



Announcement

The Cash Allowance Trial Scheme (The Scheme) is extended for one year until June 2025. The Government will review the Scheme in due course.



Key Highlights of the Cash Allowance Trial Scheme

A. Background

The Government launches the three-year Cash Allowance Trial Scheme (CATS) in mid-2021 in order to alleviate the difficulties on livelihood faced by grassroots families who have been waiting for public rental housing (PRH) for a prolonged period of time. The CATS is administered by the Housing Department (HD).

B. Eligibility Criteria

Cash allowance will be provided to applicants who meet all the eligibility criteria. The main criteria are as follows –



- (a) General Applicant (GA) households (meaning applicant households with two or more persons, as well as those under the Single Elderly Persons Priority Scheme) who have fulfilled the general eligibility criteria for PRH allocation

Have been waiting for
PRH for more than
3 years



- (b) have been waiting for PRH for more than three years, with their eligibility for PRH allocation remaining valid; and have not yet been provided the first PRH flat offer



- (c) living in Hong Kong but not living in public housing

**Non-CSSA
Recipient**



- (d) not receiving the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance

C. Amounts of the Cash Allowance

No. of Eligible Members in a Household	Amounts of Monthly Cash Allowance
1	\$1,300
2	\$2,250
3	\$2,700
4	\$3,050
5	\$3,350
6 or above	\$3,900





D. Application Procedures

- HD will issue notification letters towards the end of each month to GA households who will have waited for PRH for more than three years by the following month.
- Eligible households who wish to apply for the cash allowance should submit the completed application form together with necessary documents as soon as possible by the following methods –
 - sending the form to Cash Allowance Office, Housing Department, P.O. Box 209, Tsuen Wan Post Office by post; or
 - submitting the form in the drop-in box of HD at the following locations within office hours –
 - (a) Cash Allowance Office, Housing Department, 5/F, 1 Kwai On Road, Kwai Chung, New Territories; or
 - (b) Hong Kong Housing Authority Customer Service Centre, 3 Wang Tau Hom South Road, Kowloon
- Successful households will receive the cash allowance on a monthly basis via bank transfer.
- The start month for calculating cash allowance of each approved application will be determined by the date that the GA household has met all eligibility criteria, or the submission date of the completed application form, whichever is **later**, with 1 July 2021 being the earliest start date for calculating cash allowance. Retrospective claim is not allowed.
- It takes about one to three months for processing straightforward applications and the subsequent disbursement of cash allowance.

E. Important Notes

- For recipients of the cash allowance, if there is any change in family circumstances (e.g. addition/deletion of family member(s)), HD must be updated immediately. Please refer to the CATS website for the procedures. The cash allowance level may be adjusted accordingly.
- It is a criminal offence for the applicant and/or his/her family member(s) to wilfully provide false information or omit certain information in order to obtain the cash allowance by deception.
- Disbursement of cash allowance will cease for all when this three-year trial scheme ends in mid-2024.



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