable in respect of a widow or widower and orphan's (non-contributory) pension, on 6 January 2006.

Family income supplement (new weekly rates).

4.—(1) The Principal Act is amended by substituting the following for section 228:

"228.—Subject to this Act, an allowance (in this Act referred to as 'family income supplement') shall be payable out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas in respect of a family where the weekly family income is less than—

- (a) in the case of a family which includes only 1 child, €465,
- (b) in the case of a family which includes 2 children, €510,
- (c) in the case of a family which includes 3 children, €565,
- (d) in the case of a family which includes 4 children, €630,
- (e) in the case of a family which includes 5 children, €705,
- (f) in the case of a family which includes 6 children, €775,
- (g) in the case of a family which includes 7 children, €845, or
- (h) in the case of a family which includes 8 or more children, €905."

(2) This section comes into operation on 5 January 2006.

Employment contributions (amendment to earnings limits and ceiling).

5.—(1) Section 13(2) of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) in paragraph (a) by substituting "€300" for "€287",
- (b) in paragraph (b) by substituting "€300" for "€287", and
- (c) in paragraph (c) by substituting "€46,600" for "€44,180".

(2) This section comes into operation on 1 January 2006.

6.—(1) Section 29(1)(b) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting “€46,600” for “€44,180”.

Optional contributions (amendment to income ceiling).

(2) This section comes into operation on 1 January 2006.

7.—(1) The Principal Act is amended—

Maternity benefit.

(a) in section 47—

(i) in subsection (4)(a) by substituting “twenty-fourth” for “twenty-second”,

(ii) in subsection (5)(b) by substituting “22” for “18”, and

(iii) in subsection (5)(c)(ii)—

(I) by substituting “twentieth” for “sixteenth” in each place where it occurs, and

(II) by substituting “thirty-second” for “twenty-fourth” in each place where it occurs,

and

(b) in section 49(1)(a) by substituting “80 per cent” for “75 per cent”.

(2) The Principal Act is further amended in section 47(4)(a) (as amended by *subsection (1)(a)(i)* of this section) by substituting “thirty-second” for “twenty-fourth”.

(3) (a) *Subsection (1)(a)(i)* and (b) of this section come into operation on 1 January 2006.

(b) *Subsection (1)(a)(ii)* and (iii) and *subsection (2)* of this section come into operation on such day or days as the Minister may appoint by order.

8.—(1) The Principal Act is amended—

Adoptive benefit.

(a) in section 58—

(i) in subsection (4)(b) by substituting “20” for “16” in each place where it occurs, and

(ii) by inserting the following after subsection (7):

“(8) Regulations may provide for the postponement of the payment of adoptive benefit in the event of the hospitalisation of the child in respect of whose adoption the person is entitled to that benefit, subject to the conditions and in the circumstances that may be prescribed.”,

and

(b) in section 60(1)(a) by substituting “80 per cent” for “75 per cent”.

(2) (a) *Subsection (1)(a)(ii)* and (b) of this section come into operation on 1 January 2006.

(b) *Subsection (1)(a)(i)* of this section comes into operation on such day as the Minister may appoint by order.

One-parent family payment – amendments to calculation of weekly means.

9.—The Principal Act is amended—

(a) in section 173(3) by inserting “, calculated or estimated in the manner that may be prescribed” before “exceed”, and

(b) in Part 3 of Schedule 3, in Rule 1(4)(a), by inserting “, calculated or estimated in the manner that may be prescribed” after “gross weekly earnings”.

Conditions for receipt – relevant payments.

