

Budget 2019 – Social Welfare Changes

Increase of €5 for weekly social welfare payments, from March 2019. This includes One Parent Family Payment, Jobseeker's transition payment, Disability Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Jobseeker's Allowance and others. This will not be applied to the Working Family Payment.

A raise in the Increase for a Qualified Child, from €31.80 to €34 for children aged under 12 and to €37 for children over 12, per week.

An increase of €25 for the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance; up from €125 for 4-11 year olds and €250 for 12-22 year olds in 2018.

Restoring the full Christmas bonus payment for recipients of weekly social welfare payments. This will be paid in early December.

Those in receipt of Working Family Payment will be able to benefit from a new maintenance disregard of €95 a week, in respect of housing costs; 50% of the balance of maintenance will be assessed.

The earnings disregard for One Parent Family Payment will increase by €20, so up from €130 a week to €150.

Increase for children and families living in Direct Provision up to €38.80 for the adult and €29.80 for a child.

Fuel Allowance will be extended by 1 week to 28 weeks; the rate remains the same at €22.50 per week.