

Hostels for the Elderly provide communal living accommodation, programme activities and round the clock staff support for elders who are capable of self-care.

Nature of Service

The following services are provided for residents in Hostels for the Elderly:

- accommodation within shared rooms;
- provision of social work service (e.g. assessment, counselling, referrals, programme activities, etc.);
- provision of information to facilitate residents' daily living; and
- activities organised on a regular basis to meet the social and recreational needs of residents, to encourage residents to pursue their interests, and to maintain residents' contact with the community and families.

Target Group

The target group is elders who have social and housing need for accommodation but are able to take care of themselves.

Eligibility Criteria¹

To be eligible for admission to a hostel for the elderly, an applicant should be:

- aged 65 or above²;
- having a housing or social need and unable to live independently;
- capable of maintaining personal hygiene and managing activities of daily living; and
- physically and mentally suitable for communal living.

Staffing

Professional staff provision includes registered social workers.

¹ With effect from 1 January 2003, the Social Welfare Department has ceased to accept new application for placement in Hostels for the Elderly. Starting from 2005-06, Hostels for the Elderly will gradually be phased out and converted into homes providing long term care services.

² Persons aged between 60 and 64 may apply if there is a proven need for residential care based on health and/or social grounds, subject to their meeting the admission criteria.

Please visit the website of the Social Welfare Department at www.info.gov.hk/swd for details.



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長者宿舍
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長者宿舍為一些能夠照顧自己的長者，提供群居的住宿服務、舉行活動及安排人員全日24小時予以支援。

服務性質

下列為長者宿舍向院友提供的服務：

- 共住的房間；
- 提供社會工作服務，如個案評估、輔導、轉介和舉行活動等；
- 提供便利院友日常生活的資料；以及
- 定期舉行活動以滿足院友的社交康樂需要，鼓勵院友發展個人興趣及與社區及家人保持接觸。

服務對象

服務對象為有社交及住屋需要，但能夠照顧自己的長者。

入住條件¹

申請人須符合下列條件，方可入住長者宿舍：

- 年齡達65歲或以上²；
- 有住屋或社交需要，但未能獨自居住；
- 可以照顧個人衛生和起居；以及
- 體格及精神狀態適合過群體生活。

人員編制

專業人員編制包括註冊社會工作者。

1 自二〇〇三年一月一日起，社會福利署已停止接受入住長者宿舍的新申請。長者宿舍將由二〇〇五至〇六年度開始逐步取消並轉型為提供長期護理服務的院舍。

2 年齡介乎60至64歲之間的人士，可基於健康及／或社會因素提出申請，但須證實確有需要接受住宿照顧，並須符合入住條件。

詳情請瀏覽社會福利署網頁

www.info.gov.hk/swd

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