

### How is my new rent calculated?

- Rent is calculated in accordance with Limerick City & County Council Differential Rent Scheme 2020, which takes account of total household income and composition.
- Assessable income of the Principal Earner (member of household with highest income) is calculated as follows - 14.5% of the first €275 of the principal earner's income plus 19% of any additional income.
- Allowances for dependent children are as follows - €12.00 per week for each dependent child of 17 years or under, or if under 21 and attending a full-time course of education and is wholly or mainly maintained by the principal earner.
- Income from other adults in the household (called subsidiary earners) is also taken into account for rent purposes. Subsidiary Earners will be required to pay a contribution of 14.5% of their income after an allowance of €26.50 is deducted.
- Rent is charged weekly.

### What income is assessed for rent purposes?

Assessable income is income from the following sources, assessed in full, but reduced by pay-related social insurance contributions, universal social charge and any income tax payable on such income:

- All income from employment/self-employment
- All social insurance and social assistance payments, allowances and pensions, Health Service Executive allowances and training allowances.
- Income from pensions of kinds not already included above.
- Maintenance Payments.
- Where the employment income details submitted are less than the minimum Social Welfare entitlement for a specific family composition, the rent may be assessed based on general social welfare entitlements.

### What happens if I do not return my rent income details?

- It is the tenants' responsibility to submit the necessary information with regard to household income and/or household composition to Limerick City & County Council.
- Tenants who do not submit this information will incur a penalty charge of €50.00 per week, which will be applied to their rent.

### What should I do if my circumstances change?

- In accordance with Tenancy Agreement, changes to household income and/or household composition must be advised to Limerick City and County Council immediately.

### What happens if I underdeclare my income?

- Where household income is under declared, arrears of undercharged rent will be applied to the rent account and must be paid off in full.

### When is my rent due?

Rent is applied on a Monday of each week.

In accordance with Tenancy Agreement, rent should be paid on a weekly basis.

### How can I pay my rent?

Your weekly rent can be paid in the following ways:

- Household Budget Deduction
- By Bank Standing Order
- Rent card at your local post office/paypoint outlet
- At the Cash Office of Limerick City and County Council offices
- Online - [www.limerick.ie/council](http://www.limerick.ie/council)