10.—The Principal Act is amended—

(a) in section 178(1) by inserting “and section 178A” after “section”, and

(b) by inserting the following section after section 178:

“Relevant payments – conditions for receipt. 178A.—(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Part V of the Act of 1996—

(a) deserted wife’s benefit under Chapter 18 of Part II of the Act of 1993 shall be payable to a woman who, in the case of a claim made on or after 31 August 1992 but before 2 January 1997, does not have an aggregate of reckonable income, reckonable earnings and reckonable emoluments in excess of a prescribed amount, in the last complete income tax year or in such subsequent period as a deciding officer or an appeals officer may consider appropriate,

(b) in the case of a woman who immediately before the commencement of section 19 of the Act of 1996 was in receipt of deserted wife’s benefit under Chapter 18 of Part II of the Act of 1993, regulations may provide for the continued payment of deserted wife’s benefit where—

(i) subject to paragraph (c), the woman has an aggregate of reckonable income, reckonable earnings and reckonable emoluments in excess of an amount prescribed for the purposes of

paragraph (a) in the last complete income tax year or in such subsequent tax year as a deciding officer or an appeals officer may consider appropriate, or

- (ii) the contribution condition set out in subsection (2)(b) is not satisfied,
- (c) regulations under paragraph (b) shall provide that deserted wife's benefit payable by virtue of that paragraph shall be payable at a rate less than that specified in reference 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 and the rate specified by the regulations may vary with the extent to which—
 - (i) the claimant has an aggregate of reckonable income, reckonable earnings and reckonable emoluments in excess of the amount prescribed for the purposes of paragraph (a) but not in excess of the amount prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph, in the last complete income tax year or in such subsequent period as a deciding officer or an appeals officer may consider appropriate, and
 - (ii) the contribution condition set out in subsection (2)(b) is satisfied,

but any increase of the benefit payable in accordance with subsection (3) shall be the same as if the conditions set out in paragraph (a) and subsection (2)(b) had been fully satisfied,

- (d) (i) subject to subparagraph (ii), regulations may provide for entitling to deserted wife's benefit a person who would be entitled thereto but for the fact that the contribution condition set out in subsection (2)(b) is not satisfied by reference to the insurance record of a person where that person, having earlier ceased to be an employed contributor, became an employed contributor as a consequence

of the coming into operation of section 12 of the Social Welfare Act 1973,

- (ii) regulations for the purposes of subparagraph (i) shall provide that deserted wife's benefit payable by virtue of that paragraph shall be payable at a rate less than that specified in reference 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 and the rate specified by the regulations may vary with the extent to which the contribution condition set out in subsection (2)(b)(ii) is satisfied.

(2) The contribution conditions for deserted wife's benefit under Chapter 18 of Part II of the Act of 1993 are—

- (a) that the husband had qualifying contributions in respect of not less than 156 contribution weeks in the period beginning with his entry into insurance and ending immediately before the relevant time, and
- (b) that, if at the relevant time, 4 years or longer has elapsed since the husband's entry into insurance—
 - (i) the yearly average for the 3 contribution years, or (if warranted by his insurance record) 5 contribution years, ending with the end of the last complete contribution year before the relevant time is not less than 39, or
 - (ii) the yearly average in respect of the period commencing at the beginning of the contribution year in which his entry into insurance occurred and ending at the end of the last complete contribution year before the relevant time is not less than 48,

but, if the foregoing conditions are not satisfied on the husband's insurance record, they may be satisfied on the woman's insurance record (the husband's

insurance record being disregarded).

(3) For the purposes of a payment referred to in paragraph (a) of the definition of ‘relevant payment’ in section 178, the weekly rate of payment shall be increased by the appropriate amount set out—

- (a) in column (4) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 in respect of each qualified child who normally resides with the beneficiary,
- (b) in column (6) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 where the beneficiary has attained pensionable age and is living alone,
- (c) in column (7) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 where the beneficiary has attained the age of 80 years, and
- (d) in column (8) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 where the beneficiary has attained pensionable age and is ordinarily resident on an island.”.

11.—The Principal Act is amended in section 181(1)—

Carer’s allowance.

- (a) in subparagraph (i), by deleting “and”, and
- (b) by inserting the following after subparagraph (i):

“(ia) the amount set out in column (7) of that Part opposite that reference where the beneficiary has attained the age of 80 years, and”.

12.—Schedule 3 to the Principal Act is amended in Part 4 by substituting the following for Rule 1(2)(b)(v)(I):

Supplementary welfare allowance – assessment of means improvement.

