



National Financial Regulations

C-2 Community Residence

Finances

Frequently Asked Questions

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1.1 What is long stay contribution?

Long-Stay Contribution is known as the Residential Support Services Maintenance and Accommodation Contribution (RSSMAC). The HSE levy a contribution charge for services where the HSE provide:

- accommodation and maintenance or
- daily living costs or
- where others provide accommodation and maintenance on behalf of the HSE.

1.2 What are the 3 categories of RSSMAC - Residential Support Services Maintenance and Accommodation Contribution?

There are three different types of accommodation covered by RSSMAC and they attract a sliding scale of contributions as follows.

Category A accommodation

This is full-time (24-hour) medical or nursing care.

Category B accommodation

This is where there is part-time (less than 24-hour) medical or nursing care.

Category C accommodation

This is other accommodation, like independent living settings.

1.3 What is the maximum weekly **RSSMAC** contribution?

Maximum weekly contribution		
Accommodation	Income above	Maximum contribution
Category A	€223	€179
Category B	€209	€134
Category C	€203	€74

The client is entitled to have a minimum amount of money left for their personal use after paying the contribution. This weekly amount is shown below and varies depending on the Category of Accommodation they live in.

Amount for personal use	
Accommodation	Weekly minimum
Category A	€44
Category B	€75
Category C	€129

1.4 Is there an option for a waiver?

A contribution waiver can be applied if the client has essential expenses and would find it difficult to afford the standard contribution rate. A waiver means that in certain circumstances a client can pay a lower contribution rate or none at all. The waiver

assessment considers payments already made for maintenance and accommodation. It also considers expenses to meet needs such as:

- medical
- therapeutic
- rehabilitative
- health related

This includes needs set out in the client's individual care plan.

The items mentioned above represent just some of the things you need to know about RSSMAC. You can get more information about levying contributions from clients from the [National RSSMACs General Implementation Guidelines 2022](#).