



# A presentation on Budget 2022 Citizens Information Service

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This change follows a ComReg review.  
Our 0761 prefix will cease to operate from 1 January 2022.

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# Budget 2022 (Farming)

## Farming

General Stock Relief – extended to 2024

Young trained farmers – extended to 2022

- Stock Relief
- Stamp Duty Relief
- Deemed to be State Aid reliefs
- Current exemption due to expire 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022
- To be reviewed – hopeful a further extension will apply next years budget

Farm Partnerships – Stock Relief extended 2022

Reduction of VAT Flat Rate Addition from 5.6% to 5.5% from January 2022



# Budget 2022 (Welfare and Tax)

## Welfare

- Personal Rates of social welfare will rise by €5 from January 2022 with a proportionate increase for qualified adults and people on reduced rates of payment

Some other increases to social welfare payments were announced:

- Fuel Allowance increases by €5
- Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance will increase by €10
- Living Alone Allowance will increase by €3
- The earning limit for Disability Allowance will increase to €375 per week
- Christmas Bonus at 100% of the relevant social welfare payment (early December)
- The amount of assessed earnings you can have and qualify for Carers Allowance will increase.
- Parent's Benefit will be extended by 2 weeks from 5 weeks to 7 weeks
- Working Family Payment thresholds will increase by €10 across family sizes



# Budget 2022 (Other)

## Health

- Drugs Payment Scheme threshold will be reduced to €100
- A dental scheme for medical card holders will be introduced
- Free GP Case for 6 and 7 year olds will be introduced

## Education

- The Student Maintenance Grant will increase by €200 in 2022

## Tax

- Income tax rates will stay the same (@ 20% and @ 40%) but tax credits will be increased and income tax bands will change:
- The Standard rate tax band will be increased by €1500
- The Personal Tax Credit, PAYE Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit will each be increased by €50
- The Universal Social Charge ceiling of the 2% band will increase so that the salary of a full time worker on minimum wage will remain outside the higher rates of USC
- The VAT rate of 9% for the hospitality sector will stay in place until Aug 2022



# Useful Links...

## ❑ Budget 2022

- ❑ <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/2c63a-your-guide-to-budget-2022/>
- ❑ <https://www.gov.ie/en/news/639669-citizens-guide-to-budget-2020/>
- ❑ <https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/c8315-budget-2022-good-for-business-and-good-for-workers/>
- ❑ <https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/74389-press-release-budget-2022/>