“(I) an amount of €60 together with half the gross weekly earnings in excess of that amount where those earnings are not in excess of €90, from the amount of income derived when gross earnings from any employment that may be prescribed have been reduced by the aggregate of—”.

13.—(1) The Health Contributions Act 1979 is amended in section 7A (as amended by section 8 of the Social Welfare Act 2004)—

Amendment to Health Contributions Act 1979.

- (a) in paragraph (1)(a) by substituting “€440” for “€400”,
- (b) in paragraph (1)(b) by substituting “€22,880” for “€20,800”, and

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(c) in subsection (2) by substituting “€22,880” for “€20,800”.

(2) This section comes into operation on 1 January 2006.

Short title and
construction.

14.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Social Welfare Act 2005.

(2) The Social Welfare Acts and this Act (other than *section 13*) shall be read together as one.

SCHEDULE 1

Section 2.

“PART 1

RATES OF PERIODICAL BENEFITS AND INCREASES

Description of benefit	Weekly rate	Increase for qualified adult (where payable)	Increase for each qualified child (where payable)	Increase for pre-scribed relative under section 183 (where payable)	Increase where the person is living alone (where payable)	Increase where the person has attained the age of 80 years (where payable)	Increase where the person is ordinarily resident on an island off the coast of Ireland (where payable)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
1. Disability Benefit, Unemployment Benefit, Injury Benefit and Health and Safety Benefit	165.80	110.00	16.80	—	—	—	—
2. Death Benefit:							
(a) pension payable to a widow or widower (section 81)	194.60	—	21.60	114.90	7.70	10.00	12.70
additional increase for a widow or widower (under section 81) who has attained pensionable age	3.10	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) pension payable to a parent:							
(i) reduced rate	94.10	—	—	114.90	7.70	—	—
(ii) maximum rate	194.60	—	—	114.90	7.70	—	—
(c) pension payable to an orphan	141.80	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Old Age (Contributory) Pension and Retirement Pension:	193.30	128.80	19.30	114.90	7.70	10.00	12.70
additional increase for a qualified adult who has attained pensionable age	—	20.50	—	—	—	—	—
4. Invalidity Pension:	171.30	122.20	19.30	114.90	7.70	10.00	12.70
additional increase for a beneficiary who has attained the age of 65 years	22.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
additional increase where qualified adult has attained pensionable age	—	27.10	—	—	—	—	—

Description of benefit	Weekly rate	Increase for qualified adult (where payable)	Increase for each qualified child (where payable)	Increase for pre-scribed relative under section 183 (where payable)	Increase where the person is living alone (where payable)	Increase where the person has attained the age of 80 years (where payable)	Increase where the person is ordinarily resident on an island off the coast of Ireland (where payable)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
5. Widow's (Contributory Pension) and Widower's (Contributory) Pension and a payment referred to in paragraph (a) of the definition of 'relevant payment' in section 178:	171.30	—	21.60	114.90	7.70	10.00	12.70
additional increase for a beneficiary who has attained pensionable age	22.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	138.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Carer's Benefit:							
(a) in the case of a person to whom section 102(1)(b) applies	180.70	—	16.80	—	—	—	—
(b) in the case of a person to whom section 102(1)(a) applies	271.10	—	16.80	—	—	—	—

PART 2

OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES BENEFITS — GRATUITIES AND GRANT

Description of Grant (1)	Amount (2)
	€
1. Disablement Benefit: Maximum gratuity	13,780
2. Death Benefit	635

PART 3

DISABLEMENT PENSION

Degree of disablement (1)	Weekly rate (2)
	€
100 per cent... ..	196.90
90 per cent... ..	177.20
80 per cent... ..	157.50
70 per cent... ..	137.80
60 per cent... ..	118.10
50 per cent... ..	98.50
40 per cent... ..	78.80
30 per cent... ..	59.10
20 per cent... ..	39.40

PART 4

INCREASES OF DISABLEMENT PENSION

Description of increase (1)	Weekly rate (2)	Increase where the person is living alone (3)	Increase where the person is ordinarily resident on an island off the coast of Ireland (where payable) (4)
	€	€	€
1. Increase where the person is permanently incapable of work	165.80	7.70	12.70
2. Increase where the person requires constant attendance	180.70	—	—

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Section 3.

