

State Pension (Contributory)

The State Pension (Contributory) is paid to people from the age of 66 who have enough Irish [social insurance contributions](#). It is not means-tested. You can have other income and still get a State Pension (Contributory). This [pension is taxable](#) but you are unlikely to pay tax if it is your only income

Changes to the State Pension (Contributory)

The Social Welfare and Pensions Act 2011 made a number of changes to the qualifying age for State pensions. The qualifying age will rise to 67 in 2021 and 68 in 2028. So:

- If you were born on or after 1 January 1955 the minimum qualifying State pension age will be 67.
- If you were born on or after 1 January 1961 the minimum qualifying State pension age will be 68.

Entitlement to Social Insurance Benefits

Benefit Entitlement	Class A Employees	Class S Self Employed & Company Directors
Jobseekers Benefit	Yes	No
Illness Benefit	Yes	No
Invalidity Pension	Yes	No
State Pension (Contributory)	Yes	Yes
Widow(er)'s/Civil partner's Contributory Pension	Yes	Yes

Weekly Benefits 2016

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Personal Rate	€233.30
Personal + Adult dependant 66 and over	€442.30
Personal + Adult dependant under 66	€383.80

Useful Links

www.citizensinformation.ie/en/social_welfare/social_welfare_payments/older_and_retired_people/state_pension_contributory.html

www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/Qualifying-for-State-Pension-Contributory.aspx

State Pension (Non-Contributory)

The [State Pension \(Non-Contributory\)](#) is a payment for people aged 66 or over who do not qualify for a State Pension (Contributory).

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