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ACTS REFERRED TO

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- Credit Guarantee Act 2012 (No. 26)
- Family Leave and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2021 (No. 4)
- Parent's Leave and Benefit Act 2019 (No. 35)
- Social Welfare (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2010 (No. 28)
- Social Welfare (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2015 (No. 12)
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SOCIAL WELFARE ACT 2021

An Act to amend and extend the Social Welfare Acts, to amend the Credit Guarantee Act 2012; and to provide for related matters. [18th December, 2021]

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

PART 1

PRELIMINARY AND GENERAL

Short title, construction and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Social Welfare Act 2021.
- (2) The Social Welfare Acts and *Part 2* shall be construed together as one Act.
- (3) *Sections 8, 14 and 20* shall come into operation on such day or days as the Minister for Social Protection may appoint by order or orders either generally or with reference to any particular purpose or provision, and different days may be so appointed for different purposes or different provisions.
- (4) *Section 24* shall come into operation on such day or days as the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment may appoint by order or orders either generally or with reference to any particular purpose or provision, and different days may be so appointed for different purposes or different provisions.

PART 2

AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL WELFARE ACTS

Definitions

2. In this Act—
 - “Act of 2007” means the Social Welfare and Pensions Act 2007;
 - “Act of 2016” means the Social Welfare Act 2016;
 - “Act of 2018” means the Social Welfare, Pensions and Civil Registration Act 2018;
 - “Act of 2020” means the Social Welfare Act 2020;

“Principal Act” means the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005.

Employment contributions

3. (1) Section 13(2) (amended by section 2 of the Act of 2020) of the Principal Act, is amended in paragraph (d)—
 - (a) in subparagraph (i), by the substitution of “€410” for “€398”, and
 - (b) in subparagraph (ii), by the substitution of “€410” for “€398”.
- (2) This section comes into operation on 1 January 2022.

Amendment of section 38G of Principal Act

4. Section 38G (inserted by section 4 of the Act of 2020) is amended by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (1):

“(1A) Subsection (1) shall cease to have effect on 28 February 2022 and, on and from 1 March 2022, the provisions of section 13(2)(d) shall accordingly apply to the employed contributor’s employer.”.

Maternity benefit – new rate

5. (1) Section 49(1) (amended by section 5 of the Act of 2018) of the Principal Act is amended, in paragraph (b), by the substitution of the following subparagraph for subparagraph (ii):

“(ii) €250.”.
- (2) This section comes into operation on 3 January 2022.

Adoptive benefit – new rate

6. (1) Section 60(1) (amended by section 6 of the Act of 2018) of the Principal Act is amended, in paragraph (b), by the substitution of the following subparagraph for subparagraph (ii):

“(ii) €250.”.
- (2) This section comes into operation on 3 January 2022.

Paternity benefit – new rate

7. (1) Section 61D (amended by section 7 of the Act of 2018) of the Principal Act is amended by the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (b):

“(b) €250.”.
- (2) This section comes into operation on 3 January 2022.

Parent's benefit – amendment of duration of benefit

8. Section 61G(10) (amended by section 15 of the Family Leave and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2021) of the Principal Act is amended—
- (a) in paragraph (b)(i), by the substitution of “seven consecutive weeks” for “five consecutive weeks”,
 - (b) in paragraph (b)(ii), by the substitution of “seven consecutive weeks” for “five consecutive weeks”, and
 - (c) in paragraph (c), by the substitution of “7 weeks” for “5 weeks”.

Parent's benefit – new rate

9. (1) Section 61I (inserted by section 29 of the Parent's Leave and Benefit Act 2019) of the Principal Act is amended by the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (b):
- “(b) €250.”.
- (2) This section comes into operation on 3 January 2022.

Increase in rates of jobseeker's benefit relating to certain reckonable weekly earnings, certain weekly income and certain reckonable weekly income and certain periods

10. (1) Section 65A(1) (amended by section 8(1) of the Act of 2018) of the Principal Act is amended by the substitution—
- (a) in paragraphs (a), (d) and (g), of “€93.30” for “€91.10” in each place where it occurs in those paragraphs,
 - (b) in paragraphs (b), (e) and (h), of “€134.20” for “€131.00” in each place where it occurs in those paragraphs, and
 - (c) in paragraphs (c), (f) and (i), of “€162.90” for “€159.00” in each place where it occurs in those paragraphs.
- (2) Section 65A(2) (amended by section 8(2) of the Act of 2018) of the Principal Act is amended—
- (a) in paragraph (a), by the substitution of “€73.70” for “€71.70”,
 - (b) in paragraph (b), by the substitution of “€106.00” for “€102.60”, and
 - (c) in paragraph (c), by the substitution of “€128.60” for “€124.00”.
- (3) This section comes into operation on 30 December 2021.

