



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 the **Rent Contribution 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