

State Pension (Non-Contributory)

The State Pension (Non-Contributory) is a means-tested payment for people aged over 66 who do not qualify for a State Pension (Contributory) or who only qualify for a reduced contributory pension.

What is the rate of payment?

Your rate of payment will depend on your income (means tested). The below shows the maximum personal weekly rate of payment a person can receive if they have no income from any source. If you have a higher income, the payment amount will be lower.

Maximum personal rate	Increase for an adult dependant aged under 66
Aged 66 and under 80 €237	€156.60
Aged 80+ €247.00	

How do I qualify?

You may qualify for the State Pension (Non-Contributory) if:

- You are aged 66 or over
- You can show that your income is below a certain level (means test)
- You meet the habitual residence condition

How do I apply?

You should apply **3 months** before you reach the age of 66.

Visit your local Post Office, [Citizens Information Centre](#), [Social Welfare Office](#) or [Intreo Centre](#) to get the SPNC1 application form.

Or

Visit the [Department of Social Protection](#) website to download the SPNC1 application form.

We won't give up until cancer does



Send your completed application form with supporting documents to:

State Pension (Non-Contributory) Section
Social Welfare Services
Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection
College Road
Sligo F91 T384

The information above is an overview of the State Pension (Non-Contributory)

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