Amendment of section 66(1A) of Principal Act – change of rates

11. (1) Section 66(1A) (amended by section 8(3) of the Act of 2018) of the Principal Act is amended by the substitution of “€89.30” for “€87.20”.
- (2) This section comes into operation on 30 December 2021.

Treatment Benefit – amendments – non-surgical hair replacement

12. (1) Section 138(2) (amended by section 11 of the Social Welfare and Pensions (No. 2) Act 2009) of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) in paragraph (c), by the substitution of “;” for “.”, and

(b) by the insertion of the following after paragraph (c):

“(d) non-surgical hair replacement for persons suffering from hair loss (other than physiological hair loss) resulting from a disease, or treatment for a disease.”.

(2) This section comes into operation on 28 May 2022.

Disability allowance – rate of allowance

13. (1) Section 211(2)(a) of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) in subparagraph (i) by the substitution of “€7.60” for “€2.50”, and

(b) by the substitution of the following subparagraph for subparagraph (ii):

“(ii) where the weekly means exceed €7.60, at the scheduled rate reduced by €2.50 for each amount (if any) of €2.50 by which those weekly means exceed €7.60, any fraction of €2.50 in those weekly means being treated for this purpose as €2.50.”.

(2) This section comes into operation on 1 June 2022.

Working family payment – increase income thresholds

14. The Principal Act is amended by the substitution of the following section for section 228 (amended by section 12 of the Act of 2020):

“Working family payment

228. Subject to this Act, an allowance (in this Act referred to as ‘working family payment’) 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 one child, €551,

(b) in the case of a family which includes 2 children, €652,

(c) in the case of a family which includes 3 children, €753,

(d) in the case of a family which includes 4 children, €844,

(e) in the case of a family which includes 5 children, €970,

(f) in the case of a family which includes 6 children, €1,086,

(g) in the case of a family which includes 7 children, €1,222, or

(h) in the case of a family which includes 8 or more children, €1,318.”.

Back to work family dividend – Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment

15. Section 238B(c) (amended by section 6 of the Social Welfare Act 2019) of the Principal Act is amended by the substitution of the following:

“the person has, immediately before the date on which he or she ceased to claim or ceased to be entitled to the benefit, allowance or payment concerned, in any continuous period of unemployment been in receipt of such benefit, allowance or payment in respect of—

- (i) not less than 312 days of unemployment, of which not less than 156 days of unemployment have occurred in the 12 month period commencing immediately before that date, or
- (ii) a number of days such that when combined with days spent in receipt of the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment the total shall not be less than 312 days, of which not less than 156 days of unemployment have occurred in the 12 month period commencing immediately before that date.”,

for:

“the person has, immediately before the date on which he or she ceased to claim or ceased to be entitled to the benefit, allowance or payment concerned, in any continuous period of unemployment been in receipt of such benefit, allowance or payment in respect of not less than 312 days of unemployment, of which not less than 156 days of unemployment have occurred in the 12-month period commencing immediately before that date.”.

Amendment of section 238C of Principal Act

16. Section 238C (inserted by section 8 of the Social Welfare (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2015) of the Principal Act is amended, in subsection (2), by the deletion of “and section 238F”.

Chief Appeals Officer

17. The Principal Act is amended by the substitution of the following section for section 305 (amended by section 23 of the Social Welfare (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2010):

“305. (1) The Minister shall designate—

- (a) one of the appeals officers who is an officer of the Minister to be the Chief Appeals Officer, and
- (b) one or more of the other appeals officers (not being an officer designated under paragraph (a)) who are officers of the Minister to act as the deputies for the Chief Appeals Officer when the Chief Appeals Officer is not available.

- (2) An appeals officer who is designated by the Minister under subsection (1) to act as deputy for the Chief Appeals Officer shall, when so acting be referred to as the Deputy Chief Appeals Officer.”.

Social insurance benefits – new rates of increase for qualified child and living alone allowance

18. (1) Schedule 2 (amended by section 14 of the Act of 2020) to the Principal Act is amended—
- (a) in column (4) of Part 1, by the substitution of “40.00” for “38.00” in each place where it occurs,
 - (b) in column (5) of Part 1, by the substitution of “48.00” for “45.00” in each place where it occurs,
 - (c) in column (6) of Part 1, by the substitution of “22.00” for “19.00” in each place where it occurs,
 - (d) in column (4) of Part 4, by the substitution of “40.00” for “38.00”,
 - (e) in column (5) of Part 4, by the substitution of “48.00” for “45.00”, and
 - (f) in column (6) of Part 4, by the substitution of “22.00” for “19.00”.
- (2) This section comes into operation—
- (a) in so far as it relates to jobseeker’s benefit and jobseeker’s benefit (self-employed), on 30 December 2021,
 - (b) in so far as it relates to—
 - (i) illness benefit,
 - (ii) health and safety benefit, and
 - (iii) injury benefit,on 3 January 2022,
 - (c) in so far as it relates to—
 - (i) carer’s benefit,
 - (ii) invalidity pension, and
 - (iii) a payment referred to in paragraph (a) of the definition of “relevant payment” in section 178(1) of the Principal Act,on 6 January 2022, and
 - (d) in so far as it relates to—
 - (i) death benefit under Chapter 13 (other than section 84) of the Principal Act,
 - (ii) widow’s (contributory) pension,
 - (iii) widower’s (contributory) pension,

