



## Bereavement Guide Update

This insert covers the main changes to the Citizens Information Board's Bereavement booklet following Budget 2008. It should be read in conjunction with the guide.

- Page 36**    **Widowed Parent Grant**  
The Widowed Parent Grant is now €6,000.
- Page 39**    **Fuel Scheme**  
The duration of the fuel season for the National Fuel Scheme is extended by one week (in April) to 30 weeks (from 29 weeks).
- Page 43**    **Medical card and GP Visit Cards – weekly income guidelines**  
In February 2007 it was announced that the Department of Health and Children, in conjunction with the HSE, are reviewing the income guidelines. There is no fixed date for when the review will be completed but further information will be available when it is finalised. In the meantime therefore, the current income guidelines continue to apply.

Page 47 Widowed Parents Tax Credit 2008

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| Year of death | €4,000 |
| 2nd year      | €3,500 |
| 3rd year      | €3,000 |
| 4th year      | €2,500 |
| 5th year      | €2,000 |

Page 47 Tax exemption limits from January 2008

|                    | Aged under 65 | Aged 65 or over |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Single and widowed | €5,210        | €20,000         |
| Married            | €10,420       | €40,000         |

Page 51 Capital Acquisitions Tax thresholds 2008

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| Group A | €521,208 |
| Group B | €52,121  |
| Group C | €26,020  |