

# Budget 2024 for Family

## Carers - Snapshot

### Key Payment Increases (January 2024)

- All weekly payments (Carer's Allowance/ Benefit; Disability Payments) increase by **€12**; proportional increases for those on 1/2 rate
- Domiciliary Care Allowance increase by **€10** per month
- Qualified Child Increase raised by **€4**

### Taxation & Means test Changes

- Home Carer Tax Credit increase by **€100**
- Incapacitated Child Tax Credit increase by **€200**
- Carer's Allowance Means Test: Income disregards increase to **€450** per week for a single person and to **€900** per week for a couple (from June 2024)

### Cost of Living Additional Payments

- **€400** lump sum payment for those in receipt of the Carer's Support Grant, Disability Allowance, Blind Pension, Invalidation Pension, Domiciliary Care Allowance and the Working Family Payment (November 2023)
- **€300** lump sum for those in receipt of Fuel Allowance (November 2023)
- **€200** lump sum for those in receipt of Living Alone Allowance (November 2023)
- **€100** lump sum for each child in receipt of the Qualified Child Increase (to be paid per child - November 2023)
- Christmas Bonus (double week of payment) in early December
- 'Cost of Living' double week for all weekly payments in January.

*There are additional planned investments for 2024 in health/transport/education etc.; further details of which are yet to be announced, and which we will discuss in our more in-depth post-budget publication when available*