- (iv) surviving civil partner's (contributory) pension,
 - (v) State pension (contributory), and
 - (vi) disablement pension,
- on 7 January 2022.

Social insurance benefits – new rates

- 19.** (1) Schedule 2 (amended by section 18 of the Act of 2018) to the Principal Act is amended by the substitution of the Parts set out in *Schedule 1* for Parts 1 to 4 of Schedule 2 to the Principal Act.
- (2) This section comes into operation—
- (a) in so far as it relates to jobseeker's benefit and jobseeker's benefit (self-employed), on 30 December 2021,
 - (b) in so far as it relates to—
 - (i) illness benefit,
 - (ii) health and safety benefit, and
 - (iii) injury benefit,on 3 January 2022,
 - (c) in so far as it relates to—
 - (i) carer's benefit,
 - (ii) invalidity pension, and
 - (iii) a payment referred to in paragraph (a) of the definition of "relevant payment" in section 178(1) of the Principal Act,on 6 January 2022, and
 - (d) in so far as it relates to—
 - (i) death benefit under Chapter 13 (other than section 84) of the Principal Act,
 - (ii) widow's (contributory) pension,
 - (iii) widower's (contributory) pension,
 - (iv) surviving civil partner's (contributory) pension,
 - (v) State pension (contributory),
 - (vi) guardian's payment (contributory),
 - (vii) disablement pension, and
 - (viii) disablement gratuity,on 7 January 2022.

Rules as to calculation of means – agricultural schemes – amendments**20.** Schedule 3 to the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) in Rule 1(2)(b)(ix) (amended by section 22(a) of the Act of 2016) of Part 2, by the substitution of the following subclauses for subclause (I):

“(I) the following schemes administered by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, namely the Schemes commonly known and referred to as:

- (A) the Rural Environment Protection Scheme;
- (B) the Agri-Environment Options Scheme;
- (C) the Green, Low-Carbon, Agri-Environment Scheme;
- (D) the Beef Exceptional Aid Measure;
- (E) the Beef Data and Genomics Programme (2015 – 2020) (2017 – 2022) (2021);
- (F) the Beef Environmental Efficiency Plan (BEEP-S) as part of the Beef Sector Efficiency Programme;
- (G) the Dairy Beef Calf Programme as part of the Beef Sector Efficiency Programme;
- (H) the Results Based Environment Agri-Pilot Programme;
- (I) the Sheep Welfare Scheme;
- (J) the Afforestation Grant and Premium Scheme (2000 – 2006) (2007 – 2013) (2014 – 2020);
- (K) the Ash Dieback Replanting Scheme;
- (L) the Creation of Woodland on Public Lands Scheme;
- (M) the Deer Tree Shelter and Deer/Hare Fencing Scheme;
- (N) the Forestry Grants and Premium Schemes (2014 – 2020);
- (O) the Forest Genetic Resources Reproductive Material Scheme;
- (P) the Forest Road Scheme;
- (Q) the Forestry Knowledge Transfer Group Scheme;
- (R) the Innovative Forestry Forest Technology: Central tyre inflation scheme module;
- (S) the Native Woodland Conservation Scheme;
- (T) the NeighbourWood Scheme;
- (U) the Reconstitution and Underplanting Scheme (Ash Dieback);
- (V) the Woodland Improvement Scheme including Continuous Forestry Cover;

- (W) such additional Schemes administered by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine relating to agri-environmental schemes as may, following consultation with that Minister, be prescribed.”,

and

- (b) in Rule 1(2)(b)(x) (amended by section 22(b) of the Act of 2016) of Part 3, by the substitution of the following subclause for subclause (I):

