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SOCIAL WELFARE (NO. 2) ACT, 2001

AN ACT TO AMEND AND EXTEND THE SOCIAL WELFARE ACTS. [20th December, 2001]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:

1.—In this Act—

Definitions.

“Act of 1996” means Social Welfare Act, 1996;

“Act of 1999” means Social Welfare Act, 1999;

“Act of 2000” means Social Welfare Act, 2000;

“Act of 2001” means Social Welfare Act, 2001;

“Principal Act” means Social Welfare (Consolidation) Act, 1993.

2.—(1) The Principal Act is amended by the substitution for Parts I to IV (inserted by section 4 of the Act of 2001) and Part V (inserted by section 4 of the Act of 1999) of the Second Schedule thereto of the Parts set out in *Schedule A* to this Act. Social insurance benefits (new rates).

(2) This section comes into operation—

(a) in so far as it relates to unemployment benefit, on 27 December 2001,

(b) in so far as it relates to disability benefit, health and safety benefit, injury benefit and disablement gratuity, on 31 December 2001,

(c) in so far as it relates to carer’s benefit, retirement pension, invalidity pension and a relevant payment by virtue of section 18(1)(a) of the Act of 1996, on 3 January 2002, and

(d) in so far as it relates to disablement pension, death benefit under section 60, 61 or 62 of the Principal Act, old age (contributory) pension, widow’s and widower’s (contributory) pension, orphan’s (contributory) allowance and bereavement grant, on 4 January 2002.

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Social assistance payments (new rates).

3.—(1) The Principal Act is amended by the substitution for Parts I, II, IIA, IIB and IIC (inserted by section 5 of the Act of 2001) of the Fourth Schedule thereto of the Parts set out in *Schedule B* to this Act.

(2) This section comes into operation—

- (a) in so far as it relates to unemployment assistance, pre-retirement allowance and farm assist, on 26 December 2001,
- (b) in so far as it relates to supplementary welfare allowance, on 31 December 2001,
- (c) in so far as it relates to disability allowance, on 2 January 2002,
- (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 relevant payment by virtue of section 18(1)(b) or (c) of the Act of 1996, on 3 January 2002, and
- (e) in so far as it relates to old age (non-contributory) pension, blind pension, widow's and widower's (non-contributory) pension, one-parent family payment payable in respect of a widow or widower and orphan's (non-contributory) pension, on 4 January 2002.

Family income supplement (new weekly rates).

4.—(1) The Principal Act is amended by the substitution for section 198 (inserted by section 7(1) of the Act of 2001) of the following section:

“198.— 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, €362,
- (b) in the case of a family which includes 2 children, €388,
- (c) in the case of a family which includes 3 children, €413,
- (d) in the case of a family which includes 4 children, €438,
- (e) in the case of a family which includes 5 children, €470,
- (f) in the case of a family which includes 6 children, €496,
- (g) in the case of a family which includes 7 children, €517,
or
- (h) in the case of a family which includes 8 or more children, €539.”.

(2) This section comes into operation on 3 January 2002.

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5.—(1) Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended by—

Employment contributions (new rates of contributions and amendment to earnings ceiling).

(a) the substitution in subsection (1)(c) of “€38,740” for “£28,250” (inserted by section 8(2)(b) of the Act of 2001),

(b) the substitution in subsection (1)(d) (as amended by section 8(2)(c) of the Act of 2001) of “10.05 per cent.” for “11.3 per cent.”, and

(c) the substitution in subsection (7) (as amended by section 8(1)(f) of the Act of 2000) of “10.05 per cent.” for “11.3 per cent.”.

(2) This section comes into operation—

(a) in so far as it relates to subsection (1)(a), on 1 January 2002, and

(b) in so far as it relates to subsection (1)(b) and (1)(c), on 1 March 2002.

6.—(1) Section 24B(1)(b) of the Principal Act is amended by the substitution of “€38,740” for “£28,250” (inserted by section 10(1) of the Act of 2001).

Optional contributions (amendment to income ceiling).

(2) This section comes into operation on 1 January 2002.

7.—Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended by the insertion after subsection (11) of the following subsection:

Social Insurance Fund.

“(12) In the financial year 2002, an amount of €635 million shall be paid out of the Fund into the Exchequer.”.

8.—(1) Sections 32, 33 and 35 of the Act of 2001 are repealed.

Repeals.

(2) Section 36 of the Act of 2001 is repealed in so far as it relates to section 10(1)(c) and section 24B(1)(b) of the Principal Act.

