



# Information about the Long-Stay Contribution



The Long-Stay Contribution is also known as the Residential Support Services Maintenance and Accommodation Contribution. A contribution is money you pay towards something.



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You will pay the Long-Stay Contribution if you live in a service run by HSE.

You will pay the contribution if you live in a service that gets money from the HSE to provide the service. These are called section 38 agencies.



The Long-Stay Contribution will start on the 1st January 2017.

If you were paying Long-Stay Charges before that, you will start to pay the Long-Stay Contribution instead. The amount you pay every week will not change.



You must pay the Long-Stay Contribution whether you have a medical card or not.



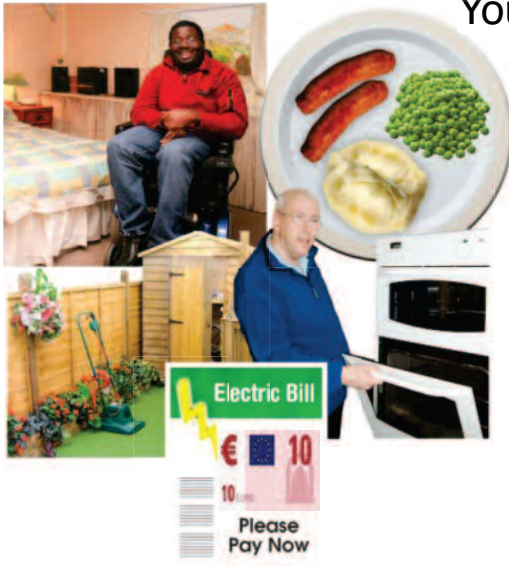
You do not have to pay if you are covered by the Fair Deal scheme.

## What is the Long-Stay Contribution for?



This is a contribution towards your living costs.

Your living costs might be:



- Your own bedroom or a bedroom you share
- Groceries and meals
- Shared spaces in your home, like a sitting room or garden
- Places for cooking or leisure
- Heat, light, bins and other household bills



You only pay for the nights that you stay in the service you are living in.  
For example you do not pay if you are away on holidays or if you are staying in hospital.

## How much will I have to pay?



Your service provider will support you to work out how much you have to pay.

You will have an assessment.

You will be asked about the money you get in and the money you pay out every week.



When your assessment is finished, you will get a letter from your service provider.

This will tell you how much you have to pay.

It will tell you how to make the payments.



You will pay an amount that you can afford.

The amount you will pay depends on:

- Your income - how much money you have coming in every week. This includes things like wages and disability allowance.
- Your outgoings – how much you pay out each week on things you need.
- The type of accommodation you live in.





There are three different types of accommodation service.

Accommodation means the place where you live.

### Category A

In these services, people get full-time nursing care or medical care where they live.

If you live in a Category A service, the most you could have to pay is €175 each week.

If the only money you have coming in is the Disability Allowance of €188 per week, the most you will pay each week is €155.

You will always keep at least €33 for your own use.



### Category B

In these services, people get part-time nursing care or medical care where they live.

If you live in a Category B service, the most you could have to pay is €130 each week.

If the only money you have coming in is the Disability Allowance of €188 per week, the most you will pay each week is €120.

You will always keep at least €64 for your own use.



### Category C

All other accommodation services are Category C. In these services, people get no nursing care or medical care where they live.

If you live in a Category C service, the most you could have to pay is €70 each week.

You will always keep at least €118 for your own use.



## Important things to know

### You can



Ask for a break from paying some or all of the Long-Stay Contribution if you have important bills to pay.



Ask for a decision to be put right if a mistake has been made in your assessment.



Tell your Service Provider if things change in your life and ask for a new decision.



Appeal in writing if you are not happy with the decision.

Write to:

HSE National Appeals Office, An Clochar,  
Ballyshannon Health Campus, College Street,  
Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal F94 TPX4



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If you are still not happy, you can write to:  
The Office of the Ombudsman,  
18 Lower Leeson St, Dublin 2, D02 HE97

## For more information:



Please see [www.hse.ie/longstaycontributions](http://www.hse.ie/longstaycontributions)



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