

Your One-Parent Family Payment Will Stop in July 2015

Date:

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(Please quote this number if you write to us or telephone us.)

Dear

I am writing to tell you about changes to your One-Parent Family Payment and to invite you to an information seminar. 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. Based on the information available on our records, you will get your last One-Parent Family Payment on **THURSDAY 25TH JUNE 2015.**

I am writing to you well in advance of this change as **you may qualify for other Social Welfare payments when your OFP payment stops.** You are, therefore, requested to attend an Information Seminar, to be held at:

VENUE: _____

DATE: _____

TIME: _____

It is very important that you attend this seminar. At the seminar **you will be given information about the other social welfare payments that may be available to you.** You can get advice on the day on the best option for you and get the necessary application forms.

IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND THE SEMINAR OR CONTACT US, YOU MAY NOT HAVE ANY PAYMENT WHEN YOUR ONE-PARENT FAMILY PAYMENT STOPS IN JULY.

If you cannot attend the seminar please call into your Intreo Centre/Local Office or e-mail the office at officeofp@welfare.ie. A brief summary of the changes to the scheme is set out on the other side of the page or you can visit www.welfare.ie for further information.

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.