SCHEDULE 2

“PART 1

RATES OF PERIODICAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE AND INCREASES

Description of assistance	Weekly rate	Increase for qualified adult (where payable)	Increase for each qualified child (where payable)	Increase for prescribed relative under section 183 (where payable)	Increase where the person is living alone (where payable)	Increase where the person has attained the age of 80 years (where payable)	Increase where the person is ordinarily resident on an island off the coast of Ireland (where payable)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
1. Unemployment Assistance:							
(a) in the case of a person to whom section 142(1)(a) applies	165.80	110.00	16.80	—	—	—	—
(b) in the case of a person to whom section 142(1)(b) applies	165.80	110.00	16.80	—	—	—	—
2. Pre-Retirement Allowance	165.80	110.00	16.80	—	—	—	—
3. Disability Allowance	165.80	110.00	16.80	—	7.70	—	12.70
4. Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	182.00	—	16.80	114.90	7.70	10.00	12.70
5. Blind Pension:	165.80	—	16.80	114.90	7.70	10.00	12.70
additional increase for a beneficiary who has attained pensionable age	16.20	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension, Widower's (Non-Contributory) Pension and a payment referred to in paragraph (b) or (c) of the definition of 'relevant payment' in section 178	165.80	—	—	114.90	7.70	10.00	12.70
additional increase for a beneficiary who has attained pensionable age	16.20	—	—	—	—	—	—

Description of assistance	Weekly rate	Increase for qualified adult (where payable)	Increase for each qualified child (where payable)	Increase for prescribed relative under section 183 (where payable)	Increase where the person is living alone (where payable)	Increase where the person has attained the age of 80 years (where payable)	Increase where the person is ordinarily resident on an island off the coast of Ireland (where payable)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
7. One-Parent Family Payment:	165.80	—	19.30	—	—	10.00	12.70
additional increase for a beneficiary who has attained pensionable age	16.20	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Carer's Allowance:							
(a) in the case of a person to whom section 181(1)(a) applies	270.00	—	16.80	—	—	10.00	12.70
additional increase for a beneficiary who has attained pensionable age	30.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) in the case of a person to whom section 181(1)(b) applies	180.00	—	16.80	—	—	10.00	12.70
additional increase for a beneficiary who has attained pensionable age	20.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	138.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Supplementary Welfare Allowance	165.80	110.00	16.80	—	—	—	—
11. Farm Assist	165.80	110.00	16.80	—	—	—	—

PART 2

**INCREASE OF OLD AGE (NON-CONTRIBUTORY) PENSION FOR ONE OF A COUPLE
AND INCREASE IN BLIND PENSION FOR ONE OF A COUPLE WHERE BOTH
BENEFICIARY AND SPOUSE HAVE ATTAINED PENSIONABLE AGE**

Means of claimant or pensioner	Weekly rate of increase
	€
Where the weekly means of the claimant or pensioner do not exceed €7.60	120.30
exceed €7.60 but do not exceed €10.10	118.60
exceed €10.10 but do not exceed €12.60	117.00
exceed €12.60 but do not exceed €15.10	115.30
exceed €15.10 but do not exceed €17.60	113.70

