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## AN ACT TO AMEND AND EXTEND THE SOCIAL WELFARE ACTS AND TO AMEND THE HEALTH CONTRIBUTIONS ACT 1979. [17th December, 2004]

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:

## 1.-In this Act-

Definitions.
"Act of 2003" means the Social Welfare Act 2003;
"Principal Act" means the Social Welfare (Consolidation) Act 1993.
2.-(1) The Second Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by Social insurance substituting the Parts set out in Schedule $A$ to this Act for Parts I to benefits (new rates). IV (inserted by section 2(1) of the Act of 2003) of the said Second Schedule.
(2) This section comes into operation-
(a) in so far as it relates to unemployment benefit, on 30 December 2004,
(b) in so far as it relates to disability benefit, health and safety benefit, injury benefit and disablement gratuity, on 3 January 2005 ,
(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 Social Welfare Act 1996, on 6 January 2005 , 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 and orphan's (contributory) allowance, on 7 January 2005.
3.-(1) The Fourth Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by Social assistance substituting the Parts set out in Schedule $B$ to this Act for Parts I, II, payments (new IIA, IIB and IIC (inserted by section 3(1) of the Act of 2003) of the said Fourth Schedule.
(2) This section comes into operation-
(a) in so far as it relates to unemployment assistance, pre-retirement allowance and farm assist, on 29 December 2004,
(b) in so far as it relates to supplementary welfare allowance, on 3 January 2005,
(c) in so far as it relates to disability allowance, on 5 January 2005,
(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 Social Welfare Act 1996, on 6 January 2005, and
(e) in so far as it relates to old age (non-contributory) pension, blind pension, widow's and widower's (noncontributory) pension, one-parent family payment payable in respect of a widow or widower and orphan's (noncontributory) pension, on 7 January 2005.

Family income supplement (new weekly rates).

Employment contributions
(amendment to earnings ceiling).

Optional
contributions
(amendment to
income ceiling).
4.-(1) The Principal Act is amended by substituting the following for section 198 (inserted by section 4(1) of the Act of 2003):
"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, €446,
(b) in the case of a family which includes 2 children, € $€ 72$,
(c) in the case of a family which includes 3 children, $€ 497$,
(d) in the case of a family which includes 4 children, $€ 522$,
(e) in the case of a family which includes 5 children, $€ 554$,
$(f)$ in the case of a family which includes 6 children, $€ 580$,
$(g)$ in the case of a family which includes 7 children, $€ 601$, or
$(h)$ in the case of a family which includes 8 or more children, €623.".
(2) This section comes into operation on 6 January 2005.
5.-(1) Section $10(1)(c)$ (as amended by section 5(1) of the Act of 2003) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting "€44,180" for "€42,160".
(2) This section comes into operation on 1 January 2005.
6.-(1) Section $24 \mathrm{~B}(1)(b)$ (as amended by section $6(1)(b)$ of the Act of 2003) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting " $€ 44,180$ " for " $€ 42,160$ ".
(2) This section comes into operation on 1 January 2005.
7.-(1) Sections 39(1)(a) and 41I(1)(a) (inserted by section 11 of Maternity and the Social Welfare Act 1997) of the Principal Act are amended by adoptive benefit substituting " 75 per cent" for " 70 per cent".
(2) This section comes into operation on 1 January 2005.
8.-(1) The Health Contributions Act 1979 is amended in section Amendment to 7A (as amended by section 39 of the Social Welfare Act 2001):
(a) in paragraph (1)(a) by substituting " $€ 400$ " for " $€ 356$ ",
(b) in paragraph (1)(b) by substituting " $€ 20,800$ " for " $€ 18,512$ ", and
(c) in subsection (2) by substituting " $€ 20,800$ " for " $€ 18,512$ ".
(2) This section comes into operation on 1 January 2005.
9.-(1) This Act may be cited as the Social Welfare Act 2004.

