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**SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT
SOCIAL SECURITY ALLOWANCE SCHEME**

LEVEL OF ALLOWANCE

Disability Allowance

	<u>Rate</u> <u>before 1 February 2008</u> (\$ per month)	<u>Rate</u> <u>from 1 February 2008</u> (\$ per month)
Normal Disability Allowance	1,140	1,170
Higher Disability Allowance	2,280	2,340

Old Age Allowance

	<u>Rate</u> (\$ per month)
Normal Old Age Allowance (for those aged 65 - 69)	625
Higher Old Age Allowance (for those aged 70 or above)	705

Note: 1. Except for the Normal Old Age Allowance, the allowances paid under the Scheme are non-means-tested. The asset and income limits for Normal Old Age Allowance are:

	<u>Asset Limit</u> (\$)	<u>Monthly Income Limit</u> (\$)
For a single person	169,000	5,910
For a married couple	254,000	9,740

2. The eligibility criteria for the allowances can be found in the pamphlet on the Social Security Allowance Scheme.

(Enquiries about allowances under the Social Security Allowance Scheme or any other social security benefits can be made to the nearest Social Security Field Unit or the Social Welfare Department Hotline at telephone number: 2343 2255 or facsimile number: 2763 5874.)