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**SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT
SOCIAL SECURITY ALLOWANCE SCHEME**

LEVEL OF ALLOWANCE

Disability Allowance

	<u>Rate</u> <u>before 1 February 2012</u> (\$ per month)	<u>Rate</u> <u>from 1 February 2012</u> (\$ per month)
Normal Disability Allowance	1,325	1,395
Higher Disability Allowance	2,650	2,790

(A monthly transport supplement of \$225 is payable to Disability Allowance recipients aged 12 to 64 to encourage them to participate more in activities away from home, thereby enhancing their integration into society.)

Old Age Allowance

	<u>Rate</u> <u>before 1 February 2012</u> (\$ per month)	<u>Rate</u> <u>from 1 February 2012</u> (\$ per month)
Normal Old Age Allowance (for those aged 65 - 69)	1,035	1,090
Higher Old Age Allowance (for those aged 70 or above)	1,035	1,090

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

	<u>Assets Limit</u>		<u>Monthly Income Limit</u>	
	<u>Limit before</u> <u>1 February 2012</u>	<u>Limit from</u> <u>1 February 2012</u>	<u>Limit before</u> <u>1 February 2012</u>	<u>Limit from</u> <u>1 February 2012</u>
For a single person	177,000	186,000	6,450	6,660
For a married couple	267,000	281,000	10,110	10,520

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.)