Short title and construction.
(2) The Social Welfare Acts and this Act (other than section 8) shall be read together as one.
"PART I
Rates of Periodical Benefits and Increases Thereof

| Description of benefit (1) | Weekly rate <br> (2) | Increase for qualified adult (where payable) | Increase for each qualified child (where payable) <br> (4) | Increase for prescribed relative under section 167 (where payable) <br> (5) | Increase where the person is living alone (where payable) <br> (6) | Increase where the person has attained the age of 80 years (where payable) <br> (7) | Increase where the person is ordinarily resident on an island off the coast of Ireland (where payable) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $€$ | $€$ | $€$ | $€$ | $€$ | $€$ | $€$ |
| 1. Disability Benefit, Unemployment Benefit, Injury Benefit and Health and Safety Benefit | 148.80 | 98.70 | 16.80 | - | - | - | - |
| 2. Death Benefit: <br> (a) pension payable to a widow or widower (section 60) | 177.60 | - | 21.60 | 103.10 | 7.70 | 2.00 | 12.70 |
| additional increase for a widow or widower (under section 60 ) who has attained pensionable age <br> (b) pension payable to a parent: | 6.10 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| (i) reduced rate | 85.90 | - | - | 103.10 | 7.70 | - | - |
| (ii) maximum rate | 177.60 | - | - | 103.10 | 7.70 | - | - |
| (c) pension payable to an orphan | 124.30 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3. Old Age (Contributory) Pension and Retirement Pension: | 179.30 | 119.50 | 19.30 | 103.10 | 7.70 | 6.40 | 12.70 |
| additional increase for a qualified adult who has attained pensionable age | - | 19.00 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 4. Invalidity Pension: | 154.30 | 110.10 | 19.30 | 103.10 | 7.70 | 6.40 | 12.70 |
| additional increase for a beneficiary who has attained the age of 65 years | 25.00 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| additional increase <br> where qualified adult has attained pensionable age | - | 28.40 | - | - | - | - |  |
| 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: | 154.30 | - | 21.60 | 103.10 | 7.70 | 6.40 | 12.70 |


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PART II

| Occupational Injuries Benefits - Gratuities and Grant |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Description of Grant | Amount |
| $(1)$ | $(2)$ |
|  | $€$ |
| 1. Disablement Benefit: Maximum gratuity | 12,590 |
| 2. Death Benefit | 635 |

## PART III

Disablement Pension

| Degree of disablement <br> $(1)$ | Weekly rate <br> $(2)$ |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | $€$ |
| 100 per cent | 179.90 |
| 90 per cent | 161.90 |
| 80 per cent | 143.90 |
| 70 per cent | 125.90 |
| 60 per cent | 107.90 |
| 50 per cent | 90.00 |
| 40 per cent | 72.00 |
| 30 per cent | 54.00 |
| 20 per cent | 36.00 |

PART IV
Increases of Disablement Pension

| Description of Increase | Weekly Rate <br> (2) | Increase where the person is living alone <br> (3) | Increase where the person is ordinarily resident on an island off the coast of Ireland (where payable) <br> (4) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $€$ | $€$ | $€$ |
| 1. Increase where the person is permanently incapable of work | 148.80 | 7.70 | 12.70 |
| 2. Increase where the person requires constant attendance | 163.70 | - | - |

"PART I
Rates of Periodical Social Assistance and Increases Thereof

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Description of assistance

(1) \& Weekly rate \& Increase for qualified adult (where payable) \& Increase for each qualified child (where payable) \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Increase for prescribed relative under section 167 (where payable) <br>
(5)

 \& 

Increase where the person is living alone (where payable) <br>
(6)
\end{tabular} \& 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) <br>

\hline \& $€$ \& $€$ \& $€$ \& $€$ \& $€$ \& $€$ \& $€$ <br>

\hline | 1. Unemployment Assistance: |
| :--- |
| (a) in the case of a person to whom section 121(1)(a) applies |
| (b) in the case of a person to whom section 121(1)(b) applies | \& 148.80

