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Household Budget Survey Spending Diary

In confidence

All information you give in this diary will be treated in strictest confidence.

Enter **ONLY** a 14 Day period (*Start date + 13 = End date*)

Diary Period: Start: / /
End: / /

Block no.

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LDU no.

Person no.

Household no.

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Interviewer

KEY POINTS FOR DIARY KEEPING

- Ensure that you request receipts for all purchases and insert them in pouch provided.
- Include as many receipts as possible.
- ONLY fill diary in if receipt NOT submitted for item purchased or description on receipt is vague.
- Don't forget to record online purchases.
- Enter each item in the appropriate section and follow relevant instructions (as outlined in Table of Contents below).

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Usual purchases

Interviewer: Ask of all diarykeepers

Please indicate below which of the following products you would usually purchase

				Not a usual purchase
Bread	White:	Sliced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Unsliced	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Brown:	Sliced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Unsliced	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Wholemeal:	Sliced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Unsliced	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (specify):		<input type="text"/>		
Milk	Whole/full-fat milk		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Semi-skimmed/low-fat milk		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Skimmed milk/non-fat milk		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Other (specify):		<input type="text"/>	
Carbonated drinks	Diet/zero		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Not diet/zero		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Water	Still		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sparkling		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Butter	Pure butter		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Spreadable butter		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Margarine/ spread	Full fat (e.g. Flora original):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Reduced fat/low fat (e.g. Flora light/Low Low):		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cheese	Write in name/type:		<input type="text"/>	
			<input type="text"/>	

Enter home-grown food in Section 6 on page 14.

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If the **Amount paid** is in **euro** please leave **Currency** blank. If paid in sterling use GBP, US dollars use USD etc.

Example : Chinese takeaway ordered from Irish website (e.g. www.just-eat.ie)

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If the **Amount paid** is in **euro** please leave **Currency** blank. If paid in sterling use GBP, US dollars use USD etc.

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If the **Amount paid** is in **euro** please leave **Currency** blank. If paid in sterling use GBP, US dollars use USD etc.

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Please weigh/measure items **before** preparation (e.g. before trimming, peeling, cooking, etc). If eggs, give the **number** collected.

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Section 7 Winnings from lottery, bingo, betting shops, football pools, raffles, etc.

Please only record winnings, including online winnings, that you have **actually collected or received** during the 14 day diary period.

Description	Amount won €
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3. <div></div>	<div></div>
4. <div></div>	<div></div>
5. <div></div>	<div></div>
6. <div></div>	<div></div>

Section 8 Holidays, short breaks and day trips outside the Republic of Ireland (abroad includes Northern Ireland)

If you go on any trip **ABROAD** during the 14 day diary period, please fill in this section.

If you go on **holiday in the Republic of Ireland** please keep your diary as if you were at home.

If you go on a **day trip abroad (e.g. UK including Northern Ireland)**, record the amount you spend abroad (**in euro**) below (include spending while on the ferry, plane etc). Any spending in the Republic of Ireland should be entered in Sections 1-5 as normal.)

8a Country visited

Date you leave Republic of Ireland

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Date you return

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→ Is this date before the end of the 2 week diary?

Yes ☐ answer 8b

No ☐ answer 8c

8b **Excluding** expenditure on accommodation and travel, how much (**in euro**) did you spend abroad (i.e spending money)?

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8c **IF YOU WILL NOT RETURN BEFORE THE END OF THE DIARY PERIOD**

How much do you think you will spend while you are away? Include spending in foreign currency and by credit card. Please give an estimate (**in euro**).

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If the **Amount paid/refunded** is in **euro** please leave **Currency** blank. If paid in sterling use GBP, US dollars use USD etc.

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Section 10 Utilities and Bulk Fuel Purchases

Please record details of the last payment, **REGARDLESS** of when paid, for each of the utilities listed below, include the amount paid, the period that it covered and the method of payment.

Please use the appropriate **letter** to indicate the **period last payment covered**:

Week 'W', Month 'M', where a payment covers 2 calendar months 'B', Quarter 'Q' or Year 'Y'.

Please use the appropriate **number** to indicate **how purchased**:

In Person '1', Direct Debit/Standing Order '2', Online '3' or Other '4'.

If you have **already recorded** the item in **another Section**, please cross it out there before recording it below.

Utilities	Description	Amount paid €	Period Last Payment Covered	Method of Payment
			Week = W Month = M Bi-monthly = B Quarter = Q Year = Y	In Person = 1 Direct Debit/ Standing Order = 2 Online = 3 Other = 4
Example : Electricity bill of €81.23 paid monthly by Direct Debit				
Electricity	81.23	M	2	
Electricity				
Gas				
Refuse collection				

Bulk Fuel	Description	Amount paid in the last 12 months €	Method of Payment
			In Person = 1 Direct Debit/ Standing Order = 2 Online = 3 Other = 4
Oil	1600.00	4	
Oil			
LPG			
Coal			
Wood			
Other, please specify			

Section 11 Television/landline/broadband and mobile phone

Please record details of the last payment, **REGARDLESS** of when paid, for each of the utilities listed below, include the amount paid, the period that it covered and the method of payment.