- “(I) the following schemes administered by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, namely the Schemes commonly known and referred to as:
- (A) the Rural Environment Protection Scheme;
 - (B) the Agri-Environment Options Scheme;
 - (C) the Green, Low-Carbon, Agri-Environment Scheme;
 - (D) the Beef Exceptional Aid Measure;
 - (E) the Beef Data and Genomics Programme (2015 – 2020) (2017 – 2022) (2021);
 - (F) the Beef Environmental Efficiency Plan (BEEP-S) as part of the Beef Sector Efficiency Programme;
 - (G) the Dairy Beef Calf Programme as part of the Beef Sector Efficiency Programme;
 - (H) the Results Based Environment Agri-Pilot Programme;
 - (I) the Sheep Welfare Scheme;
 - (J) the Afforestation Grant and Premium Scheme (2000 – 2006) (2007 – 2013) (2014 – 2020);
 - (K) the Ash Dieback Replanting Scheme;
 - (L) the Creation of Woodland on Public Lands Scheme;
 - (M) the Deer Tree Shelter and Deer/Hare Fencing Scheme;
 - (N) the Forestry Grants and Premium Schemes (2014 – 2020);
 - (O) the Forest Genetic Resources Reproductive Material Scheme;
 - (P) the Forest Road Scheme;
 - (Q) the Forestry Knowledge Transfer Group Scheme;
 - (R) the Innovative Forestry Forest Technology: Central tyre inflation scheme module;
 - (S) the Native Woodland Conservation Scheme;
 - (T) the NeighbourWood Scheme;
 - (U) the Reconstitution and Underplanting Scheme (Ash Dieback);

- (V) the Woodland Improvement Scheme including Continuous Forestry Cover;
- (W) such additional Schemes administered by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine relating to agri-environmental schemes as may, following consultation with that Minister, be prescribed.”.

Amendment to Schedule 3 to Principal Act (carer’s allowance capital disregard)

21. (1) Schedule 3 to the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) in Rule 1 of Part 5 (amended by section 35(c) of the Act of 2007) by the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (1):

“(1) other than in the circumstances and subject to the conditions and for the periods that may be prescribed, the weekly value of property belonging to the person (not being property personally used or enjoyed by the person or a farm of land leased by him or her) which is invested or is otherwise put to profitable use by the person or which, though capable of investment or profitable use is not invested or put to profitable use and the weekly value, calculated—

- (a) for the purposes of blind pension, widow’s (non-contributory) pension, widower’s (non-contributory) pension, guardian’s payment (non-contributory) or one-parent family payment, in accordance with reference 1 of Table 1 to this Schedule, or
- (b) for the purposes of carer’s allowance, in accordance with reference 4 of Table 1 to this Schedule,

constitutes the weekly means of a person from that property, but no account shall be taken under any other provision of these Rules of any appropriation of the property for the purpose of current expenditure;”

and

- (b) in Table 1 (amended by section 35(d) of the Act of 2007)—

- (i) in reference No. 1, by the substitution of “The weekly value of property referred to in Rule 1(1)(a) of Part 2 (for the purposes of jobseeker’s allowance, pre-retirement allowance and farm assist), Rule 1(1) of Part 3 and Rule 1(1)(a) of Part 5 (for the purposes of blind pension, widow’s (non-contributory) pension, widower’s (non-contributory) pension, guardian’s payment (non-contributory) and one-parent family payment), shall be calculated as follows:” for “The weekly value of property referred to in Rule 1(1) of Part 2 (for the purposes of jobseeker’s allowance, pre-retirement allowance and farm assist), Rule 1(1) of Part 3 and Rule 1(1) of Part 5 shall be calculated as follows:”, and

- (ii) by the insertion of the following reference after Reference No. 3:

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4.	<p>The weekly value of the property referred to in Rule 1(1)(b) of Part 5, for the purposes of carer’s allowance, shall be calculated as follows:</p> <p>(a) the first €50,000 of the capital value of the property shall be excluded;</p> <p>(b) the weekly value of so much of the capital value of the property as exceeds €50,000 but does not exceed €60,000 shall be assessed at €1 per each €1,000;</p> <p>(c) the weekly value of so much of the capital value of the property as exceeds €60,000 but does not exceed €70,000 shall be assessed at €2 per each €1,000; and</p> <p>(d) the weekly value of so much of the capital value of the property as exceeds €70,000 shall be assessed at €4 per each €1,000.</p>
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(2) This section comes into operation on 2 June 2022.

Social assistance – new rates of increase for qualified child and living alone allowance

22. (1) Part 1 (amended by section 16 of the Act of 2020) of Schedule 4 to the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) in column (4), by the substitution of “40.00” for “38.00” in each place where it occurs,
- (b) in column (5), by the substitution of “48.00” for “45.00” in each place where it occurs, and
- (c) in column (6), by the substitution of “22.00” for “19.00” in each place where it occurs.