148.80 \& 98.70
98.70 \& 16.80

16.80 \& -

- \& -
- \& -
- \& -
- <br>
\hline 2. Pre-Retirement Allowance \& 148.80 \& 98.70 \& 16.80 \& - \& - \& - \& - <br>
\hline 3. Disability Allowance \& 148.80 \& 98.70 \& 16.80 \& - \& 7.70 \& - \& 12.70 <br>
\hline 4. Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension \& 166.00 \& - \& 16.80 \& 103.10 \& 7.70 \& 6.40 \& 12.70 <br>
\hline 5. Blind Pension: \& 148.80 \& - \& 16.80 \& 103.10 \& 7.70 \& 6.40 \& 12.70 <br>
\hline additional increase for a beneficiary who has attained pensionable age \& 17.20 \& - \& - \& - \& - \& - \& - <br>
\hline 6. Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension, Widower's (NonContributory) Pension and a relevant payment by virtue of section 18(1)(b) or (c) of the Social Welfare Act 1996 ... \& 148.80 \& - \& - \& 103.10 \& 7.70 \& 6.40 \& 12.70 <br>
\hline additional increase for a beneficiary who has attained pensionable age \& 17.20 \& - \& - \& - \& - \& - \& - <br>
\hline 7. One-Parent Family Payment: \& 148.80 \& - \& 19.30 \& - \& - \& 6.40 \& 12.70 <br>
\hline additional increase for a beneficiary who has attained pensionable age \& 17.20 \& - \& - \& - \& - \& - \& <br>

\hline | 8. Carer's Allowance: |
| :--- |
| (a) in the case of a person to whom section 165(1)(a) applies | \& 230.40 \& - \& 16.80 \& - \& - \& - \& 12.70 <br>

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\end{tabular}

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| Description of assistance | Weekly <br> rate | Increase <br> for <br> qualified <br> adult <br> (where <br> payable) | Increase <br> for each <br> qualified <br> child <br> (where <br> payable) | Increase <br> for <br> prescribed <br> relative <br> under <br> section <br> 167 <br> (where | Increase <br> where the <br> person is <br> living <br> alone <br> (where <br> payable) | Increase <br> where the <br> person has <br> attained <br> the age of <br> 80 years <br> (where <br> payable) | Increase where <br> the person is <br> ordinarily |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | resident on an <br> island off the <br> coast of Ireland <br> (where <br> payable) |
| :---: |
| additional increase <br> for a beneficiary <br> who has attained <br> pensionable age |
| (2) |

## 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 $€ 7.60$ | 109.70 |
| exceed $€ 7.60$ but do not exceed $€ 10.10$ | 108.00 |
| exceed $€ 10.10$ but do not exceed $€ 12.60$ | 106.40 |
| exceed $€ 12.60$ but do not exceed $€ 15.10$ | 104.70 |
| exceed $€ 15.10$ but do not exceed $€ 17.60$ | 103.10 |
| exceed $€ 17.60$ but do not exceed $€ 20.10$ | 101.40 |
| exceed € 20.10 but do not exceed € $£ 2.60$ | 99.80 |
| exceed $€ 22.60$ but do not exceed $€ 25.10$ | 98.10 |
| exceed $€ 25.10$ but do not exceed € $£ 7.60$ | 96.50 |
| exceed $€ 27.60$ but do not exceed $€ 30.10$ | 94.80 |
| exceed $€ 30.10$ but do not exceed $€ 32.60$ | 93.20 |
| exceed $€ 32.60$ but do not exceed $€ 35.10$ | 91.50 |
| exceed $€ 35.10$ but do not exceed $€ 37.60$ | 89.90 |
| exceed $€ 37.60$ but do not exceed $€ 40.10$ | 88.20 |
| exceed € $€ 0.10$ but do not exceed $€ 42.60$ | 86.60 |
| exceed € $¢ 2.60$ but do not exceed $€ 45.10$ | 84.90 |
| exceed € $€ 45.10$ but do not exceed $€ 47.60$ | 83.30 |
| exceed $€ 47.60$ but do not exceed $€ 50.10$ | 81.60 |
| exceed $€ 50.10$ but do not exceed $€ 52.60$ | 80.00 |
| exceed $€ 52.60$ but do not exceed $€ 55.10$ | 78.30 |
| exceed $€ 55.10$ but do not exceed $€ 57.60$ | 76.70 |
| exceed $€ 57.60$ but do not exceed $€ 60.10$ | 75.00 |
| exceed $€ 60.10$ but do not exceed €62.60 | 73.40 |
| exceed $€ 62.60$ but do not exceed $€ 65.10$ | 71.70 |
| exceed $€ 65.10$ but do not exceed €67.60 | 70.00 |
| exceed $€ 67.60$ but do not exceed $€ 70.10$ | 68.40 |
| exceed $€ 70.10$ but do not exceed $€ 72.60$ | 66.70 |
| exceed $€ 72.60$ but do not exceed $€ 75.10$ | 65.10 |
| exceed $€ 75.10$ but do not exceed $€ 77.60$ | 63.40 |
| exceed $€ 77.60$ but do not exceed $€ 80.10$ | 61.80 |
| exceed $€ 80.10$ but do not exceed $€ 82.60$ | 60.10 |
| exceed $€ 82.60$ but do not exceed $€ 85.10$ | 58.50 |
| exceed $€ 85.10$ but do not exceed $€ 87.60$ | 56.80 |
| exceed $€ 87.60$ but do not exceed €90.10 | 55.20 |
| exceed € $€ 0.10$ but do not exceed €92.60 | 53.50 |
| exceed €92.60 but do not exceed €95.10 | 51.90 |
| exceed $€ 95.10$ but do not exceed $€ 97.60$ | 50.20 |


