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**SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT
COMPREHENSIVE SOCIAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE SCHEME**

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

	<u>Rate before 1 February 2012</u>		<u>Rate from 1 February 2012</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	2,680	2,530	2,820	2,660
100% disabled	3,245	2,870	3,415	3,020
Requiring constant attendance	4,570	4,190	4,810	4,410
<u>Ill-health/Disabled adult aged under 60</u>				
Ill-health/50% disabled	2,680	2,530	2,820	2,660
100% disabled	3,245	2,870	3,415	3,020
Requiring constant attendance	4,570	4,190	4,810	4,410
<u>Disabled child</u>				
50% disabled	3,025	2,635	3,180	2,770
100% disabled	3,585	3,205	3,770	3,370
Requiring constant attendance	4,900	4,525	5,155	4,760
			<u>Rate from 1 February 2012</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>Single person</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	-	2,165 (2,060)	1,950 (1,855)	1,730 (1,645)
Other adult	1,990 (1,890)	1,775 (1,685)	1,600 (1,520)	1,430 (1,360)
<u>Able-bodied child</u>	2,395 (2,275)	1,980 (1,880)	1,780 (1,690)	1,585 (1,505)
			<i>(Figures in brackets denote the rates before 1 February 2012)</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 February 2012</u> (\$)	<u>Rate from</u> <u>1 February 2012</u> (\$)
Family with 1 such eligible member	1,680	1,765
Family comprising 2-4 such eligible members	3,365	3,540
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 February 2012</u> (\$)	<u>Rate from 1 February 2012</u> (\$)
265	280

COMMUNITY LIVING SUPPLEMENT

A monthly supplement is payable to persons who are old, disabled or medically certified to be in ill-health and who are not living in institutions to better support their stay in the community.

<u>Rate before 1 February 2012</u> (\$)	<u>Rate from 1 February 2012</u> (\$)
250	265

TRANSPORT 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 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.

<u>Rate before 1 February 2012</u> (\$)	<u>Rate from 1 February 2012</u> (\$)
215	225

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.