9.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Social Welfare (No. 2) Act, 2001.

Short title and construction.

(2) The Social Welfare Acts and this Act shall be construed together as one.

SCHEDULE A

“SECOND SCHEDULE

RATES OF BENEFITS

PART I

RATES OF PERIODICAL BENEFITS AND INCREASES THEREOF

Description of benefit (1)	Weekly rate (2)	Increase for qualified adult (where payable) (3)	Increase for each qualified child (where payable) (4)	Increase for prescribed relative under section 167 (where payable) (5)	Increase where the person is living alone (where payable) (6)	Increase where the person has attained the age of 80 years (where payable) (7)	Increase where the person is ordinarily resident on an island off the coast of Ireland (where payable) (8)
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
1. Disability Benefit, Unemployment Benefit, Injury Benefit and Health and Safety Benefit ...	118.80	78.80	16.80	—	—	—	—
2. Death Benefit:							
(a) pension payable to a widow or widower (under section 60) ...	146.60	—	21.60	82.30	7.70	—	12.70
additional increase for a widow or widower (under section 60) who has attained pensionable age ...	5.10	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) pension payable to a parent:							
(i) reduced rate ...	70.90	—	—	82.30	7.70	—	—
(ii) maximum rate ...	146.60	—	—	82.30	7.70	—	—
(c) pension payable to an orphan ...	93.10	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Old Age (Contributory) Pension and Retirement Pension:	147.30	98.10	19.30	82.30	7.70	6.40	12.70
additional increase for a qualified adult who has attained pensionable age	—	15.70	—	—	—	—	—
4. Invalidity Pension:	123.30	88.00	19.30	82.30	7.70	6.40	12.70
additional increase for a beneficiary who has attained the age of 65 years ...	24.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
additional increase where qualified adult has attained pensionable age ...	—	17.40	—	—	—	—	—
5. Widow's and Widower's (Contributory) Pension and a relevant payment by virtue of section 18(1)(a) of the Social Welfare Act, 1996:	123.30	—	21.60	82.30	7.70	6.40	12.70
additional increase for a beneficiary who has attained pensionable age ...	21.50	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance ...	91.00	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Description of benefit (1)	Weekly rate (2)	Increase for qualified adult (where payable) (3)	Increase for each qualified child (where payable) (4)	Increase for prescribed relative under section 167 (where payable) (5)	Increase where the person is living alone (where payable) (6)	Increase where the person has attained the age of 80 years (where payable) (7)	Increase where the person is ordinarily resident on an island off the coast of Ireland (where payable) (8)
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
7. Carer's Benefit:							
(a) in the case of a person to whom section 82D(1)(b) applies	132.70	—	16.80	—	—	—	—
(b) in the case of a person to whom section 82D(1)(a) applies	199.10	—	16.80	—	—	—	—

PART II

OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES BENEFITS — GRATUITIES AND GRANT

Description of Grant (1)	Amount (2)
	€
1. Disablement Benefit: Maximum gratuity	10,420
2. Death Benefit: Grant in respect of funeral expenses	635

PART III

DISABLEMENT PENSION

Degree of Disablement (1)	Weekly Rate (2)
	€
100 per cent.	148.90
90 per cent.	134.00
80 per cent.	119.10
70 per cent.	104.20
60 per cent.	89.30
50 per cent.	74.50
40 per cent.	59.60
30 per cent.	44.70
20 per cent.	29.80

PART IV

INCREASES OF DISABLEMENT PENSION

Description of Increase (1)	Weekly Rate (2)	Increase where the person is living alone (3)
	€	€
1. Increase where the person is permanently incapable of work	118.80	7.70
2. Increase where the person requires constant attendance	132.70	—

PART V

BEREAVEMENT GRANT

Description of Grant (1)	Amount (2)
Bereavement Grant:	€ 635

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SCHEDULE B

Section 3.