| Means of claimant or pensioner | Weekly rate of increase |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | $€$ |
| exceed $€ 97.60$ but do not exceed $€ 100.10$ | 48.60 |
| exceed $€ 100.10$ but do not exceed $€ 102.60$ | 46.90 |
| exceed $€ 102.60$ but do not exceed $€ 105.10$ | 45.30 |
| exceed $€ 105.10$ but do not exceed $€ 107.60$ | 43.60 |
| exceed $€ 107.60$ but do not exceed $€ 110.10$ | 42.00 |
| exceed $€ 110.10$ but do not exceed $€ 112.60$ | 40.30 |
| exceed $€ 112.60$ but do not exceed $€ 115.10$ | 38.70 |
| exceed $€ 115.10$ but do not exceed $€ 117.60$ | 37.00 |
| exceed $€ 117.60$ but do not exceed $€ 120.10$ | 35.40 |
| exceed $€ 120.10$ but do not exceed $€ 122.60$ | 33.70 |
| exceed $€ 122.60$ but do not exceed $€ 125.10$ | 32.10 |
| exceed $€ 125.10$ but do not exceed $€ 127.60$ | 30.40 |
| exceed $€ 127.60$ but do not exceed $€ 130.10$ | 28.70 |
| exceed $€ 130.10$ but do not exceed $€ 132.60$ | 27.10 |
| exceed $€ 132.60$ but do not exceed $€ 135.10$ | 25.40 |
| exceed $€ 135.10$ but do not exceed $€ 137.60$ | 23.80 |
| exceed $€ 137.60$ but do not exceed $€ 140.10$ | 22.10 |
| exceed $€ 140.10$ but do not exceed $€ 142.60$ | 20.50 |
| exceed $€ 142.60$ but do not exceed $€ 145.10$ | 18.80 |
| exceed $€ 145.10$ but do not exceed $€ 147.60$ | 17.20 |
| exceed $€ 147.60$ but do not exceed $€ 150.10$ | 15.50 |
| exceed $€ 150.10$ but do not exceed $€ 152.60$ | 13.90 |
| exceed $€ 152.60$ but do not exceed $€ 155.10$ | 12.20 |
| exceed $€ 155.10$ but do not exceed $€ 157.60$ | 10.60 |
| exceed $€ 157.60$ but do not exceed $€ 160.10$ | 8.90 |
| exceed $€ 160.10$ but do not exceed $€ 162.60$ | 7.30 |
| exceed $€ 162.60$ but do not exceed $€ 165.10$ | 5.60 |
| exceed $€ 165.10$ but do not exceed $€ 167.60$ | 4.00 |
| exceed $€ 167.60$ but do not exceed $€ 170.10$ | 2.30 |
| exceed €170.10 | 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 $€ 7.60$ | 98.70 |
| exceed $€ 7.60$ but do not exceed $€ 10.10$ | 97.00 |
| exceed $€ 10.10$ but do not exceed $€ 12.60$ | 95.40 |
| exceed $€ 12.60$ but do not exceed $€ 15.10$ | 93.70 |
| exceed $€ 15.10$ but do not exceed $€ 17.60$ | 92.10 |
| exceed $€ 17.60$ but do not exceed € $£ 20.10$ | 90.40 |
| exceed $€ 20.10$ but do not exceed $€ 22.60$ | 88.80 |
| exceed $€ 22.60$ but do not exceed $€ 25.10$ | 87.10 |
| exceed $€ 25.10$ but do not exceed $€ 27.60$ | 85.40 |
| exceed $€ 27.60$ but do not exceed $€ 30.10$ | 83.80 |
| exceed $€ 30.10$ but do not exceed $€ 32.60$ | 82.10 |
| exceed $€ 32.60$ but do not exceed $€ 35.10$ | 80.50 |
| exceed $€ 35.10$ but do not exceed $€ 37.60$ | 78.80 |
| exceed $€ 37.60$ but do not exceed $€ 40.10$ | 77.10 |
| exceed $€ 40.10$ but do not exceed $€ 42.60$ | 75.50 |
| exceed $€ 42.60$ but do not exceed $€ 45.10$ | 73.80 |
| exceed $€ 45.10$ but do not exceed $€ 47.60$ | 72.20 |
| exceed € $€ 7.60$ but do not exceed $€ 50.10$ | 70.50 |
| exceed $€ 50.10$ but do not exceed $€ 52.60$ | 68.90 |
| exceed $€ 52.60$ but do not exceed $€ 55.10$ | 67.20 |
| exceed $€ 55.10$ but do not exceed $€ 57.60$ | 65.50 |
| exceed $€ 57.60$ but do not exceed $€ 60.10$ | 63.90 |
| exceed $€ 60.10$ but do not exceed €62.60 | 62.20 |
| exceed $€ 62.60$ but do not exceed €65.10 | 60.60 |
| exceed $€ 65.10$ but do not exceed $€ 67.60$ | 58.90 |
| exceed $€ 67.60$ but do not exceed $€ 70.10$ | 57.20 |
| exceed $€ 70.10$ but do not exceed $€ 72.60$ | 55.60 |
| exceed $€ 72.60$ but do not exceed $€ 75.10$ | 53.90 |
| exceed $€ 75.10$ but do not exceed $€ 77.60$ | 52.30 |
| exceed $€ 77.60$ but do not exceed $€ 80.10$ | 50.60 |
| exceed $€ 80.10$ but do not exceed $€ 82.60$ | 49.00 |
| exceed $€ 82.60$ but do not exceed $€ 85.10$ | 47.30 |
| exceed $€ 85.10$ but do not exceed $€ 87.60$ | 45.60 |
| exceed $€ 87.60$ but do not exceed $€ 90.10$ | 44.00 |
| exceed € $€ 0.10$ but do not exceed €92.60 | 42.30 |
| exceed €92.60 but do not exceed €95.10 | 40.70 |
| exceed €95.10 but do not exceed €97.60 | 39.00 |
| exceed $€ 97.60$ but do not exceed $€ 100.10$ | 37.30 |