Means of claimant or pensioner	Weekly rate of increase
exceed €17.60 but do not exceed €20.10	112.00
exceed €20.10 but do not exceed €22.60	110.40
exceed €22.60 but do not exceed €25.10	108.70
exceed €25.10 but do not exceed €27.60	107.10
exceed €27.60 but do not exceed €30.10	105.40
exceed €30.10 but do not exceed €32.60	103.80
exceed €32.60 but do not exceed €35.10	102.10
exceed €35.10 but do not exceed €37.60	100.50
exceed €37.60 but do not exceed €40.10	98.80
exceed €40.10 but do not exceed €42.60	97.20
exceed €42.60 but do not exceed €45.10	95.50
exceed €45.10 but do not exceed €47.60	93.90
exceed €47.60 but do not exceed €50.10	92.20
exceed €50.10 but do not exceed €52.60	90.60
exceed €52.60 but do not exceed €55.10	88.90
exceed €55.10 but do not exceed €57.60	87.30
exceed €57.60 but do not exceed €60.10	85.60
exceed €60.10 but do not exceed €62.60	83.90
exceed €62.60 but do not exceed €65.10	82.30
exceed €65.10 but do not exceed €67.60	80.60
exceed €67.60 but do not exceed €70.10	79.00
exceed €70.10 but do not exceed €72.60	77.30
exceed €72.60 but do not exceed €75.10	75.70
exceed €75.10 but do not exceed €77.60	74.00
exceed €77.60 but do not exceed €80.10	72.40
exceed €80.10 but do not exceed €82.60	70.70
exceed €82.60 but do not exceed €85.10	69.10
exceed €85.10 but do not exceed €87.60	67.40
exceed €87.60 but do not exceed €90.10	65.80
exceed €90.10 but do not exceed €92.60	64.10
exceed €92.60 but do not exceed €95.10	62.50
exceed €95.10 but do not exceed €97.60	60.80
exceed €97.60 but do not exceed €100.10	59.20
exceed €100.10 but do not exceed €102.60	57.50
exceed €102.60 but do not exceed €105.10	55.90
exceed €105.10 but do not exceed €107.60	54.20
exceed €107.60 but do not exceed €110.10	52.50
exceed €110.10 but do not exceed €112.60	50.90
exceed €112.60 but do not exceed €115.10	49.20
exceed €115.10 but do not exceed €117.60	47.60
exceed €117.60 but do not exceed €120.10	45.90
exceed €120.10 but do not exceed €122.60	44.30
exceed €122.60 but do not exceed €125.10	42.60
exceed €125.10 but do not exceed €127.60	41.00
exceed €127.60 but do not exceed €130.10	39.30

Means of claimant or pensioner	Weekly rate of increase
exceed €130.10 but do not exceed €132.60	37.70
exceed €132.60 but do not exceed €135.10	36.00
exceed €135.10 but do not exceed €137.60	34.40
exceed €137.60 but do not exceed €140.10	32.70
exceed €140.10 but do not exceed €142.60	31.10
exceed €142.60 but do not exceed €145.10	29.40
exceed €145.10 but do not exceed €147.60	27.80
exceed €147.60 but do not exceed €150.10	26.10
exceed €150.10 but do not exceed €152.60	24.50
exceed €152.60 but do not exceed €155.10	22.80
exceed €155.10 but do not exceed €157.60	21.20
exceed €157.60 but do not exceed €160.10	19.50
exceed €160.10 but do not exceed €162.60	17.80
exceed €162.60 but do not exceed €165.10	16.20
exceed €165.10 but do not exceed €167.60	14.50
exceed €167.60 but do not exceed €170.10	12.90
exceed €170.10 but do not exceed €172.60	11.20
exceed €172.60 but do not exceed €175.10	9.60
exceed €175.10 but do not exceed €177.60	7.90
exceed €177.60 but do not exceed €180.10	6.30
exceed €180.10 but do not exceed €182.60	4.60
exceed €182.60 but do not exceed €185.10	3.00
exceed €185.10	Nil

PART 3

INCREASE OF BLIND PENSION FOR ONE OF A COUPLE WHERE BOTH
BENEFICIARY AND SPOUSE HAVE NOT ATTAINED PENSIONABLE AGE

Means of claimant or pensioner	Weekly rate of increase
	€
Where the weekly means of the claimant or pensioner do not exceed €7.60	110.00
exceed €7.60 but do not exceed €10.10	108.30
exceed €10.10 but do not exceed €12.60	106.70
exceed €12.60 but do not exceed €15.10	105.00
exceed €15.10 but do not exceed €17.60	103.40
exceed €17.60 but do not exceed €20.10	101.70
exceed €20.10 but do not exceed €22.60	100.00
exceed €22.60 but do not exceed €25.10	98.40
exceed €25.10 but do not exceed €27.60	96.70
exceed €27.60 but do not exceed €30.10	95.10
exceed €30.10 but do not exceed €32.60	93.40
exceed €32.60 but do not exceed €35.10	91.80
exceed €35.10 but do not exceed €37.60	90.10
exceed €37.60 but do not exceed €40.10	88.40