“FOURTH SCHEDULE

RATES OF ASSISTANCE

PART I

RATES OF PERIODICAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE AND INCREASES THEREOF

Description of assistance (1)	Weekly rate (2)	Increase for qualified adult (where payable) (3)	Increase for each qualified child (where payable) (4)	Increase for prescribed relative under section 167 (where payable) (5)	Increase where the person is living alone (where payable) (6)	Increase where the person has attained the age of 80 years (where payable) (7)	Increase where the person is ordinarily resident on an island off the coast of Ireland (where payable) (8)
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
1. Unemployment Assistance:							
(a) in the case of a person to whom section 121(1)(a) applies ...	118.80	78.80	16.80	—	—	—	—
(b) in the case of a person to whom section 121(1)(b) applies ...	118.80	78.80	16.80	—	—	—	—
2. Pre-Retirement Allowance ...	118.80	78.80	16.80	—	—	—	—
3. Disability Allowance ...	118.80	78.80	16.80	—	7.70	—	—
4. Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension ...	134.00	—	16.80	82.30	7.70	6.40	12.70
5. Blind Pension:	118.80	—	16.80	82.30	7.70	6.40	12.70
additional increase for a beneficiary who has attained pensionable age	15.20	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension, Widower's (Non-Contributory) Pension and a relevant payment by virtue of section 18(1)(b) or (c) of the Social Welfare Act, 1996:	118.80	—	—	82.30	7.70	6.40	12.70
additional increase for a beneficiary who has attained pensionable age	15.20	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. One-Parent Family Payment:	118.80	—	19.30	—	—	6.40	12.70
additional increase for a beneficiary who has attained pensionable age	15.20	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Carer's Allowance:							
(a) in the case of a person to whom section 165(1)(a) applies ...	183.90	—	16.80	—	—	—	12.70
additional increase for a beneficiary who has attained pensionable age	22.80	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) in the case of a person to whom section 165(1)(b) applies ...	122.60	—	16.80	—	—	—	12.70
additional increase for a beneficiary who has attained pensionable age	15.20	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension ...	91.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Supplementary Welfare Allowance ...	118.80	78.80	16.80	—	—	—	—
11. Farm Assist ...	118.80	78.80	16.80	—	—	—	—

PART II

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	88.50
exceed €7.60 but do not exceed €10.10	86.80
exceed €10.10 but do not exceed €12.60	85.10
exceed €12.60 but do not exceed €15.10	83.50
exceed €15.10 but do not exceed €17.60	81.80
exceed €17.60 but do not exceed €20.10	80.20
exceed €20.10 but do not exceed €22.60	78.50
exceed €22.60 but do not exceed €25.10	76.90
exceed €25.10 but do not exceed €27.60	75.20
exceed €27.60 but do not exceed €30.10	73.60
exceed €30.10 but do not exceed €32.60	71.90
exceed €32.60 but do not exceed €35.10	70.30
exceed €35.10 but do not exceed €37.60	68.60
exceed €37.60 but do not exceed €40.10	67.00
exceed €40.10 but do not exceed €42.60	65.30
exceed €42.60 but do not exceed €45.10	63.70
exceed €45.10 but do not exceed €47.60	62.00
exceed €47.60 but do not exceed €50.10	60.40
exceed €50.10 but do not exceed €52.60	58.70
exceed €52.60 but do not exceed €55.10	57.10
exceed €55.10 but do not exceed €57.60	55.40
exceed €57.60 but do not exceed €60.10	53.80
exceed €60.10 but do not exceed €62.60	52.10
exceed €62.60 but do not exceed €65.10	50.50
exceed €65.10 but do not exceed €67.60	48.80
exceed €67.60 but do not exceed €70.10	47.20
exceed €70.10 but do not exceed €72.60	45.50
exceed €72.60 but do not exceed €75.10	43.90
exceed €75.10 but do not exceed €77.60	42.20
exceed €77.60 but do not exceed €80.10	40.60
exceed €80.10 but do not exceed €82.60	38.90
exceed €82.60 but do not exceed €85.10	37.30
exceed €85.10 but do not exceed €87.60	35.60
exceed €87.60 but do not exceed €90.10	34.00
exceed €90.10 but do not exceed €92.60	32.30
exceed €92.60 but do not exceed €95.10	30.80
exceed €95.10 but do not exceed €97.60	29.50
exceed €97.60 but do not exceed €100.10	28.30
exceed €100.10 but do not exceed €102.60	27.00
exceed €102.60 but do not exceed €105.10	25.70
exceed €105.10 but do not exceed €107.60	24.40
exceed €107.60 but do not exceed €110.10	23.20
exceed €110.10 but do not exceed €112.60	19.10
exceed €112.60 but do not exceed €115.10	17.50
exceed €115.10 but do not exceed €117.60	15.80
exceed €117.60 but do not exceed €120.10	14.20
exceed €120.10 but do not exceed €122.60	12.50
exceed €122.60 but do not exceed €125.10	10.90
exceed €125.10 but do not exceed €127.60	9.20
exceed €127.60 but do not exceed €130.10	7.60
exceed €130.10 but do not exceed €132.60	5.90
exceed €132.60 but do not exceed €135.10	4.30
exceed €135.10 but do not exceed €137.60	2.60
exceed €137.60	Nil

