

Cash Allowance Trial Scheme

Transport and Housing Bureau

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Introduction Video

Please watch the video on CATS' website.



Main Eligibility Criteria

1. Must be **Public Rental Housing (PRH) General Applicant (GA) households** (i.e. applicant households with two or more persons, and applicants under the Single Elderly Persons Priority Scheme)
2. Have been **waiting for PRH for more than three years**; have **not yet been provided the first PRH flat offer**; and the **eligibility for PRH allocation must remain valid**
3. Living in Hong Kong but **not living in public housing**
4. **Not receiving the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)**

Counting of Waiting Time

- ▶ The mechanism for determining the priority of PRH allocation is adopted
 - ▣ Subject to the “G-number Equivalent Date” of the PRH application
 - ▣ Subject to the “Registration Date” if there is no “G-number Equivalent Date”

香港房屋委員會
Hong Kong Housing Authority

Ms Applicant
address
address

Application No : G-9999999-9

Registration Date : 29/02/2000

Please quote your application no. when contacting us.

Sample
“Blue acknowledgement card”
issued by HD

Notes for Applicants

Public Rental Housing Application No. : G-9999999-9

As regards the above application number, we would like to inform you of the following:

1. Addition of CHAN LUK MAN to your application has been approved.
2. There are now 2 persons on your application form. If your household's total monthly income or total net asset value exceeds the income and total net asset value limits laid down by HA, we have the right to cancel your application. For prevailing total household income limit and total net asset limit, please refer to the latest Application Guide For Public Rental Housing or visit Housing Department's website (<http://www.housingauthority.gov.hk>).
3. Your Application No. G-9999999-9 has been adjusted and is now equivalent to Application No. G1421364 to G1422504 with the equivalent date of registration falling in MAY 2018. This registration date will serve as reference for the subsequent housing allocation and enforcement of the relevant public rental housing application policies. (Please quote the original G-9999999-9 application in your correspondence and enquiries.)

Yours faithfully,
(John CHAN)
for Housing Manager/ Registration & Civil Service
Applications Sub-section, Housing Department

Sample
Notification Letter issued by HD

Eligibility for PRH Allocation

- ▶ For applying for the cash allowance, the **eligibility for PRH allocation must remain valid**, such as -
 - ❑ meeting the income and asset limits
 - ❑ not owning any domestic property in Hong Kong
 - ❑ meeting the residence requirement
 - ❑ not holding a valid Green Form Certificate
 - ❑ that the PRH application is not being frozen/withheld

Not Living in Public Housing

- ▶ **People living in public housing** refer to -
 - ▣ Tenants or authorised occupants of rental units provided by the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) or Hong Kong Housing Society
 - ▣ Those living in interim housing provided by HA
- ▶ These people are **not eligible to apply for the cash allowance**

Implementation Details

- ▶ The Cash Allowance Trial Scheme (CATS) will **run for three years until mid-2024**
- ▶ The Housing Department (HD) will issue **notification letters** towards the end of each month to PRH GA households who will have waited for PRH for more than three years by the following month but have not yet been provided the first PRH flat offer
- ▶ Those who may also meet other eligibility criteria will receive an **Application Form** and ***the Application Guide*** at the same time
- ▶ After issuing the Application Form, HD will send an **SMS** to notify the PRH applicant
- ▶ Some households will only receive the notification letter but not the Application Form. HD will issue the Application Form to these households when they may become eligible following changes in circumstances

Application Form

- ▶ The Application Form contains pre-printed information of the household concerned, and **should not be transferred to any other persons**
- ▶ Households should read *the Application Guide* before completing the Application Form

Sample Application Form

**Cash Allowance Office
Housing Department**

Address : XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Mr. CHAN Tai-man :

**Application Form for Cash Allowance ("Application Form")
of the Cash Allowance Trial Scheme ("the Scheme")**

Hong Kong Housing Authority ("HA") Public Rental Housing ("PRH") Application No.: **G-9999999-9**

Application Form Page 1

Application Form Page 2

Personal Particulars (Attention: For addition or deletion of family members, please fill in the information of the family members to be added, or cross out the information of the members to be deleted in the table below. The applicant must countersign next to the amendments made to the "Personal Particulars".)

	Name	HKID Card No.	Hong Kong Birth Certificate No. (for those not yet holding a HKID Card)	One-way Permit No.
Applicant	Chan Tai Man	()	()	
Family Member	Chan Yi Man	()		
Family Member	Chan Sam Man	()		
Family Member	Chan Sei Man	()		
Family Member (for adding new member)		()	()	
Family Member (for adding new member)		()	()	

Applicant's Hong Kong Mobile Phone No.: _____

(for contact purpose when handling the application for the cash allowance and related matters (including sending an acknowledgement of receipt of the application via SMS, etc.))

If the applicant / a family member is currently serving a prison sentence, please provide his / her name: _____; and start date of the sentence: _____.

Any family member who is currently detained in prison is ineligible to apply for the cash allowance. If circumstances of that member need to be updated with the Office, please refer to Part 4 of the *Application Guide*.

Details of Bank Account (Attention: (i) The bank account must be a valid local Hong Kong dollar savings / current bank account held by the applicant and / or family member(s) listed in this Application Form; (ii) the name(s) of the account holder(s) and the account number provided must be correct and consistent with the bank's record; and (iii) the monthly cash allowance (if granted) will be disbursed through bank transfer to the account below.)