Means of claimant or pensioner	Weekly rate of increase
exceed €40.10 but do not exceed €42.60	86.80
exceed €42.60 but do not exceed €45.10	85.10
exceed €45.10 but do not exceed €47.60	83.50
exceed €47.60 but do not exceed €50.10	81.80
exceed €50.10 but do not exceed €52.60	80.10
exceed €52.60 but do not exceed €55.10	78.50
exceed €55.10 but do not exceed €57.60	76.80
exceed €57.60 but do not exceed €60.10	75.20
exceed €60.10 but do not exceed €62.60	73.50
exceed €62.60 but do not exceed €65.10	71.90
exceed €65.10 but do not exceed €67.60	70.20
exceed €67.60 but do not exceed €70.10	68.50
exceed €70.10 but do not exceed €72.60	66.90
exceed €72.60 but do not exceed €75.10	65.20
exceed €75.10 but do not exceed €77.60	63.60
exceed €77.60 but do not exceed €80.10	61.90
exceed €80.10 but do not exceed €82.60	60.20
exceed €82.60 but do not exceed €85.10	58.60
exceed €85.10 but do not exceed €87.60	56.90
exceed €87.60 but do not exceed €90.10	55.30
exceed €90.10 but do not exceed €92.60	53.60
exceed €92.60 but do not exceed €95.10	51.90
exceed €95.10 but do not exceed €97.60	50.30
exceed €97.60 but do not exceed €100.10	48.60
exceed €100.10 but do not exceed €102.60	47.00
exceed €102.60 but do not exceed €105.10	45.30
exceed €105.10 but do not exceed €107.60	43.70
exceed €107.60 but do not exceed €110.10	42.00
exceed €110.10 but do not exceed €112.60	40.30
exceed €112.60 but do not exceed €115.10	38.70
exceed €115.10 but do not exceed €117.60	37.00
exceed €117.60 but do not exceed €120.10	35.40
exceed €120.10 but do not exceed €122.60	33.70
exceed €122.60 but do not exceed €125.10	32.00
exceed €125.10 but do not exceed €127.60	30.40
exceed €127.60 but do not exceed €130.10	28.70
exceed €130.10 but do not exceed €132.60	27.10
exceed €132.60 but do not exceed €135.10	25.40
exceed €135.10 but do not exceed €137.60	23.80
exceed €137.60 but do not exceed €140.10	22.10
exceed €140.10 but do not exceed €142.60	20.40
exceed €142.60 but do not exceed €145.10	18.80
exceed €145.10 but do not exceed €147.60	17.10
exceed €147.60 but do not exceed €150.10	15.50

Means of claimant or pensioner	Weekly rate of increase
exceed €150.10 but do not exceed €152.60	13.80
exceed €152.60 but do not exceed €155.10	12.10
exceed €155.10 but do not exceed €157.60	10.50
exceed €157.60 but do not exceed €160.10	8.80
exceed €160.10 but do not exceed €162.60	7.20
exceed €162.60 but do not exceed €165.10	5.50
exceed €165.10 but do not exceed €167.60	3.80
exceed €167.60 but do not exceed €170.10	2.20
exceed €170.10	Nil

PART 4

INCREASE OF BLIND PENSION FOR ONE OF A COUPLE WHERE BENEFICIARY HAS
NOT ATTAINED PENSIONABLE AGE AND SPOUSE HAS ATTAINED PENSIONABLE
AGE

