

Please see changes below to the Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme 2016 as effective from 29 January 2024

Housing (Sale of Local Authority Houses) (Amendment) Regulations 2023:

New Ministerial Direction and revised guidance which indicate that:

The minimum reckonable income required for an applicant to qualify under the scheme is being revised downwards to **€11,000 per annum**.

The requirement for joint tenants to have been in receipt of social housing support for 10 years each, is amended to **one tenant only fulfilling the 10-year requirement**.

The following payments will be now considered as primary source of income:

- The Widow's, Widower's, Surviving Civil Partner's (Contributory and Non-Contributory) Pension,
- Blind Pension,
- Invalidity Pension, and
- Disability Allowance.

The following payments will now be considered as a secondary source of income:

- Working Family Payment,
- Age 80 (Pension) increase, and
- Rural Social Scheme.

The following payments will specifically NOT be considered when assessing reckonable income:

- Constant Attendance Allowance,
- Household Benefits Package (including Electricity and Gas Allowance),
- Telephone Allowance,
- Increase for living on a Specified Island,
- Payments under Medical Care Scheme,
- Disablement Benefit,
- Training Support Grant,
- Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance,
- Humanitarian Assistance Scheme,
- Funeral Grant,
- Community Service Programme,
- Work Placement Experience Programme,
- Payments in respect of education or training courses,
- Mobility Allowance, and
- Income earned by children.