Pre-printed household particulars

Application Form

- ▶ Fill in **HKID Card No.** and **bank account details**; read the Declaration and sign to indicate acknowledgement
- ▶ Submit the form together with **a copy of a passbook page or a monthly statement of the bank account**, etc.
- ▶ Watch the demonstration video for the steps of completing and submitting the Application Form
- ▶ **Sufficient postage** if submit by post

...In account with 戶名
MR CHAN TAI MAN

Bank code: 004 Account number: 123-4-567890
銀行編號 賬號

No. HCD 964949

The Hong Kong Dollar Savings account shall be operated subject to the Hong Kong Dollar Savings Account Rules, a copy of which is provided at the time when the Account is opened or when the passbook is replaced and is also available on request.

港元儲蓄戶口的運作元儲蓄戶口規則，該規則立戶口或更換存摺時口持有人，惟客戶亦可閱。

For further information or advice, please call 2233 3000 (for HSBC Personal Banking Customers) or 2748 8288 (for Commercial Customers).

閣下如欲獲得所需服務的資料，歡迎致電 2233 3000 (匯豐個人理財客戶) 或 2748 8288 (工商金融客戶)。

Sample
Passbook Page

Sample
Completed Application Form

Personal Particulars (Attention: For addition or deletion of family members, please fill in the information of the family members to be added, or cross out the information of the members to be deleted in the table below. The applicant must countersign next to the amendments made to the "Personal Particulars".)

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Applicant	Chan Tai Man	A111111 (1)	()	
Family Member	Chan Yi Man	B222222 (2)	()	
Family Member	Chan Sam Man	C333333 (3)	()	
Family Member	Chan Sei Man	D555555 (5)	()	
Family Member (for adding new member)		()	()	
Family Member (for adding new member)		()	()	

Applicant's Hong Kong Mobile Phone No.: 9123 4567

[for contact purpose when handling the application for the cash allowance and related matters (including sending an acknowledgement of receipt of the application via SMS, etc.)]

If the applicant / a family member is currently serving a prison sentence, please provide his / her name: _____ sentence: _____

_____ed in prison is ineligible to apply for the cash allowance. If circumstances _____ Office, please refer to Part 4 of the Application Guide.

_____ bank account must be a valid local Hong Kong dollar savings / current bank _____

_____ holder(s) and the account number provided must be correct and consistent with the bank's record; and (iii) the monthly cash allowance (if granted) will be disbursed through bank transfer to the account below.)

Name of Bank HSBC

Bank Code Account Number

004 4981234567

Name(s) of All Account Holders (which must be consistent with the bank's record)

(in English) CHAN TAI MAN

(in Chinese) 陳太文

Implementation Details

- ▶ HD will acknowledge receipt of the Application Form by SMS
- ▶ After vetting, HD will issue “Notification of Application Result”
- ▶ Successful applicant households will receive the cash allowance on a monthly basis via bank transfer

訊息
今日 下午 4:55

Cash Allowance Office of the Housing Department has received your Application Form for Cash Allowance and is processing your application. Upon completion of vetting procedures, we will issue a result letter to you. Enquiry: 31053333.

Sample
Acknowledgement SMS

Mr. CHAN TAI MAN
XXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXX

Dear Mr. CHAN,

Cash Allowance Trial Scheme
Notification of Application Result
Public Rental Housing (PRH) Application No.: G-9999999-9

Cash Allowance Office of the Housing Department (“the Office”) has completed vetting your application for cash allowance under the Cash Allowance Trial Scheme (“the Scheme”). The application result and details are as follows –

Your application for the cash allowance under the Scheme **is approved**, with the start month being July 2021. As there are 2 household member(s) eligible for the cash allowance in total, the amount of allowance payable is \$2,250 per month.

The cash allowance will be disbursed to the bank account provided by you in the Application Form of the Scheme via autopay from end August 2021 onwards. The amount of the first cash allowance disbursement will include the amount(s) payable from July 2021 to August 2021. Subsequent disbursement(s) will continue via autopay at the end of each month. The Office will not issue any separate notification in this regard.

Sample
Notification of Application Result

Levels of Cash Allowance

- ▶ Reference is made to the level of half of the current CSSA Maximum Rental Allowance
- ▶ Determined by the number of eligible members within the PRH application concerned

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

Levels of Cash Allowance

- ▶ If certain family members within a household are not eligible to apply for the cash allowance, **other family members meeting all the eligibility criteria may still apply**
- ▶ **Start month of cash allowance** - determined by the date on which the household meets all the eligibility criteria, or the submission date of the completed Application Form, **whichever is later**, with 1 July 2021 being the earliest start date
- ▶ PRH GA Households meeting the eligibility criteria for the cash allowance should complete and submit the Application Form **as soon as possible**

Update of Family Circumstances

- ▶ If there are any changes in family circumstances, the household must notify HD's Applications Sub-section and Cash Allowance Office by completing the relevant forms for updating household particulars
- ▶ Please refer to *the Application Guide* for details

Application Guide for the Cash Allowance Trial Scheme

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Designated Website

- ▶ www.cashallowance.gov.hk
- ▶ Contains introduction videos, Key Highlights of CATS, FAQs, information for people of diverse race, etc.
- ▶ The *Application Guide* and the Information Update Forms are available for download

Homepage of the
Designated Website



Questions & Answers