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	78.80
exceed €7.60 but do not exceed €10.10	77.10
exceed €10.10 but do not exceed €12.60	75.40
exceed €12.60 but do not exceed €15.10	73.80
exceed €15.10 but do not exceed €17.60	72.10
exceed €17.60 but do not exceed €20.10	70.50
exceed €20.10 but do not exceed €22.60	68.80
exceed €22.60 but do not exceed €25.10	67.20
exceed €25.10 but do not exceed €27.60	65.50
exceed €27.60 but do not exceed €30.10	63.80
exceed €30.10 but do not exceed €32.60	62.20
exceed €32.60 but do not exceed €35.10	60.50
exceed €35.10 but do not exceed €37.60	58.90
exceed €37.60 but do not exceed €40.10	57.20
exceed €40.10 but do not exceed €42.60	55.60
exceed €42.60 but do not exceed €45.10	53.90
exceed €45.10 but do not exceed €47.60	52.20
exceed €47.60 but do not exceed €50.10	50.60
exceed €50.10 but do not exceed €52.60	48.90
exceed €52.60 but do not exceed €55.10	47.30
exceed €55.10 but do not exceed €57.60	45.60
exceed €57.60 but do not exceed €60.10	44.00
exceed €60.10 but do not exceed €62.60	42.30
exceed €62.60 but do not exceed €65.10	40.60
exceed €65.10 but do not exceed €67.60	39.00
exceed €67.60 but do not exceed €70.10	37.30
exceed €70.10 but do not exceed €72.60	35.70
exceed €72.60 but do not exceed €75.10	34.00
exceed €75.10 but do not exceed €77.60	32.40
exceed €77.60 but do not exceed €80.10	31.20
exceed €80.10 but do not exceed €82.60	29.90
exceed €82.60 but do not exceed €85.10	28.60
exceed €85.10 but do not exceed €87.60	27.30
exceed €87.60 but do not exceed €90.10	26.10
exceed €90.10 but do not exceed €92.60	24.80
exceed €92.60 but do not exceed €95.10	23.50
exceed €95.10 but do not exceed €97.60	22.30
exceed €97.60 but do not exceed €100.10	21.00
exceed €100.10 but do not exceed €102.60	15.80
exceed €102.60 but do not exceed €105.10	14.10
exceed €105.10 but do not exceed €107.60	12.50
exceed €107.60 but do not exceed €110.10	10.80
exceed €110.10 but do not exceed €112.60	9.10
exceed €112.60 but do not exceed €115.10	7.50
exceed €115.10 but do not exceed €117.60	5.80
exceed €117.60 but do not exceed €120.10	4.20
exceed €120.10 but do not exceed €122.60	2.50
exceed €122.60	Nil

