

Application form for Supplementary Welfare Allowance

Social Welfare Services

SWA 1

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What is Supplementary Welfare Allowance?

Supplementary Welfare Allowance (SWA) is a scheme to provide financial assistance to you when your means are not enough to meet your needs.

The SWA payment can be made weekly, monthly or you may get a once off payment. The information you provide on this form will determine the type of payment that you may receive.

Some examples of payments are:

Basic Supplementary Allowance - weekly payment while waiting on another payment, or if you don't qualify for another payment.

Additional Needs Payment - a payment available to you if you have expenses that you cannot pay from your weekly income. You may get this payment even if you are not getting a social welfare payment. It also may be available to you if you are working and on a low income.

Additional Needs Payment can include assistance with:

- fuel and electricity bills;
- essential repairs to property and replacing household appliances and furniture;
- deposits for private rented accommodation;
- furniture, bedding and other items if you are setting up a home for the first time;
- funeral costs;
- recurring travel expenses such as for hospital appointments or visiting relatives in hospital or prison;
and
- payment to meet immediate needs in case of an emergency event, for example a house fire.

How do I qualify for Supplementary Welfare Allowance?

To get Supplementary Welfare Allowance you must:

- be living in Ireland; **and**
- need help to provide for your needs and those of your family.

How do I complete this form?

There is an example on the back of this page that can be used as a guide to fill in this form. Please:

- write with a **black** ballpoint pen, use **capital letters** and place an **X** in the relevant boxes;
- answer **all** questions that apply to you; **and**
- read the checklist in **Part 8** and sign the declaration in **Part 7**.

Note: You will need your Personal Public Service (PPS) Number along with information on where you live, your children, your relationship status and where you want payment to issue. You may be asked for additional information and to provide written evidence to support your application.

How do I apply?

To apply please send or bring this completed application form, along with the relevant supporting documents, to your local Intreo Centre or an office administering Supplementary Welfare Allowance.

If you need help in completing this form, please visit your local Intreo Centre, Social Welfare Office or any Citizens Information Centre. The name and address of your local Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Office can be found by visiting www.gov.ie/intreocentres.

For more information, please visit www.gov.ie/SWA.

You can apply for certain Additional Needs Payment at MyWelfare.ie.

How to fill in this form

To help us process this form please write letters and numbers clearly and use one box for each. Please see examples below.

Part 1

Your details

1. Which payment you are applying for: Weekly Income Support or Other Assistance

Please give the reasons why you are applying for Supplementary Welfare Allowance in the box below and any other information that you believe will help us process your application. Please use capital letters:

THERE WAS A FIRE IN MY HOUSE AND MY HOURS OF WORK WERE REDUCED.	For Office Use
	BASI <input type="checkbox"/>
	ENP <input type="checkbox"/>
	SUPP <input type="checkbox"/>
	UNP <input type="checkbox"/>

2. Are you getting or have you applied for any social protection payment in Ireland or another country? Yes No

If **yes**, please state name of payment:

C A R E R S B E N E F I T

3. PPS Number:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 T

4. Title, insert an **X** or specify:

Mr Mrs Ms Other

5. Surname:

M C B R I D E

6. First names:

M A U R E E N

7. Birth surname, if different:

M U R P H Y

8. Date of birth:

1 0 0 5 1 9 7 0

D D M M Y Y Y Y

SAMPLE

Child 2

Surname:

First names:

Date of birth:
D D M M Y Y Y Y

PPS Number:

Relationship to you:

Does this child live with you? Yes No

Child 3

Surname:

First names:

Date of birth:
D D M M Y Y Y Y

PPS Number:

Relationship to you:

Does this child live with you? Yes No

Child 4

Surname:

First names:

Date of birth:
D D M M Y Y Y Y

PPS Number:

Relationship to you:

Does this child live with you? Yes No

Notes:

- A separate sheet of paper can be used for more details if needed.
- Please submit verification that any children between 18 and 22 years of age are in full-time education.

You must complete **Part 5** if you are applying for a payment other than once-off additional needs payment.

For more information on the Habitual Residence Condition or European Economic Area status, please go to www.gov.ie/HRC.

55. What country were you born in?

56. What is your nationality?

57. When did you come to live in the State?

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58. How long do you intend to remain in the State?

59. Have you lived in the Common Travel Area for all of your life including the last two years? Yes No

If **no**, please complete **Questions 60 to 63**.