(2) This section comes into operation—

- (a) in so far as it relates to—
 - (i) jobseeker’s allowance (other than where payable in accordance with section 148A of the Principal Act), and
 - (ii) farm assist,
 on 29 December 2021,
- (b) in so far as it relates to supplementary welfare allowance, on 3 January 2022,
- (c) in so far as it relates to disability allowance, on 5 January 2022,
- (d) in so far as it relates to—

- (i) one-parent family payment (other than where payable in respect of a widow, widower or surviving civil partner),
 - (ii) jobseeker's allowance payable in accordance with section 148A of the Principal Act, and
 - (iii) carer's allowance,
on 6 January 2022, and
- (e) in so far as it relates to—
- (i) State pension (non-contributory),
 - (ii) blind pension, and
 - (iii) one-parent family payment (payable in respect of a widow, widower or surviving civil partner),
on 7 January 2022.

Social assistance payments – new rates

- 23.** (1) Schedule 4 (amended by section 23 of the Act of 2018) to the Principal Act is amended by the substitution of the Parts set out in *Schedule 2* for Parts 1 to 3 of Schedule 4 to the Principal Act.
- (2) This section comes into operation—
- (a) in so far as it relates to—
 - (i) jobseeker's allowance (other than where payable in accordance with section 148A of the Principal Act), and
 - (ii) farm assist,
on 29 December 2021,
 - (b) in so far as it relates to supplementary welfare allowance, on 3 January 2022,
 - (c) in so far as it relates to disability allowance, on 5 January 2022,
 - (d) in so far as it relates to—
 - (i) one-parent family payment (other than where payable in respect of a widow, widower or surviving civil partner),
 - (ii) jobseeker's allowance payable in accordance with section 148A of the Principal Act,
 - (iii) a payment referred to in paragraph (b) or (c) of the definition of “relevant payment” in section 178(1) of the Principal Act, and
 - (iv) carer's allowance,
on 6 January 2022, and
 - (e) in so far as it relates to—

- (i) State pension (non-contributory),
 - (ii) blind pension,
 - (iii) guardian's payment (non-contributory),
 - (iv) widow's (non-contributory) pension,
 - (v) widower's (non-contributory) pension,
 - (vi) surviving civil partner's (non-contributory) pension, and
 - (vii) one-parent family payment (payable in respect of a widow, widower or surviving civil partner),
- on 7 January 2022.

PART 3

AMENDMENT TO CREDIT GUARANTEE ACT 2012

Amendment to section 4A of Credit Guarantee Act 2012

- 24.** Section 4A (inserted by section 5 of the Credit Guarantee (Amendment) Act 2020) of the Credit Guarantee Act 2012 is amended, in subsection (2), by the substitution of "31st day of December 2022" for "31st day of December 2021".

SCHEDULE 1

Section 19

SOCIAL INSURANCE BENEFITS (NEW RATES) - SUBSTITUTION OF PARTS 1 TO 4 OF SCHEDULE 2 TO PRINCIPAL ACT

"Part 1

RATES OF PERIODICAL BENEFITS AND INCREASES

Description of benefit	Weekly rate	Increase for qualified adult (where payable)	Increase for each qualified child aged under 12 years (where payable)	Increase for each qualified child aged 12 years and over (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. Illness Benefit, Jobseeker's Benefit and Jobseeker's Benefit (self-employed), Injury Benefit and Health and Safety Benefit	208.00	138.00	40.00	48.00	-	-	-
2. Death Benefit:							
(a) pension payable to a widow, widower or surviving civil partner (section 81)	238.50	-	40.00	48.00	22.00	10.00	20.00
additional increase for a widow, widower or surviving civil partner (under section 81) who has attained pensionable age	19.20	-	-	-	-	-	-

(b) pension payable to a parent:								
(i) reduced rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(ii) maximum rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) pension payable to an orphan	194.80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. State Pension (Contributory):	253.30	168.70	40.00	48.00	22.00	10.00	20.00	
additional increase for a qualified adult who has attained pensionable age	-	58.30	-	-	-	-	-	-
3A. State Pension (Transition):	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
additional increase where a qualified adult has attained pensionable age before 2 January 2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Invalidity Pension:	213.50	152.50	40.00	48.00	22.00	10.00	20.00	
additional increase where a qualified adult has attained pensionable age before 2 January 2014	-	74.50	-	-	-	-	-	-

5. Widow's (Contributory) Pension, Widower's (Contributory) Pension and Surviving Civil Partner's (Contributory) Pension and a payment referred to in paragraph (a) of the definition of "relevant payment" in section 178(1):	213.50	-	40.00	48.00	22.00	10.00	20.00
additional increase for a beneficiary who has attained pensionable age	39.80	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	191.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. Carer's Benefit:							
(a) in the case of a person to whom section 102(1)(b) applies	225.00	-	40.00	48.00	-	-	-
(b) in the case of a person to whom section 102(1)(a) applies	337.50	-	40.00	48.00	-	-	-

Part 2

OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES BENEFITS - GRATUITIES AND GRANT