Please use the appropriate **letter** to indicate the **period the last payment covered**:

Week 'W', Month 'M', where a payment covers 2 calendar months 'B', Quarter 'Q' or Year 'Y'.

Please use the appropriate **number** to indicate **how purchased**:

In Person '1', Direct Debit/Standing Order '2', Online '3' or Other '4'.

If you have **already recorded** the item in **another Section**, please cross it out there before recording it below.

Description	Amount paid €	Period Last Payment Covered	Method of Payment
		Week = W Month = M Bi-monthly = B Quarter = Q Year = Y	In Person = 1 Direct Debit/ Standing Order = 2 Online = 3 Other = 4
Example : Television subscription of €80 per month paid by Direct Debit	80.00	M	2
Television only			
Television/Landline/Broadband Subscriptions			
Television only			
Landline only			
Broadband only			
Television/Landline			
Television/Broadband			
Landline/Broadband			
Television/Landline/Broadband			
Television/Landline/Broadband/Mobile phone			
Other combinations, please specify			
Mobile phone related			
Mobile phone bill/pre-pay			
Mobile phone insurance			

Section 12 & Section 13

Please record details of the last payment, **REGARDLESS** of when paid, for each of the items listed below, include the amount paid, the period that it covered and the method of payment.

Please use the appropriate **letter** to indicate the **period the last payment covered**:

Week 'W', Month 'M', Fortnight 'F', where a payment covers 2 calendar months 'B', Quarter 'Q' or Year 'Y'.

Please use the appropriate **number** to indicate **how purchased**:

In Person '1', Direct Debit/Standing Order '2', Online '3' or Other '4'.

If you have **already recorded** the item in **another Section**, please cross it out there before recording it below.

Section 12 Car Related Expenditure

Description	Amount paid €	Period Last	Method of Payment
		Payment Covered	
		Week = W Month = M Bi-monthly = B Quarter = Q Year = Y	In Person = 1 Direct Debit/ Standing Order = 2 Online = 3 Other = 4
Example : Car/van insurance of €65 per month paid by Direct Debit			
Car/van insurance	65.00	M	2
Car/van insurance			
Car/van motor tax			
NCT (if paid in past 12 months)			

Section 13 Pay related deductions (excluding Tax, PRSI and USC)

Please record details of deductions from your last wage/salary payment. Exclude Tax, PRSI and USC.

Description	Amount paid €	Period Last
		Payment Covered
		Week = W Fortnight = F Month = M Quarter = Q Year = Y
Trade union subscriptions		
Total pension deductions		
Social club subscription		
Income protection		
Health insurance		
Savings		
Other, please specify		

Section 15 Direct debits, standing orders and regular payments

For any direct debits, standing orders and regular payments you **currently** have in place, please give details of the **last payment REGARDLESS** of when this payment was made. Include the purpose, the amount paid, the period that it covered and the method of payment. Descriptions for popular payments have been pre-filled.

Please use the appropriate **letter** to indicate the **period the last payment covered**:

Week '**W**', Fortnight '**F**', Month '**M**', Quarter '**Q**' or Year '**Y**'.

Please use the appropriate **number** to indicate **how purchased**:

In Person '**1**', Direct Debit/Standing Order '**2**', Online '**3**' or Other '**4**'.

Under '**Other, please specify**' please list any subscriptions/regular payments including Direct Debits/Standing Orders **not already recorded**.

If you have **already recorded** the item in **another Section**, please cross it out there before recording it below.

Description	Amount repaid €	Period Last Payment Covered	Method of Payment
		Week = W Fortnight = F Month = M Quarter = Q Year = Y	In Person = 1 Direct Debit/ Standing Order = 2 Online = 3 Other = 4
Example : Netflix subscription of €15 per month paid by Standing Order			
Netflix	15.00	M	2
Netflix			
Spotify			
Alarm monitoring			
eFlow toll			
Charity donation			
Gym/Sport club membership			
Other, please specify			

Were there any special circumstances, such as visitors staying with you or temporary absences of members of your household during the past two weeks?

Please tick

No ☐

Yes ☐ If Yes, please make a note here about these special circumstances

Give detailed descriptions of **unclear or vague receipt items**.

Please include:

- Receipt Date
- Original item description as it appears on the receipt
- Item price
- A more detailed description of the item

For example:

27/07/2021 pink cotton €29.99 is a ladies' blouse

Please also use this page for any additional details for expenditure in any section of the diary that might be unclear.



Received in CSO date:

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Received in Processing date:

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Received in Processing by:

Processed by:

Number of scanned receipts:

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Batch No 2:

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Interviewer check

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Section check

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