If **yes**, please give details of where you lived.

Country:

From:

To:

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Why you lived there:

Note: The Common Travel Area is Ireland, Great Britain, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. You can spend brief periods on short holidays, studying or travelling outside the Common Travel Area and still be habitually resident here.

If you lived in Northern Ireland, Great Britain, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands, please provide proof of residence. Residency may be verified by producing a passport or identity card and one or more of the following: employment records, bank statements, details of benefit payments, utility bills, receipts for local authority charges or rent or mortgage agreements.

Note: A separate sheet of paper can be used for more details if needed.

60. Have you lived continuously in Ireland since the day you arrived? Yes No

61. Does any of your immediate family live in Ireland? Yes No

Person 1

Surname:

First names:

PPS Number:

Relationship to you:

Person 2

Surname:

First names:

PPS Number:

Relationship to you:

Person 3

Surname:

First names:

PPS Number:

Relationship to you:

Note: A separate sheet of paper can be used for more details if needed.

62. Have you ever made an application for refugee status or International Protection? Yes No

If **yes**, please answer both questions (a) and (b) below and provide copies of all relevant documentation from the Department of Justice.

a) Are you awaiting a decision on an application for refugee status or International Protection? Yes No

b) Have you been granted refugee status or permission to remain in the State? Yes No

63. Do you have an Irish Residence Permit (IRP)? Yes No

If **yes**, please attach a verified copy of it. Your local Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Office can photocopy it for you and verify that they saw the original.

If you do not have a current or valid permit, have you applied for a permit renewal? Yes No

If **yes**, please provide a verified copy of your most recent permit and a copy of your renewal application.

If **no**, please provide any other details as to your residency and employment status.

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HRC satisfied: EEA status satisfied: HRC not satisfied: HRC1 issued:

64. Insert an **X** for which payment method you would prefer and fill in the details below:

- 1. Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) to your financial institution
- 2. Payment at a post office
- 3. Nominated payment to a third party, for example, landlord's financial institution

Note: Final decision on payment method is a matter for the Department of Social Protection.

Financial Institution

Name of financial institution:

Bank Identifier Code (BIC):

International Bank Account Number (IBAN):

Names of account holders:

Name 1:

Name 2, if any:

Post Office

Name:

Address:

County **Eircode**

Nominated Payment

Your payment can be made to a third party with your consent. If you wish for your payment to go to another person or company, please provide the following details:

Name of financial institution:

Bank Identifier Code (BIC):

International Bank Account Number (IBAN):

Names of account holders:

Name 1:

Name 2, if any:

Please check if you have enclosed the following:

- Photographic ID: If you have a Public Service Card (PSC), photographic ID is not required. Your passport, driver’s licence or other official photographic ID may be supplied if you do not have a Public Service Card.
- Proof of household income: If you or your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant are employed, please provide three recent payslips.
- Self-employment: If you or your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant are self-employed, please provide the profit and loss account for the last 12 months, together with the most recent notice of assessment from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners.
- Recent statements for you or your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant from all financial institutions.
- If you are under 25 years of age and living with your parents or step-parents, please provide evidence of their income, for example, payslips, pensions, rental incomes or other. Please also provide evidence of their outgoings, for example, rent, mortgage, health insurance, education fees or other.

Have you included any additional information to support your application? Yes No

Have you fully answered all questions that apply to you? Yes No

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- Application form checked:
- Additional documentation checked:

Signature, **not** capital letters.

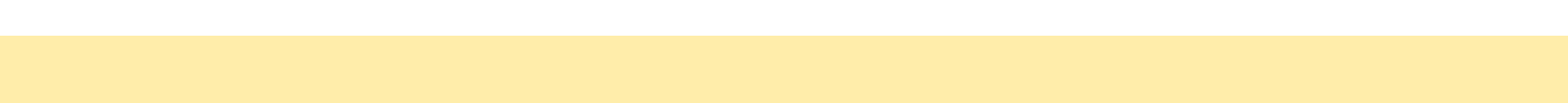
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The Department of Social Protection administers Ireland's social protection system. Customers are required to provide personal data to determine eligibility for relevant payments and benefits. Personal data may be exchanged with other government departments and agencies where provided for by law. Our data protection policy is available at www.gov.ie/dsp/privacystatement or in hard copy.

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