

Homemaker's Scheme

Following on from discussion at the Annual General meeting, this this scheme may be of benefit to some Childminders. This scheme is available to people who leave work to care for children (their own) or an incapacitated person. Being part of the scheme means that the time they have spent out of the workforce will not be counted when the yearly average number of contributions required for the Old Age Contributory Pension is calculated.. Up to a maximum of 20 homemaking years can be disregarded for Old Age Contributory Pension purposes.

It will only apply to a small number of Childminders, as in order to qualify you must have a child of your own under 12 years of age, and your earnings after expenses must be €38 or less per week.

This scheme will be of benefit to those Childminders who do not earn enough to pay PRSI contributions, and who are precluded from making voluntary contributions. More information from the Homemakers Section, Social Welfare Services, Gandon House, Amiens Street, Dublin 1. (01) 704 3468