



Secondary Benefits are benefits which a person may be entitled to as a result of being in receipt of an unemployment payment.

If a person is in receipt of Unemployment Benefit (UB) or Unemployment Assistance (UA), they may be entitled:

- From their local Health Services Executive (HSE) (previously Health Board) to:
 - **Rent/Mortgage Interest Supplement**
 - **Medical Card**
 - **Doctor Only Visit Card**
 - **Back to School Clothing & Footwear Allowance**
 - **Diet Supplement**

- From their local Social Welfare office to:
 - **Christmas Bonus***
 - **Fuel Allowance***
 - **Smokeless Fuel Allowance****

- From their Local Authority to:
 - **Differential Rent**
 - **Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)*****

***Christmas Bonus/Fuel Allowance** – Both the Christmas Bonus and the Fuel Allowance are payable with Unemployment Assistance after 390 days, but are not payable with Unemployment Benefit.

****Smokeless Fuel Allowance** – The Smokeless Fuel Allowance is payable with Unemployment Benefit or Unemployment Assistance after 13 weeks in smokeless fuel areas.

*****Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)** – The Rental Accommodation Scheme is for people who receive rent allowance for over 18 months and who need long-term accommodation. It is being administered by the Local Authorities.