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SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT
COMPREHENSIVE SOCIAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

STANDARD RATE
(Amount per person per month (\$))

	<u>Rate before 1 August 2008</u>		<u>Rate from 1 August 2008</u>	
	<u>Single person</u>	<u>Family member</u>	<u>Single person</u>	<u>Family member</u>
<u>Elderly person aged 60 or above</u>				
Able-bodied/50% disabled	2,370	2,235	2,475	2,335
100% disabled	2,875	2,540	3,000	2,650
Requiring constant attendance	4,040	3,705	4,220	3,870
<u>Ill-health/Disabled adult aged under 60</u>				
Ill-health/50% disabled	2,010	1,820	2,100	1,900
100% disabled	2,510	2,170	2,620	2,265
Requiring constant attendance	3,670	3,335	3,830	3,480
<u>Disabled child</u>				
50% disabled	2,675	2,330	2,795	2,435
100% disabled	3,170	2,835	3,310	2,960
Requiring constant attendance	4,335	4,005	4,525	4,180
<u>Rate from 1 August 2008</u>				
	<u>Single person</u>	<u>In a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/children</u>	<u>In a family comprising 3 able-bodied adults/children</u>	<u>In a family comprising 4 or more able-bodied adults/children</u>
<u>Able-bodied adult aged under 60</u>				
Single parent/Family carer	-	1,900 (1,820)	1,715 (1,645)	1,520 (1,455)
Other adult	1,750 (1,675)	1,555 (1,490)	1,405 (1,345)	1,255 (1,200)
<u>Able-bodied child</u>				
	2,100 (2,010)	1,740 (1,665)	1,560 (1,495)	1,390 (1,330)
<i>(Figures in brackets denote the rates before 1 August 2008)</i>				

LONG-TERM SUPPLEMENT

An annual Long-term Supplement is payable to families involving any member who is old, disabled or medically certified to be in ill-health for the replacement of household and durable goods if they have received assistance continuously for 12 months or more. The amount payable depends on the number of such eligible members in the family. Able-bodied adults/children are not entitled to Long-term Supplement.

	<u>Rate before</u> <u>1 August 2008</u> (\$)	<u>Rate from</u> <u>1 August 2008</u> (\$)
Family with 1 such eligible member	1,485	1,550
Family comprising 2-4 such eligible members	2,980	3,110
Family comprising 5 or more such eligible members	3,825	3,825

SINGLE PARENT SUPPLEMENT

A monthly supplement is payable to single parent families to recognize the special difficulties which single parents face in bringing up a family.

<u>Rate before 1 August 2008</u> (\$)	<u>Rate from 1 August 2008</u> (\$)
235	245

COMMUNITY LIVING SUPPLEMENT

A monthly supplement is payable to severely disabled persons who are medically certified to be 100% disabled or in need of constant attendance and who are not living in institutions to recognize the heavier expenses they may incur while living in the community.

<u>Rate before 1 August 2008</u> (\$)	<u>Rate from 1 August 2008</u> (\$)
105	110

TRANSPORT SUPPLEMENT

With effect from 1 July 2008, a monthly supplement of \$200 is payable to severely disabled persons who are medically certified to be 100% disabled or in need of constant attendance and in the age group of 12 to 64 to encourage them to participate more in activities away from home, thereby enhancing their integration into society.

SPECIAL GRANTS

In addition to standard rates and supplements, special grants are payable to meet other special needs. (The eligibility criteria and levels of payment of the various types of special grants can be found in 'A Guide to Comprehensive Social Security Assistance'.)

Able-bodied adults/children are only entitled to rent allowance, water charge allowance, grants to cover schooling expenses for children (including grants to cover school fees, etc.), grants to cover child-care centre fees and burial expenses.

Enquiries about the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance 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.