Means of claimant or pensioner	Weekly rate of increase
	€
Where the weekly means of the claimant or pensioner do not exceed €7.60	120.30
exceed €7.60 but do not exceed €10.10	118.50
exceed €10.10 but do not exceed €12.60	116.70
exceed €12.60 but do not exceed €15.10	114.90
exceed €15.10 but do not exceed €17.60	113.00
exceed €17.60 but do not exceed €20.10	111.20
exceed €20.10 but do not exceed €22.60	109.40
exceed €22.60 but do not exceed €25.10	107.60
exceed €25.10 but do not exceed €27.60	105.80
exceed €27.60 but do not exceed €30.10	104.00
exceed €30.10 but do not exceed €32.60	102.20
exceed €32.60 but do not exceed €35.10	100.30
exceed €35.10 but do not exceed €37.60	98.50
exceed €37.60 but do not exceed €40.10	96.70
exceed €40.10 but do not exceed €42.60	94.90
exceed €42.60 but do not exceed €45.10	93.10
exceed €45.10 but do not exceed €47.60	91.30
exceed €47.60 but do not exceed €50.10	89.50
exceed €50.10 but do not exceed €52.60	87.60
exceed €52.60 but do not exceed €55.10	85.80
exceed €55.10 but do not exceed €57.60	84.00
exceed €57.60 but do not exceed €60.10	82.20
exceed €60.10 but do not exceed €62.60	80.40
exceed €62.60 but do not exceed €65.10	78.60
exceed €65.10 but do not exceed €67.60	76.80
exceed €67.60 but do not exceed €70.10	75.00
exceed €70.10 but do not exceed €72.60	73.10

Means of claimant or pensioner	Weekly rate of increase
exceed €72.60 but do not exceed €75.10	71.30
exceed €75.10 but do not exceed €77.60	69.50
exceed €77.60 but do not exceed €80.10	67.70
exceed €80.10 but do not exceed €82.60	65.90
exceed €82.60 but do not exceed €85.10	64.10
exceed €85.10 but do not exceed €87.60	62.30
exceed €87.60 but do not exceed €90.10	60.40
exceed €90.10 but do not exceed €92.60	58.60
exceed €92.60 but do not exceed €95.10	56.80
exceed €95.10 but do not exceed €97.60	55.00
exceed €97.60 but do not exceed €100.10	53.20
exceed €100.10 but do not exceed €102.60	51.40
exceed €102.60 but do not exceed €105.10	49.60
exceed €105.10 but do not exceed €107.60	47.70
exceed €107.60 but do not exceed €110.10	45.90
exceed €110.10 but do not exceed €112.60	44.10
exceed €112.60 but do not exceed €115.10	42.30
exceed €115.10 but do not exceed €117.60	40.50
exceed €117.60 but do not exceed €120.10	38.70
exceed €120.10 but do not exceed €122.60	36.90
exceed €122.60 but do not exceed €125.10	35.00
exceed €125.10 but do not exceed €127.60	33.20
exceed €127.60 but do not exceed €130.10	31.40
exceed €130.10 but do not exceed €132.60	29.60
exceed €132.60 but do not exceed €135.10	27.80
exceed €135.10 but do not exceed €137.60	26.00
exceed €137.60 but do not exceed €140.10	24.20
exceed €140.10 but do not exceed €142.60	22.30
exceed €142.60 but do not exceed €145.10	20.50
exceed €145.10 but do not exceed €147.60	18.70
exceed €147.60 but do not exceed €150.10	16.90
exceed €150.10 but do not exceed €152.60	15.10
exceed €152.60 but do not exceed €155.10	13.30
exceed €155.10 but do not exceed €157.60	11.50
exceed €157.60 but do not exceed €160.10	9.70
exceed €160.10 but do not exceed €162.60	7.80
exceed €162.60 but do not exceed €165.10	6.00
exceed €165.10 but do not exceed €167.60	4.20
exceed €167.60 but do not exceed €170.10	2.40
exceed €170.10	Nil

PART 5

INCREASE OF BLIND PENSION FOR ONE OF A COUPLE WHERE BENEFICIARY HAS
 ATTAINED PENSIONABLE AGE AND SPOUSE HAS NOT ATTAINED PENSIONABLE
 AGE

