

## Increase in ‘Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance’

In a welcome development and as one of his last actions as Minister for Social Protection, Leo Varadkar T.D. announced a 25% increase in the Back To School Allowance.

**The payment that will be paid for each eligible child will change as follows:**

- For children aged 4-11 on or before 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 the allowance increases from €100 to €125, and
- For children 12-22 on or before 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, it increases from €200 to €250.

The income limits for this payment have also been increased as follows:

- For couples with one to four children by €13.30 per child;
- For people parenting alone with one to four children by €8 per child;
- After that, and for both family types, the income limit is increased by €29.80 for each additional dependent child\*.

### New Income limits

<b>Couple</b>	<b>Income limit</b>
1 child	€576.90
2 children	€606.70
3 children	€636.50
4 children	€666.30*

<b>Lone parent</b>	<b>Income limit</b>
1 child	€418.10
2 children	€447.90
3 children	€477.70
4 children	€507.50*