PART IIB

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	88.50
exceed €7.60 but do not exceed €10.10	86.60
exceed €10.10 but do not exceed €12.60	84.80
exceed €12.60 but do not exceed €15.10	82.90
exceed €15.10 but do not exceed €17.60	81.10
exceed €17.60 but do not exceed €20.10	79.20
exceed €20.10 but do not exceed €22.60	77.30
exceed €22.60 but do not exceed €25.10	75.50
exceed €25.10 but do not exceed €27.60	73.60
exceed €27.60 but do not exceed €30.10	71.70
exceed €30.10 but do not exceed €32.60	69.90
exceed €32.60 but do not exceed €35.10	68.00
exceed €35.10 but do not exceed €37.60	66.20
exceed €37.60 but do not exceed €40.10	64.30
exceed €40.10 but do not exceed €42.60	62.40
exceed €42.60 but do not exceed €45.10	60.60
exceed €45.10 but do not exceed €47.60	58.70
exceed €47.60 but do not exceed €50.10	56.80
exceed €50.10 but do not exceed €52.60	54.90
exceed €52.60 but do not exceed €55.10	53.60
exceed €55.10 but do not exceed €57.60	52.40
exceed €57.60 but do not exceed €60.10	51.10
exceed €60.10 but do not exceed €62.60	49.80
exceed €62.60 but do not exceed €65.10	48.50
exceed €65.10 but do not exceed €67.60	47.30
exceed €67.60 but do not exceed €70.10	46.00
exceed €70.10 but do not exceed €72.60	44.70
exceed €72.60 but do not exceed €75.10	43.50
exceed €75.10 but do not exceed €77.60	42.20
exceed €77.60 but do not exceed €80.10	40.90
exceed €80.10 but do not exceed €82.60	39.70
exceed €82.60 but do not exceed €85.10	38.40
exceed €85.10 but do not exceed €87.60	37.10
exceed €87.60 but do not exceed €90.10	35.90
exceed €90.10 but do not exceed €92.60	34.60
exceed €92.60 but do not exceed €95.10	33.30
exceed €95.10 but do not exceed €97.60	32.00
exceed €97.60 but do not exceed €100.10	30.80
exceed €100.10 but do not exceed €102.60	17.70
exceed €102.60 but do not exceed €105.10	15.90
exceed €105.10 but do not exceed €107.60	14.00
exceed €107.60 but do not exceed €110.10	12.10
exceed €110.10 but do not exceed €112.60	10.30
exceed €112.60 but do not exceed €115.10	8.40
exceed €115.10 but do not exceed €117.60	6.60
exceed €117.60 but do not exceed €120.10	4.70
exceed €120.10 but do not exceed €122.60	2.80
exceed €122.60	Nil

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	78.80
exceed €7.60 but do not exceed €10.10	77.30
exceed €10.10 but do not exceed €12.60	75.90
exceed €12.60 but do not exceed €15.10	74.40
exceed €15.10 but do not exceed €17.60	72.90
exceed €17.60 but do not exceed €20.10	71.40
exceed €20.10 but do not exceed €22.60	70.00
exceed €22.60 but do not exceed €25.10	68.50
exceed €25.10 but do not exceed €27.60	67.00
exceed €27.60 but do not exceed €30.10	65.60
exceed €30.10 but do not exceed €32.60	64.10
exceed €32.60 but do not exceed €35.10	62.60
exceed €35.10 but do not exceed €37.60	61.20
exceed €37.60 but do not exceed €40.10	59.70
exceed €40.10 but do not exceed €42.60	58.20
exceed €42.60 but do not exceed €45.10	56.70
exceed €45.10 but do not exceed €47.60	55.30
exceed €47.60 but do not exceed €50.10	53.80
exceed €50.10 but do not exceed €52.60	52.30
exceed €52.60 but do not exceed €55.10	50.90
exceed €55.10 but do not exceed €57.60	49.40
exceed €57.60 but do not exceed €60.10	47.90
exceed €60.10 but do not exceed €62.60	46.50
exceed €62.60 but do not exceed €65.10	45.00
exceed €65.10 but do not exceed €67.60	43.50
exceed €67.60 but do not exceed €70.10	42.00
exceed €70.10 but do not exceed €72.60	40.60
exceed €72.60 but do not exceed €75.10	39.10
exceed €75.10 but do not exceed €77.60	37.60
exceed €77.60 but do not exceed €80.10	36.20
exceed €80.10 but do not exceed €82.60	34.70
exceed €82.60 but do not exceed €85.10	33.20
exceed €85.10 but do not exceed €87.60	31.80
exceed €87.60 but do not exceed €90.10	30.30
exceed €90.10 but do not exceed €92.60	28.80
exceed €92.60 but do not exceed €95.10	27.30
exceed €95.10 but do not exceed €97.60	25.90
exceed €97.60 but do not exceed €100.10	24.40
exceed €100.10 but do not exceed €102.60	22.90
exceed €102.60 but do not exceed €105.10	21.50
exceed €105.10 but do not exceed €107.60	20.00
exceed €107.60 but do not exceed €110.10	18.50
exceed €110.10 but do not exceed €112.60	17.10
exceed €112.60 but do not exceed €115.10	15.60
exceed €115.10 but do not exceed €117.60	14.10
exceed €117.60 but do not exceed €120.10	12.60
exceed €120.10 but do not exceed €122.60	11.20
exceed €122.60 but do not exceed €125.10	9.70
exceed €125.10 but do not exceed €127.60	8.20
exceed €127.60 but do not exceed €130.10	6.80
exceed €130.10 but do not exceed €132.60	5.30
exceed €132.60 but do not exceed €135.10	3.80
exceed €135.10 but do not exceed €137.60	2.40
exceed €137.60	Nil

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