

### Medical Card Income limits for People aged 70 years on or after 1/1/2009

		Medical Card Gross Weekly Rate 2009
Single Person	Aged 70 or over	€700.00
Married Couple	Aged 70 or over	€1400.00

### General Medical Card / GP Visit Card Guidelines 2009

	Medical Card Net Weekly Rate 2009	GP Visit Card Net Weekly Rate 2009
<b>Single Person Living Alone</b>		
Aged up to 65 years	€184.00	€276.00
Aged 66 years and over	€201.50	€302.00
<b>Single Person Living with Family</b>		
Aged up to 65 years	€164.00	€246.00
Aged 66 and over	€173.50	€260.00
<b>Married Couple / Single Parent Families with Dependent Children</b>		
Aged up to 65 years	€266.50	€400.00
Aged 66 and over	€298.00	€447.00
<b>Allowances</b>		
Allowance for first 2 children under 16 financially dependant on applicant	€38.00	€57.00
For 3 <sup>rd</sup> and subsequent children under 16 financially dependant on applicant	€41.00	€61.50
Allowance for first 2 children over 16 years financially dependant on applicant	€39.00	€58.50
For 3 <sup>rd</sup> and subsequent children over 16 yrs financially dependant on applicant	€42.50	€64.00
For a dependant over 16 years who is in full time third level education and not grant aided	€78.00	€117.00

- **Additional guideline allowances will be given for:**
  - o Reasonable expenses incurred in respect of rent/mortgage payments
  - o Reasonable expenses incurred in respect of childcare costs
  - o Reasonable expenses incurred in travel to work
- **The assessment of eligibility for Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards will be based on the combined income of the applicant and spouse (if any) after tax and PRSI have been deducted**
- **Applicants, whose weekly incomes are derived solely from Social Welfare or Health Service Executive allowances/ payments, which are in excess of the Financial Guidelines (either at first application or on renewal), will be granted Medical Cards.**