Description of Grant (1)	Amount (2)
	€
1. Disablement Benefit: Maximum gratuity	16,720
2. Death Benefit	850

Part 3

DISABLEMENT PENSION

Degree of disablement (1)	Weekly rate (2)
	€
100 per cent	239.00
90 per cent	215.10
80 per cent	191.20
70 per cent	167.30
60 per cent	143.40
50 per cent	119.50
40 per cent	95.60
30 per cent	71.70
20 per cent	47.80

Part 4

INCREASES OF DISABLEMENT PENSION

Description of Increase (1)	Weekly Rate (2)	Increase for qualified adult (where payable) (3)	Increase for each qualified child aged under 12 years (where payable) (4)	Increase for each qualified child aged 12 years and over (where payable) (5)	Increase where the person is living alone (6)	Increase where the person is ordinarily resident on an island off the coast of Ireland (where payable) (7)
	€	€	€	€	€	€
1. Increase where the person is permanently incapable of work	208.00	138.00	40.00	48.00	22.00	20.00
additional increase for a beneficiary who has attained the age of 66 years	19.30	-	-	-	-	-

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additional increase where the qualified adult has attained the age of 66 years	-	12.80	-	-	-	-
2. Increase where the person requires constant attendance	225.00	-	-	-	-	-

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SCHEDULE 2

Section 23

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS (NEW RATES) - SUBSTITUTION OF PARTS 1 TO 3 OF SCHEDULE 4 TO PRINCIPAL ACT

"Part 1

RATES OF PERIODICAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE AND INCREASES

Description of benefit	Weekly rate	Increase for qualified adult (where payable)	Increase for each qualified child aged under 12 years (where payable)	Increase for each qualified child aged 12 years and over (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. Jobseeker's Allowance:							
(a) in the case of a person to whom section 142(1)(a) applies	208.00	138.00	40.00	48.00	-	-	-
(b) in the case of a person to whom section 142(1)(b) applies	208.00	138.00	40.00	48.00	-	-	-
(c) in the case of a person to whom section 142A applies	117.70	117.70	-	-	-	-	-
(d) in the case of a person to whom section 142B applies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Pre-Retirement Allowance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Disability Allowance	208.00	138.00	40.00	48.00	22.00	-	20.00

4. State Pension (Non-Contributory):	242.00	159.90	40.00	48.00	22.00	10.00	20.00
5. Blind Pension	208.00	138.00	40.00	48.00	22.00	-	20.00
6. Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension, Widower's (Non-Contributory) Pension, Surviving Civil Partner's (Non-Contributory) Pension and a payment referred to in paragraph (b) or (c) of the definition of "relevant payment" in section 178(1)	208.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. One-Parent Family Payment	208.00	-	40.00	48.00	-	-	-
8. Carer's Allowance:							
(a) in the case of a person to whom section 181(1)(a) applies	336.00	-	40.00	48.00	-	10.00	20.00
additional increase for a beneficiary who has attained pensionable age	57.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) in the case of a person to whom section 181(1)(b) applies	224.00	-	40.00	48.00	-	10.00	20.00
additional increase for a beneficiary who has attained pensionable age	38.00	-	-	-	-	-	-

9. Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	191.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
10. Supplementary Welfare Allowance							
(a) in the case of a person to whom section 197(1) applies	206.00	138.00	40.00	48.00	-	-	-
(b) in the case of a person to whom section 197(2) applies	117.70	117.70	-	-	-	-	-
(c) in the case of a person to whom section 197(4) applies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11. Farm Assist	208.00	138.00	40.00	48.00	-	-	-

Part 2

INCREASES OF STATE PENSION (NON-CONTRIBUTORY) FOR ONE OF A COUPLE WHERE SPOUSE
HAS NOT ATTAINED PENSIONABLE AGE

Means of claimant or pensioner (1)	Weekly rate of increase (2)
	€
Where the weekly means of the claimant or pensioner do not exceed €30.00	159.90
exceed €30.00 but do not exceed €32.50	158.20
exceed €32.50 but do not exceed €35.00	156.60
exceed €35.00 but do not exceed €37.50	154.90
exceed €37.50 but do not exceed €40.00	153.30
exceed €40.00 but do not exceed €42.50	151.60
exceed €42.50 but do not exceed €45.00	150.00
exceed €45.00 but do not exceed €47.50	148.30
exceed €47.50 but do not exceed €50.00	146.70
exceed €50.00 but do not exceed €52.50	145.00
exceed €52.50 but do not exceed €55.00	143.40
exceed €55.00 but do not exceed €57.50	141.70
exceed €57.50 but do not exceed €60.00	140.10
exceed €60.00 but do not exceed €62.50	138.40
exceed €62.50 but do not exceed €65.00	136.80
exceed €65.00 but do not exceed €67.50	135.10
exceed €67.50 but do not exceed €70.00	133.50
exceed €70.00 but do not exceed €72.50	131.80
exceed €72.50 but do not exceed €75.00	130.20