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| Means of claimant or pensioner | Weekly rate of increase |
| :--- | :---: |
|  | $€$ |
| exceed $€ 100.10$ but do not exceed $€ 102.60$ | 35.70 |
| exceed $€ 102.60$ but do not exceed $€ 105.10$ | 34.00 |
| exceed $€ 105.10$ but do not exceed $€ 107.60$ | 32.40 |
| exceed $€ 107.60$ but do not exceed $€ 110.10$ | 30.70 |
| exceed $€ 110.10$ but do not exceed $€ 112.60$ | 29.10 |
| exceed $€ 112.60$ but do not exceed $€ 115.10$ | 27.40 |
| exceed $€ 115.10$ but do not exceed $€ 117.60$ | 25.70 |
| exceed $€ 117.60$ but do not exceed $€ 120.10$ | 24.10 |
| exceed $€ 120.10$ but do not exceed $€ 122.60$ | 22.40 |
| exceed $€ 122.60$ but do not exceed $€ 125.10$ | 20.80 |
| exceed $€ 125.10$ but do not exceed $€ 127.60$ | 19.10 |
| exceed $€ 127.60$ but do not exceed $€ 130.10$ | 17.40 |
| exceed $€ 130.10$ but do not exceed $€ 132.60$ | 15.80 |
| exceed $€ 132.60$ but do not exceed $€ 135.10$ | 14.10 |
| exceed $€ 135.10$ but do not exceed $€ 137.60$ | 12.50 |
| exceed $€ 137.60$ but do not exceed $€ 140.10$ | 10.80 |
| exceed $€ 140.10$ but do not exceed $€ 142.60$ | 9.20 |
| exceed $€ 142.60$ but do not exceed $€ 145.10$ | 7.50 |
| exceed $€ 145.10$ but do not exceed $€ 147.60$ | 5.80 |
| exceed $€ 147.60$ but do not exceed $€ 150.10$ | 4.20 |
| exceed $€ 150.10$ but do not exceed $€ 152.60$ | 2.50 |
| exceed $€ 152.60$ | Nil |
|  |  |

