



An Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí Department of Social Protection

Your One-Parent Family Payment Will Stop in July 2015

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or telephone us**

Date: DDMMYY

Dear «Title» «Firstname» «Surname»

I am writing to tell you about changes to your One-Parent Family Payment.

As your youngest child will be 7 years or over by 2 July 2015, you will no longer qualify for the One-Parent Family Payment (OFP). This means that your One-Parent Family Payment will stop from July 2015. You will receive your final One-Parent Family payment on **Thursday 25th June 2015.**

Our records show that you are also currently in receipt of a weekly Family Income Supplement (FIS). **This payment will be increased when your One-Parent Family Payment stops.** The amount of this increase will partially make up for the loss of the OFP. The increase in your FIS payment will happen automatically so there is no need for you to contact FIS section. We will contact you if further information is required. If your FIS payment does not increase the following week, please contact FIS Section at **043-3340053** or by email to FISSection@welfare.ie.

You may also qualify for the Back to Work Family Dividend when your OFP stops. The application form for this payment is included with this letter. Please complete the form and return it to your local Intreo Centre/Social Welfare Local Office.

In the meantime, if you have any queries concerning your One-Parent Family Payment please contact your local Intreo Centre/Social Welfare Local Office. A brief summary of the changes to the OFP scheme is set out on the other side of the page or you can visit our website www.welfare.ie for information on these changes and on the Back to Work Family Dividend.

Yours sincerely,

Intreo Centre/Social Welfare Local Office Manager

End of One-Parent Family Payment

The One-Parent Family Payment (OFP) is a means-tested payment for men and women who are bringing up a child – or children – without the support of a partner. You must be either separated, divorced, unmarried, widowed, have a dissolved civil partnership, be a surviving civil partner or be the spouse, civil partner of a prisoner. You must also have main care and charge of at least one child, who is residing with you, not be co-habiting with someone and have made efforts to seek maintenance from the other parent of the child. Your youngest child must also be under the age limit for payment of OFP.

From 2 July 2015, entitlement to OFP ceases where

- the youngest child has reached 7 years
- Domiciliary Care Allowance is in payment in respect of a child in the family and that child is reaching 16 years and there is no other child under the qualifying age.

Exceptions to the age limits

Domiciliary Care Allowance

If you are getting Domiciliary Care Allowance (DCA) for a child, then OFP will continue until the child reaches 16 or DCA stops. You will also get an Increase for a Qualified Child (IQC) for any other children in the family until they reach 18 (or 22 if in full-time education) while DCA (and OFP) is in payment.

Death of a spouse, partner or civil partner

If you are a new claimant and you are parenting alone because of the death of your spouse, partner or civil partner you may get OFP for 2 years from the date of death provided your youngest child is under 18. You cannot be paid OFP after your youngest child reaches 18 even if that is less than 2 years after the date of death.

Change in circumstances

If you did not inform us of a change in your circumstances that may change your entitlement to the OFP payment, contact your **Intreo Centre/Social Welfare Local Office** without delay.