



Age Action Budget 2020 Priorities

Towards a Fairer Society for An Ageing Population

The table below presents an analysis of the impact of a series of budgets from 2009 to 2020 on 4 different households of older people. The analysis is based on weekly Income Supports Comparison (assuming full secondary benefits) and presents 2009 versus 2019, and 2019 to 2020.

| Income | STANDARD RATE (NOT LIVING ALONE), UNDER 80 | | | LIVING ALONE RATE, UNDER 80 | | | OVER 80S, STANDARD RATE (NOT LIVING ALONE) | | | OVER 80S RATE & LIVING ALONE | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| | Standard rate, Under 80 2009 | Standard rate, Under 80 Mar 2019 | Standard rate, Under 80 Budget 2020 | Living Alone rate, Under 80 2009 | Living Alone rate, Under 80 Mar 2019 | Living Alone rate, Under 80 Budget 2020 | Over 80s rate, standard 2009 | Over 80s rate, standard Mar 2019 | Over 80s rate, standard Budget 2020 | Over 80s rate, Living Alone 2009 | Over 80s rate, Living Alone Mar 2019 | Over 80s rate, Living Alone Budget 2020 |
| State Pension (Contributory) | €230.30 | €248.30 | €248.30 | €230.30 | €248.30 | €248.30 | €230.30 | €248.30 | €248.30 | €230.30 | €248.30 | €248.30 |
| Christmas Bonus (weekly equivalent) | €4.43 | €4.78 | €4.78 | €4.43 | €4.78 | €4.78 | €4.43 | €4.78 | €4.78 | €4.43 | €4.78 | €4.78 |
| Living Alone/ Over 80s Allowances | | | | €7.70 | €9.00 | €14.00 | €10.00 | €10.00 | €10.00 | €17.70 | €19.00 | €24.00 |
| Total A | €234.73 | €253.08 | €253.08 | €242.43 | €262.08 | €267.08 | €244.73 | €263.08 | €263.08 | €252.43 | €272.08 | €277.08 |
| <i>Secondary Income Supports</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Telephone Allowance* | €6.00 | €0.00 | €0.00 | €6.00 | €2.50 | €2.50 | €6.00 | €0.00 | €0.00 | €6.00 | €2.50 | €2.50 |
| TV Licence | €3.08 | €3.08 | €3.08 | €3.08 | €3.08 | €3.08 | €3.08 | €3.08 | €3.08 | €3.08 | €3.08 | €3.08 |
| Electricity/Gas | €9.63 | €8.08 | €8.08 | €9.63 | €8.08 | €8.08 | €9.63 | €8.08 | €8.08 | €9.63 | €8.08 | €8.08 |
| Fuel Allowance (means tested) | €12.31 | €12.12 | €13.19 | €12.31 | €12.12 | €13.19 | €12.31 | €12.12 | €13.19 | €12.31 | €12.12 | €13.19 |
| Total B | €31.01 | €23.27 | €24.35 | €31.01 | €25.77 | €26.85 | €31.01 | €23.27 | €24.35 | €31.01 | €25.77 | €26.85 |
| Total A+B | €265.74 | €276.34 | €277.42 | €273.44 | €287.84 | €293.92 | €275.74 | €286.34 | €287.42 | €283.44 | €297.84 | €303.92 |
| Difference from 2009 | | €10.60 | €11.68 | | €14.40 | €20.48 | | €10.60 | €11.68 | | €14.40 | €20.48 |
| Difference from March 2019 | | | €1.08 | | | €6.08 | | | €1.08 | | | €6.08 |

Note: The telephone allowance was discontinued as part of the Household Benefits package from 01/01/2014