Means of claimant or pensioner	Weekly rate of increase
	€
Where the weekly means of the claimant or pensioner do not exceed €7.60	110.00
exceed €7.60 but do not exceed €10.10	108.50
exceed €10.10 but do not exceed €12.60	107.00
exceed €12.60 but do not exceed €15.10	105.50
exceed €15.10 but do not exceed €17.60	104.00
exceed €17.60 but do not exceed €20.10	102.40
exceed €20.10 but do not exceed €22.60	100.90
exceed €22.60 but do not exceed €25.10	99.40
exceed €25.10 but do not exceed €27.60	97.90
exceed €27.60 but do not exceed €30.10	96.40
exceed €30.10 but do not exceed €32.60	94.90
exceed €32.60 but do not exceed €35.10	93.40
exceed €35.10 but do not exceed €37.60	91.90
exceed €37.60 but do not exceed €40.10	90.40
exceed €40.10 but do not exceed €42.60	88.80
exceed €42.60 but do not exceed €45.10	87.30
exceed €45.10 but do not exceed €47.60	85.80
exceed €47.60 but do not exceed €50.10	84.30
exceed €50.10 but do not exceed €52.60	82.80
exceed €52.60 but do not exceed €55.10	81.30
exceed €55.10 but do not exceed €57.60	79.80
exceed €57.60 but do not exceed €60.10	78.30
exceed €60.10 but do not exceed €62.60	76.80
exceed €62.60 but do not exceed €65.10	75.20
exceed €65.10 but do not exceed €67.60	73.70
exceed €67.60 but do not exceed €70.10	72.20
exceed €70.10 but do not exceed €72.60	70.70
exceed €72.60 but do not exceed €75.10	69.20
exceed €75.10 but do not exceed €77.60	67.70
exceed €77.60 but do not exceed €80.10	66.20
exceed €80.10 but do not exceed €82.60	64.70
exceed €82.60 but do not exceed €85.10	63.20
exceed €85.10 but do not exceed €87.60	61.60
exceed €87.60 but do not exceed €90.10	60.10
exceed €90.10 but do not exceed €92.60	58.60
exceed €92.60 but do not exceed €95.10	57.10
exceed €95.10 but do not exceed €97.60	55.60
exceed €97.60 but do not exceed €100.10	54.10
exceed €100.10 but do not exceed €102.60	52.60

Means of claimant or pensioner	Weekly rate of increase
exceed €102.60 but do not exceed €105.10	51.10
exceed €105.10 but do not exceed €107.60	49.60
exceed €107.60 but do not exceed €110.10	48.00
exceed €110.10 but do not exceed €112.60	46.50
exceed €112.60 but do not exceed €115.10	45.00
exceed €115.10 but do not exceed €117.60	43.50
exceed €117.60 but do not exceed €120.10	42.00
exceed €120.10 but do not exceed €122.60	40.50
exceed €122.60 but do not exceed €125.10	39.00
exceed €125.10 but do not exceed €127.60	37.50
exceed €127.60 but do not exceed €130.10	36.00
exceed €130.10 but do not exceed €132.60	34.50
exceed €132.60 but do not exceed €135.10	32.90
exceed €135.10 but do not exceed €137.60	31.40
exceed €137.60 but do not exceed €140.10	29.90
exceed €140.10 but do not exceed €142.60	28.40
exceed €142.60 but do not exceed €145.10	26.90
exceed €145.10 but do not exceed €147.60	25.40
exceed €147.60 but do not exceed €150.10	23.90
exceed €150.10 but do not exceed €152.60	22.40
exceed €152.60 but do not exceed €155.10	20.90
exceed €155.10 but do not exceed €157.60	19.30
exceed €157.60 but do not exceed €160.10	17.80
exceed €160.10 but do not exceed €162.60	16.30
exceed €162.60 but do not exceed €165.10	14.80
exceed €165.10 but do not exceed €167.60	13.30
exceed €167.60 but do not exceed €170.10	11.80
exceed €170.10 but do not exceed €172.60	10.30
exceed €172.60 but do not exceed €175.10	8.80
exceed €175.10 but do not exceed €177.60	7.30
exceed €177.60 but do not exceed €180.10	5.70
exceed €180.10 but do not exceed €182.60	4.20
exceed €182.60 but do not exceed €185.10	2.70
exceed €185.10	Nil

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