exceed €75.00 but do not exceed €77.50	128.50
exceed €77.50 but do not exceed €80.00	126.90
exceed €80.00 but do not exceed €82.50	125.20
exceed €82.50 but do not exceed €85.00	123.60
exceed €85.00 but do not exceed €87.50	121.90
exceed €87.50 but do not exceed €90.00	120.30
exceed €90.00 but do not exceed €92.50	118.60
exceed €92.50 but do not exceed €95.00	117.00
exceed €95.00 but do not exceed €97.50	115.30
exceed €97.50 but do not exceed €100.00	113.60
exceed €100.00 but do not exceed €102.50	112.00
exceed €102.50 but do not exceed €105.00	110.30
exceed €105.00 but do not exceed €107.50	108.70
exceed €107.50 but do not exceed €110.00	107.00
exceed €110.00 but do not exceed €112.50	105.40
exceed €112.50 but do not exceed €115.00	103.70
exceed €115.00 but do not exceed €117.50	102.10
exceed €117.50 but do not exceed €120.00	100.40
exceed €120.00 but do not exceed €122.50	98.80
exceed €122.50 but do not exceed €125.00	97.10
exceed €125.00 but do not exceed €127.50	95.50
exceed €127.50 but do not exceed €130.00	93.80
exceed €130.00 but do not exceed €132.50	92.20
exceed €132.50 but do not exceed €135.00	90.50
exceed €135.00 but do not exceed €137.50	88.90
exceed €137.50 but do not exceed €140.00	87.20
exceed €140.00 but do not exceed €142.50	85.60
exceed €142.50 but do not exceed €145.00	83.90
exceed €145.00 but do not exceed €147.50	82.30
exceed €147.50 but do not exceed €150.00	80.60
exceed €150.00 but do not exceed €152.50	79.00
exceed €152.50 but do not exceed €155.00	77.30
exceed €155.00 but do not exceed €157.50	75.70
exceed €157.50 but do not exceed €160.00	74.00
exceed €160.00 but do not exceed €162.50	72.40
exceed €162.50 but do not exceed €165.00	70.70
exceed €165.00 but do not exceed €167.50	69.00
exceed €167.50 but do not exceed €170.00	67.40
exceed €170.00 but do not exceed €172.50	65.70
exceed €172.50 but do not exceed €175.00	64.10
exceed €175.00 but do not exceed €177.50	62.40
exceed €177.50 but do not exceed €180.00	60.80
exceed €180.00 but do not exceed €182.50	59.10
exceed €182.50 but do not exceed €185.00	57.50
exceed €185.00 but do not exceed €187.50	55.80
exceed €187.50 but do not exceed €190.00	54.20
exceed €190.00 but do not exceed €192.50	52.50
exceed €192.50 but do not exceed €195.00	50.90
exceed €195.00 but do not exceed €197.50	49.20
exceed €197.50 but do not exceed €200.00	47.60
exceed €200.00 but do not exceed €202.50	45.90
exceed €202.50 but do not exceed €205.00	44.30
exceed €205.00 but do not exceed €207.50	42.60

exceed €207.50 but do not exceed €210.00	41.00
exceed €210.00 but do not exceed €212.50	39.30
exceed €212.50 but do not exceed €215.00	37.70
exceed €215.00 but do not exceed €217.50	36.00
exceed €217.50 but do not exceed €220.00	34.40
exceed €220.00 but do not exceed €222.50	32.70
exceed €222.50 but do not exceed €225.00	31.10
exceed €225.00 but do not exceed €227.50	29.40
exceed €227.50 but do not exceed €230.00	27.80
exceed €230.00 but do not exceed €232.50	26.10
exceed €232.50 but do not exceed €235.00	24.40
exceed €235.00 but do not exceed €237.50	22.80
exceed €237.50 but do not exceed €240.00	21.10
exceed €240.00 but do not exceed €242.50	19.50
exceed €242.50 but do not exceed €245.00	17.80
exceed €245.00 but do not exceed €247.50	16.20
exceed €247.50 but do not exceed €250.00	14.50
exceed €250.00 but do not exceed €252.50	12.90
exceed €252.50 but do not exceed €255.00	11.20
exceed €255.00 but do not exceed €257.50	9.60
exceed €257.50 but do not exceed €260.00	7.90
exceed €260.00 but do not exceed €262.50	6.30
exceed €262.50 but do not exceed €265.00	4.60
exceed €265.00 but do not exceed €267.50	3.00
Exceed €267.50	Nil

