

Budget 2025 for Family.

Carers - Snapshot

Key Payment Increases

(January 2025)

- Weekly payments (Carer's Allowance/ Benefit; Disability Payments) increase by **€12**; proportional increases for those on 1/2 rate
- Domiciliary Care Allowance increase by **€20** per month
- Qualified Child Increase raised by **€8** (aged >12) and **€4** (aged <12)

Taxation/ Means test/ Grant Changes

- Home Carer Tax Credit increase by **€150**
- Incapacitated Child Tax Credit increase by **€300**
- Carers Allowance Means Test: Income disregards increase to **€625/ €1250** per week (July 2025)
- Carer Support Grant increased to **€2000** (June 2025)
- Carers Benefit extended to self-employed people (Jan 2025)
- Carers Allowance now a qualifying payment for Fuel Allowance (Jan 2025)

Cost of Living Additional Payments

- **€400** lump sum payment for those in receipt of the Carer Support Grant, Disability Allowance, Blind Pension, Invalidity Pension, Domiciliary Care Allowance (Nov 2024)
- **€300** lump sum for those in receipt of Fuel Allowance (Nov 2024)
- **€200** lump sum for those in receipt of Living Alone Allowance (Nov 2024)
- **€100** lump sum for each child in receipt of the Child Support Payment (previously called the Qualified Child Increase) (Nov 2024)
- 'Cost of Living' double week for all weekly payments (Oct 2024)
- Christmas Bonus (double week of payment) (Dec 2024)

There are additional planned investments for 2025 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