

Snapshot

Key Income Support Increases (January 2027)

- Weekly payments (Carer's Allowance /Benefit; Disability Payments) increase by **€10** per week. Proportional increases for those on half-rate
- Fuel Allowance increase by **€5** per week
- No change to annual Carer Support Grant rate - but now payable if caree passes way within 6 weeks of the payment date (June)

Taxation/Means test/ Grant Changes/Other Social Protection

- Carer's Allowance Means Test: Income disregards increase to **€1,150 (single)/€2,300 (couple)** per week (**July 2027**)
- Home Carer Tax Credit increase by **€100**
- Working Family Payment income threshold increase by **€30** per week
- **€500** annual Cost of Disability Payment to be paid to those in receipt of Disability Allowance, Invalidity Pension, Blind Pension and Partial Capacity Benefit. Paid in **Q1 2027**.
- Weekly Child Support Payment increased by **€6**
- Christmas Bonus for all weekly payments (**7th December**)

Other Initiatives of Note

- Additional 1.8m Home Support hours (older people), 191,000 additional Personal Assistance & Home Support hours (disability), 930 additional disability support workers
- Additional 489 residential care packages (total, split across types) & 1,500 day service places
- 2,339 new SNAs & 1,353 new teachers in special education
- Launch of new Vehicle Adaptation Scheme
- Increased resourcing for early intervention, crisis supports and new ADHD pathways in CAMHS