

One-Parent Family Payment

One-Parent Family Payment (OFP) is a payment for men and women under 66 who are bringing children up without the support of a partner. If you have cancer and are the main carer of at least one child under the age of 7, you may qualify for OFP if you meet certain conditions (see below).

Who can apply?

To qualify for One-Parent Family Payment, you must:

- Be under 66
- Be the parent, step-parent, adoptive parent or legal guardian of a child under the age of 7.
- Be the **main carer** of at least one child under the age of 7. The child must live with you. You cannot get One-Parent Family Payment if you have joint equal custody of a child or children
- Satisfy a means test. A means test looks at your income to see if it is below a certain level.
- Not be living with a spouse, civil partner or cohabitant
- Be living apart from your previous partner for at least three months before you apply for One-Parent Family Payment following separation, divorce or the dissolving of a civil partnership. You may be required to make efforts to seek maintenance payments from your former partner

What is the rate of payment?

One-Parent Family Payment Rates

One-Parent Family Payment	Child dependant from January 2021
Maximum personal weekly rate	
€ 203	Child aged under 12 years € 38.00
	Child aged 12 years and over € 45.00

How do I apply?

Visit your local [Social Welfare or Intreo office](#) to complete and submit an application Form OFP 1.

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OR

Download and complete [Form OFP 1](#) which is available on the Department of Social Protection website.

You should send your application form along with any relevant supporting documentation to your local [Social Welfare of Intreo Office](#).

The information above is an overview of the One-Parent Family Payment

For detailed information, applicants are advised to:

- Visit [Citizens Information](#) online
- Call Citizens Information on 0761 07 4000 – Monday to Friday from 9am to 8pm
- Visit your local [Citizens Information](#) office
- Call our Cancer Support Line on Freephone 1800 200 700 – Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm
- Contact your Medical Social Worker