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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 $€ 7.60$ | 109.70 |
| exceed $€ 7.60$ but do not exceed $€ 10.10$ | 107.90 |
| exceed $€ 10.10$ but do not exceed $€ 12.60$ | 106.00 |
| exceed $€ 12.60$ but do not exceed $€ 15.10$ | 104.20 |
| exceed $€ 15.10$ but do not exceed $€ 17.60$ | 102.30 |
| exceed $€ 17.60$ but do not exceed $€ 20.10$ | 100.50 |
| exceed $€ 20.10$ but do not exceed $€ 22.60$ | 98.60 |
| exceed $€ 22.60$ but do not exceed $€ 25.10$ | 96.80 |
| exceed $€ 25.10$ but do not exceed $€ 27.60$ | 95.00 |
| exceed $€ 27.60$ but do not exceed $€ 30.10$ | 93.10 |
| exceed $€ 30.10$ but do not exceed $€ 32.60$ | 91.30 |
| exceed $€ 32.60$ but do not exceed $€ 35.10$ | 89.40 |
| exceed $€ 35.10$ but do not exceed $€ 37.60$ | 87.60 |
| exceed $€ 37.60$ but do not exceed $€ 40.10$ | 85.70 |
| exceed $€ 40.10$ but do not exceed $€ 42.60$ | 83.90 |
| exceed $€ 42.60$ but do not exceed $€ 45.10$ | 82.10 |
| exceed € $¢ 5.10$ but do not exceed € 47.60 | 80.20 |
| exceed $€ 47.60$ but do not exceed $€ 50.10$ | 78.40 |
| exceed $€ 50.10$ but do not exceed $€ 52.60$ | 76.50 |
| exceed $€ 52.60$ but do not exceed $€ 55.10$ | 74.70 |
| exceed $€ 55.10$ but do not exceed $€ 57.60$ | 72.80 |
| exceed $€ 57.60$ but do not exceed $€ 60.10$ | 71.00 |
| exceed $€ 60.10$ but do not exceed €62.60 | 69.20 |
| exceed $€ 62.60$ but do not exceed €65.10 | 67.30 |
| exceed $€ 65.10$ but do not exceed €67.60 | 65.50 |
| exceed $€ 67.60$ but do not exceed $€ 70.10$ | 63.60 |
| exceed $€ 70.10$ but do not exceed $€ 72.60$ | 61.80 |
| exceed $€ 72.60$ but do not exceed $€ 75.10$ | 59.90 |
| exceed $€ 75.10$ but do not exceed $€ 77.60$ | 58.10 |
| exceed $€ 77.60$ but do not exceed $€ 80.10$ | 56.30 |
| exceed $€ 80.10$ but do not exceed $€ 82.60$ | 54.40 |
| exceed $€ 82.60$ but do not exceed $€ 85.10$ | 52.60 |
| exceed $€ 85.10$ but do not exceed $€ 87.60$ | 50.70 |
| exceed $€ 87.60$ but do not exceed $€ 90.10$ | 48.90 |
| exceed $€ 90.10$ but do not exceed $€ 92.60$ | 47.00 |
| exceed $€ 92.60$ but do not exceed $€ 95.10$ | 45.20 |
| exceed $€ 95.10$ but do not exceed $€ 97.60$ | 43.30 |
| exceed $€ 97.60$ but do not exceed $€ 100.10$ | 41.50 |

