

# CHANGES INTRODUCED IN BUDGET 2022

## AMENDMENT SHEET TO TREOIR INFORMATION PACK

*Increases to social welfare payments beginning in January 2022*

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#### **PARENTS BENEFIT**

This will be extended from 5 weeks to 7 weeks for parents of children born or adopted from July 2022. The rate of payment increases to €250 per week from January 2022. The period can be taken up to your child's second birthday or within 2 years following adoption.

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#### **ONE-PARENT FAMILY PAYMENT (OFP)**

The basic rate is increased from €203 to €208 for 1 January 2022

The current maximum rate of OFP per week for a parent and one child under 12 is **€241**.

The current maximum rate of OFP for a parent and one child over 12 is **€248**.

For each additional child under twelve you get €40 a week, and for a child over twelve €48.

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#### **MEANS TEST: What counts as means for OFP**

The One Parent Family earnings threshold was removed in April 2021.

#### **Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance**

From July 2022 there will be a €10 increase in the Back-to-School Clothing and Footwear Allowance for each qualifying child. A child aged 4-11 will receive €160 and children aged 12 and over will get €285.

**Note:** The weekly income limit for one-parent households will be increased to that of two-parent households.

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#### **BACK TO WORK FAMILY DIVIDENT (BTWFD)**

BTWFD is €40 for a child under 12 and €48 for a child 12 and over.

The weekly income threshold for Working Family Payment will increase by €10 regardless of family size.

**Jobseeker's Transition Payment and Maternity Benefit**

€5 increase in Jobseeker's Transition Payment, and Maternity Benefit from January 2022.

**Treatment Benefit**

For people aged between 25 and 28 to access this benefit, the minimum requirement of 5 years (260 weeks) PRSI paid contributions is reduced to 9 months (39 weeks) effective from June 2022

**WIDOWED OR SURVIVING CIVIL PARTNER GRANT**

This is €8,000 and remains unchanged from January 2021.