Part 3

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

Means of claimant or pensioner (1)	Weekly rate of increase (2)
	€
Where the weekly means of the claimant or pensioner do not exceed €7.60	138.00
exceed €7.60 but do not exceed €10.10	136.30
exceed €10.10 but do not exceed €12.60	134.70
exceed €12.60 but do not exceed €15.10	133.00
exceed €15.10 but do not exceed €17.60	131.40
exceed €17.60 but do not exceed €20.10	129.70
exceed €20.10 but do not exceed €22.60	128.00
exceed €22.60 but do not exceed €25.10	126.40
exceed €25.10 but do not exceed €27.60	124.70
exceed €27.60 but do not exceed €30.10	123.10
exceed €30.10 but do not exceed €32.60	121.40
exceed €32.60 but do not exceed €35.10	119.80
exceed €35.10 but do not exceed €37.60	118.10

exceed €37.60 but do not exceed €40.10	116.40
exceed €40.10 but do not exceed €42.60	114.80
exceed €42.60 but do not exceed €45.10	113.10
exceed €45.10 but do not exceed €47.60	111.50
exceed €47.60 but do not exceed €50.10	109.80
exceed €50.10 but do not exceed €52.60	108.10
exceed €52.60 but do not exceed €55.10	106.50
exceed €55.10 but do not exceed €57.60	104.80
exceed €57.60 but do not exceed €60.10	103.20
exceed €60.10 but do not exceed €62.60	101.50
exceed €62.60 but do not exceed €65.10	99.90
exceed €65.10 but do not exceed €67.60	98.20
exceed €67.60 but do not exceed €70.10	96.50
exceed €70.10 but do not exceed €72.60	94.90
exceed €72.60 but do not exceed €75.10	93.20
exceed €75.10 but do not exceed €77.60	91.60
exceed €77.60 but do not exceed €80.10	89.90
exceed €80.10 but do not exceed €82.60	88.20
exceed €82.60 but do not exceed €85.10	86.60
exceed €85.10 but do not exceed €87.60	84.90
exceed €87.60 but do not exceed €90.10	83.30
exceed €90.10 but do not exceed €92.60	81.60
exceed €92.60 but do not exceed €95.10	79.90
exceed €95.10 but do not exceed €97.60	78.30
exceed €97.60 but do not exceed €100.10	76.60
exceed €100.10 but do not exceed €102.60	75.00
exceed €102.60 but do not exceed €105.10	73.30
exceed €105.10 but do not exceed €107.60	71.70
exceed €107.60 but do not exceed €110.10	70.00
exceed €110.10 but do not exceed €112.60	68.30
exceed €112.60 but do not exceed €115.10	66.70
exceed €115.10 but do not exceed €117.60	65.00
exceed €117.60 but do not exceed €120.10	63.40
exceed €120.10 but do not exceed €122.60	61.70
exceed €122.60 but do not exceed €125.10	60.00
exceed €125.10 but do not exceed €127.60	58.40
exceed €127.60 but do not exceed €130.10	56.70
exceed €130.10 but do not exceed €132.60	55.10
exceed €132.60 but do not exceed €135.10	53.40
exceed €135.10 but do not exceed €137.60	51.80
exceed €137.60 but do not exceed €140.10	50.10
exceed €140.10 but do not exceed €142.60	48.40
exceed €142.60 but do not exceed €145.10	46.80
exceed €145.10 but do not exceed €147.60	45.10
exceed €147.60 but do not exceed €150.10	43.50
exceed €150.10 but do not exceed €152.60	41.80
exceed €152.60 but do not exceed €155.10	40.10
exceed €155.10 but do not exceed €157.60	38.50
exceed €157.60 but do not exceed €160.10	36.80
exceed €160.10 but do not exceed €162.60	35.20
exceed €162.60 but do not exceed €165.10	33.50
exceed €165.10 but do not exceed €167.60	31.80
exceed €167.60 but do not exceed €170.10	30.20

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exceed €172.60 but do not exceed €175.10	26.90
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exceed €177.60 but do not exceed €180.10	23.60
exceed €180.10 but do not exceed €182.60	21.90
exceed €182.60 but do not exceed €185.10	20.20
exceed €185.10 but do not exceed €187.60	18.60
exceed €187.60 but do not exceed €190.10	16.90
exceed €190.10 but do not exceed €192.60	15.30
exceed €192.60 but do not exceed €195.10	13.60
exceed €195.10 but do not exceed €197.60	11.90
exceed €197.60 but do not exceed €200.10	10.30
exceed €200.10 but do not exceed €202.60	8.60
exceed €202.60 but do not exceed €205.10	7.00
exceed €205.10 but do not exceed €207.60	5.30
exceed €207.60 but do not exceed €210.10	3.60
exceed €210.10 but do not exceed €212.60	2.00
Exceed €212.60	Nil

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