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| Means of claimant or pensioner | Weekly rate of increase |
| :--- | :---: |
|  | $€$ |
| exceed $€ 100.10$ but do not exceed $€ 102.60$ | 39.70 |
| exceed $€ 102.60$ but do not exceed $€ 105.10$ | 37.80 |
| exceed $€ 105.10$ but do not exceed $€ 107.60$ | 36.00 |
| exceed $€ 107.60$ but do not exceed $€ 110.10$ | 34.10 |
| exceed $€ 110.10$ but do not exceed $€ 112.60$ | 32.30 |
| exceed $€ 112.60$ but do not exceed $€ 115.10$ | 30.40 |
| exceed $€ 115.10$ but do not exceed $€ 117.60$ | 28.60 |
| exceed $€ 117.60$ but do not exceed $€ 120.10$ | 26.80 |
| exceed $€ 120.10$ but do not exceed $€ 122.60$ | 24.90 |
| exceed $€ 122.60$ but do not exceed $€ 125.10$ | 23.10 |
| exceed $€ 125.10$ but do not exceed $€ 127.60$ | 21.20 |
| exceed $€ 127.60$ but do not exceed $€ 130.10$ | 19.40 |
| exceed $€ 130.10$ but do not exceed $€ 132.60$ | 17.50 |
| exceed $€ 132.60$ but do not exceed $€ 135.10$ | 15.70 |
| exceed $€ 135.10$ but do not exceed $€ 137.60$ | 13.90 |
| exceed $€ 137.60$ but do not exceed $€ 140.10$ | 12.00 |
| exceed $€ 140.10$ but do not exceed $€ 142.60$ | 10.20 |
| exceed $€ 142.60$ but do not exceed $€ 145.10$ | 8.30 |
| exceed $€ 145.10$ but do not exceed $€ 147.60$ | 6.50 |
| exceed $€ 147.60$ but do not exceed $€ 150.10$ | 4.60 |
| exceed $€ 150.10$ but do not exceed $€ 152.60$ | 2.80 |
| exceed $€ 152.60$ | Nil |
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# 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 $€ 7.60$ | 98.70 |
| exceed $€ 7.60$ but do not exceed $€ 10.10$ | 97.20 |
| exceed $€ 10.10$ but do not exceed $€ 12.60$ | 95.70 |
| exceed $€ 12.60$ but do not exceed $€ 15.10$ | 94.20 |
| exceed $€ 15.10$ but do not exceed $€ 17.60$ | 92.80 |
| exceed $€ 17.60$ but do not exceed $€ 20.10$ | 91.30 |
| exceed $€ 20.10$ but do not exceed $€ 22.60$ | 89.80 |
| exceed $€ 22.60$ but do not exceed $€ 25.10$ | 88.30 |
| exceed $€ 25.10$ but do not exceed $€ 27.60$ | 86.80 |
| exceed $€ 27.60$ but do not exceed $€ 30.10$ | 85.30 |
| exceed $€ 30.10$ but do not exceed $€ 32.60$ | 83.80 |
| exceed $€ 32.60$ but do not exceed $€ 35.10$ | 82.30 |
| exceed $€ 35.10$ but do not exceed $€ 37.60$ | 80.90 |
| exceed $€ 37.60$ but do not exceed $€ 40.10$ | 79.40 |
| exceed € $¢ 0.10$ but do not exceed € 42.60 | 77.90 |
| exceed € $¢ 2.60$ but do not exceed € 45.10 | 76.40 |
| exceed € $¢ 5.10$ but do not exceed € 47.60 | 74.90 |
| exceed $€ 47.60$ but do not exceed $€ 50.10$ | 73.40 |
| exceed $€ 50.10$ but do not exceed $€ 52.60$ | 71.90 |
| exceed $€ 52.60$ but do not exceed $€ 55.10$ | 70.50 |
| exceed $€ 55.10$ but do not exceed $€ 57.60$ | 69.00 |
| exceed $€ 57.60$ but do not exceed $€ 60.10$ | 67.50 |
| exceed € $¢ 0.10$ but do not exceed €62.60 | 66.00 |
| exceed € 62.60 but do not exceed €65.10 | 64.50 |
| exceed $€ 65.10$ but do not exceed $€ 67.60$ | 63.00 |
| exceed € $¢ 7.60$ but do not exceed $€ 70.10$ | 61.50 |
| exceed $€ 70.10$ but do not exceed $€ 72.60$ | 60.10 |
| exceed € $¢ 2.60$ but do not exceed $€ 75.10$ | 58.60 |
| exceed $€ 75.10$ but do not exceed $€ 77.60$ | 57.10 |
| exceed $€ 77.60$ but do not exceed $€ 80.10$ | 55.60 |
| exceed $€ 80.10$ but do not exceed $€ 82.60$ | 54.10 |
| exceed € $¢ 2.60$ but do not exceed $€ 85.10$ | 52.60 |
| exceed $€ 85.10$ but do not exceed $€ 87.60$ | 51.10 |
| exceed $€ 87.60$ but do not exceed $€ 90.10$ | 49.60 |
| exceed $€ 90.10$ but do not exceed $€ 92.60$ | 48.20 |
| exceed $€ 92.60$ but do not exceed $€ 95.10$ | 46.70 |
| exceed €95.10 but do not exceed € 97.60 | 45.20 |
| exceed $€ 97.60$ but do not exceed $€ 100.10$ | 43.70 |

