

Telephone Support Allowance

Telephone Support Allowance is a weekly payment for people who live alone and already receive certain other social welfare payments. It helps with the cost of communications and/or home security solutions.

It is paid at a single rate of €2.50 a week.

If you have cancer and are receiving certain social welfare payments, you may qualify for Telephone Support Allowance.

What is the rate of payment?

The Telephone Support Allowance is a weekly payment of €2.50.

Who can apply?

The allowance is paid automatically to people who receive one of the qualifying payments listed below and who also receive both the Living Alone Allowance and Fuel Allowance.

- State Pension (Contributory) and State Pensions (Non-contributory)
- Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Contributory) Pension
- Invalidity Pension
- Disability Allowance
- Blind Pension
- Incapacity Supplement
- Deserted Wife's Benefit

How do I apply?

As the Telephone Support Allowance is paid automatically to people who qualify, you do not need to apply for it. There is no application form.

If you think that you may qualify but haven't received an automatic payment, you should contact the section in the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection that pays your main social welfare payment.

The information above is an overview of the Telephone Support Allowance.

For detailed information, you are advised to:

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- 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