Chapter 5 Income

## INCOME

- Income is the money received by an individual or household.
- Income can come from:
  - 1. Pocket Money
  - 2. Wages/Salaries
  - 3. Social Welfare Assistance
  - 4. Child Benefit
  - 5. Interest on Savings
  - 6. Profits
- Regular Income is income that a person is guaranteed to receive

## example:

- 1. Wages
- 2. Child Benefit
- <u>Additional Income</u> is extra income that a person might receive for working extra hours, as a bonus, etc.
- A Wage is payment received for the hours worked or the gods produced and is usually received weekly
- <u>A Salary</u> is payment received regardless of hours worked or goods produced and is usually received monthly.
- <u>Benefits-in-Kind</u> are forms of non-money payment which some people receive form their work or from social welfare

## example:

- 1. Company Car
- 2. Low Interest Loans
- 3. Free Travel
- 4. Rent Allowance

 $\underline{\text{Net Pay/Take Home Pay}}$  is the amount received after all deductions have been mage from Gross Pay

OR

Gross Pay - All Deductions

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- Gross Pay = Total Wage (Basic + Overtime) before any deductions are made.
- Basic Pay is the pay received for a standards weeks work
- eg.: 39 hours @ €10 per hour
- Overtime is extra pay for extra hours worked.
- It is usually paid at:
  - 1. Time and a Half
  - 2. Double Time
  - 3. Triple Time
- <u>Statutory Deductions</u> are amounts which by law must be taken from a person's wage by the employer before it is received.

## Example:

- 1. P.A.Y.E.
- 2. P.R.S.I.
- Pay As You Earn (P.A.Y.E.) is a tax paid by an employee from their wage and is used to pay for government services
- eg.: Education, the Gardai, the army, etc.
- <u>Pay Related Social Insurance (P.R.S.I.)</u> is taken form everyone's income and is used to pay old age pension's, unemployment benefits, sickness benefits, etc.
- <u>Voluntary (Non-Statutory) Deductions</u> are those which an employee may their employer to take from *Gross* Pay on a regular basis.
- eg.: V.H.I., Vivas, Trade Union subscriptions, contributions to a savings/pensions scheme
- An Employee is someone who works for someone else for payment
- An Employer is a person or company that pays others to work for them.
- Employee Records such as
  - 1. Application Forms
  - 2. C.V.'s
  - 3. Performance Records
  - 4. Contracts
  - 5. Income and PRSI records

are valued for promotion, dismissal of workers and for income tax and PRSI requirements

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A Wage Slip is a document given by the employer to the employee setting out

- 1. Gross Pay
- 2. Deductions Made
- 3. Net/Take Home Pay

<u>Commission</u> is pay based on the number of items sold together with a small basic wage **eg**.: a car sales person

Time Rate is when an employee is paid for the number of hours he/she works

<u>Flextime</u> means that a worker can start and finish at times suitable to themselves and their employer

<u>Piece Rate</u> is when an employee is paid for the number of items they produce **eg**.: block layers

<u>A Bonus</u> is an unexpected payment which can be used as a reward for one's work and as an incentive for an employee to work hard.

<u>Minimum Wage</u> is the least amount of payment for work done that an employer can legally pay his/her employees

Standard Cut Off Point is the amount of an employees income that is taxed at 20%

Tax Credits are reductions allowed in the amount of income tax an employee has to pay

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