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| Means of claimant or pensioner | Weekly rate of increase |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | $€$ |
| exceed $€ 100.10$ but do not exceed $€ 102.60$ | 42.20 |
| exceed $€ 102.60$ but do not exceed $€ 105.10$ | 40.70 |
| exceed $€ 105.10$ but do not exceed $€ 107.60$ | 39.20 |
| exceed $€ 107.60$ but do not exceed $€ 110.10$ | 37.80 |
| exceed $€ 110.10$ but do not exceed $€ 112.60$ | 36.30 |
| exceed $€ 112.60$ but do not exceed $€ 115.10$ | 34.80 |
| exceed $€ 115.10$ but do not exceed $€ 117.60$ | 33.30 |
| exceed $€ 117.60$ but do not exceed $€ 120.10$ | 31.80 |
| exceed $€ 120.10$ but do not exceed $€ 122.60$ | 30.30 |
| exceed $€ 122.60$ but do not exceed $€ 125.10$ | 28.80 |
| exceed $€ 125.10$ but do not exceed $€ 127.60$ | 27.40 |
| exceed $€ 127.60$ but do not exceed $€ 130.10$ | 25.90 |
| exceed $€ 130.10$ but do not exceed $€ 132.60$ | 24.40 |
| exceed $€ 132.60$ but do not exceed $€ 135.10$ | 22.90 |
| exceed $€ 135.10$ but do not exceed $€ 137.60$ | 21.40 |
| exceed $€ 137.60$ but do not exceed $€ 140.10$ | 19.90 |
| exceed $€ 140.10$ but do not exceed $€ 142.60$ | 18.40 |
| exceed $€ 142.60$ but do not exceed $€ 145.10$ | 16.90 |
| exceed $€ 145.10$ but do not exceed $€ 147.60$ | 15.50 |
| exceed $€ 147.60$ but do not exceed $€ 150.10$ | 14.00 |
| exceed $€ 150.10$ but do not exceed $€ 152.60$ | 12.50 |
| exceed $€ 152.60$ but do not exceed $€ 155.10$ | 11.00 |
| exceed $€ 155.10$ but do not exceed $€ 157.60$ | 9.50 |
| exceed $€ 157.60$ but do not exceed $€ 160.10$ | 8.00 |
| exceed $€ 160.10$ but do not exceed $€ 162.60$ | 6.50 |
| exceed $€ 162.60$ but do not exceed $€ 165.10$ | 5.10 |
| exceed $€ 165.10$ but do not exceed $€ 167.60$ | 3.60 |
| exceed $€ 167.60$ but do not exceed $€ 170.10$ | 2.10 |
| exceed €170.10 | Nil |

