

Introduction

This leaflet outlines the arrangement of the **Re-launch of Special One-off Arrangement (SOOA)** under the Guangdong (GD) Scheme and Fujian (FJ) Scheme for a one-year period.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) merges Normal Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and Higher OALA under the GD Scheme and FJ Scheme **with effect from 1 September 2022** with the more relaxed asset limits of Normal OALA adopted across-the-board while the income limits remain unchanged. Eligible applicants will receive payment at the Higher OALA rate. Thereafter, the GD Scheme and FJ Scheme consist of the following two allowances:

- (1) Old Age Allowance (OAA): for Hong Kong (HK) elderly persons aged 70 or above and non-means-tested; and
- (2) Old Age Living Allowance (OALA): for HK elderly persons aged 65 or above who can meet the prescribed income and asset requirements.

The SOOA

◆ In the first year of implementing the merger of OALA under the GD Scheme and FJ Scheme, an SOOA for one year (i.e. **from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023**) is re-launched to allow HK elderly persons who have resided in GD or FJ and have satisfied all other prescribed eligibility criteria (see **Annex**) to benefit from OAA or OALA under the GD Scheme or FJ Scheme without having to return to and stay in HK continuously for at least one year immediately before the date of application [One-year continuous residence (OYCR) in HK requirement].

◆ In other words, when the SOOA is in effect, applicants who do not satisfy the OYCR in HK requirement will only need to reside in GD (only for GD Scheme applicants) or FJ (only for FJ Scheme applicants) continuously for at least one year immediately before the date of application. Absence from GD or FJ up to a maximum of 56 days during the one-year period is treated as residence in GD or FJ.

- ◆ These applicants should provide documentary proof of their residence in GD or FJ (e.g. rental receipts, utilities bills, etc.) and declare to have resided in GD or FJ continuously for at least one year immediately before the date of application for the GD Scheme or FJ Scheme respectively.
- ◆ It is now open for application. Applications must be made **on or before 31 August 2023**.

Points to Note for Applicants

- ◆ Applicants must complete the application procedures in person in HK.
- ◆ For applicants who can produce medical proof(s) issued by public hospital or clinic to show that they may not be able to travel to HK for the application, SWD will request its agents to provide assistance to these applicants to complete the application procedures.

Enquiries

Pamphlets on GD Scheme and FJ Scheme setting out details of the schemes are available. For enquiries regarding the GD Scheme and FJ Scheme, please call the GD Scheme and FJ Scheme Enquiry Line or refer to the pamphlets which may be obtained at any Social Security Field Units (SSFUs) during service hours. Relevant information is also available on SWD's website.

Office	Social Security Field Unit (Guangdong Scheme and Fujian Scheme) [SSFU(GDS & FJS)]
Address	Unit 2110-2111, 21/F., Landmark North, 39 Lung Sum Avenue, Sheung Shui, Hong Kong
Enquiry Line	(00852) 3105 3266
Website	GD Scheme: www.swd.gov.hk/gds FJ Scheme: www.swd.gov.hk/fjs

Annex

Eligibility Criteria for the GD Scheme and FJ Scheme include:

- (a) must have been a HK resident for at least seven years before the date of application;
- (b) must have resided in HK continuously for at least one year immediately before the date of application (absence from HK up to a maximum of 56 days during the one-year period is treated as residence in HK) (please refer to the main content of this leaflet for the arrangement of the SOOA for a one-year period for this requirement);
- (c) must continue to reside in GD (applicable to GD Scheme only)/ FJ (applicable to FJ Scheme only) during receipt of allowance;
- (d) must surrender the public rental housing unit in HK or delete his/her name from the tenancy before leaving HK if applicant is an authorised public rental housing tenant;
- (e) must not be in receipt of any other allowance under the Social Security Allowance Scheme or assistance under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme;
- (f) must not be being detained in legal custody or admitted to a penal institution; and
- (g) fulfils the following eligibility criteria for OAA/OALA:
 - (1) OAA
 - ◆ must be aged 70 or above
 - (2) OALA
 - ◆ must be aged 65 or above; and
 - ◆ must have a monthly income and assets **not exceeding** the prescribed limits. Information on the levels of prescribed limits could be obtained from SSFU(GDS & FJS) or any SSFUs of SWD or by visiting the SWD's website.

廣東計劃 及 福建計劃

Guangdong Scheme and Fujian Scheme

為期一年的
單次特別安排
A One-year Special
One-off Arrangement

推行時間

Implementation Date

1.9.2022 - 31.8.2023

廣東計劃及福建計劃的申請資格包括：

- (甲) 已在申請日期前成為香港居民最少七年；
- (乙) 在緊接申請日期前連續居港最少一年（在該年內如離港不超過 56 天，亦視為符合連續居港一年的規定）（請參閱此單張本文內容，概述有關這項要求的為期一年單次特別安排）；
- (丙) 於領取津貼期間，繼續在廣東（只適用於廣東計劃）或福建（只適用於福建計劃）居留；
- (丁) 如申請人是香港公屋住戶，必須在離港前交回所租住的公屋單位或刪除租約上的戶籍；
- (戊) 沒有領取公共福利金計劃下的其他津貼或綜合社會保障援助；
- (己) 並非受合法羈留或在懲教院所服刑；以及
- (庚) 符合下列高齡津貼／長者生活津貼的申請條件：
 - (1) 高齡津貼
 - ◆ 年齡在 70 歲或以上
 - (2) 長者生活津貼
 - ◆ 年齡在 65 歲或以上；以及
 - ◆ 每月入息和資產並沒有超過規定的限額。有關限額的資料可在社會保障辦事處（廣東計劃及福建計劃）或社署任何一間社會保障辦事處索取，亦可在社署網頁瀏覽。

申請人須知

- ◆ 申請人必須親身於香港辦理申請手續。
- ◆ 如未能回港辦理申請手續，而又能夠提供由公立醫院或診所發出的文件證明其健康狀況，社署會委託代理機構協助申請人完成申請手續。

查詢

社署備有「廣東計劃」及「福建計劃」小冊子，詳述有關細節。如對「廣東計劃」及「福建計劃」有任何查詢，可在服務時間內致電「廣東計劃」及「福建計劃」查詢電話或在任何一間社會保障辦事處索取小冊子，申請人亦可瀏覽社署網頁。

辦事處	社會保障辦事處（廣東計劃及福建計劃）
地址	香港上水龍琛路 39 號上水廣場 21 樓 2110-2111 室
查詢電話	(00852) 3105 3266
網址	廣東計劃： www.swd.gov.hk/gds 福建計劃： www.swd.gov.hk/fjs

引言

本單張概述有關「廣東計劃」及「福建計劃」下，**再次推行為期一年的單次特別安排**。

社會福利署（社署）由 **2022 年 9 月 1 日** 起合併「廣東計劃」及「福建計劃」下的普通長者生活津貼及高額長者生活津貼，劃一採用普通長者生活津貼較寬鬆的資產限額；而入息限額則維持不變。合資格申請人將領取高額長者生活津貼金額。此後，「廣東計劃」及「福建計劃」下均包括下列兩項津貼：

- (1) 高齡津貼：70 歲或以上的香港長者，無須經濟狀況調查；以及
- (2) 長者生活津貼：65 歲或以上的香港長者並符合有關的入息及資產規定。

單次特別安排

- ◆ 在「廣東計劃」及「福建計劃」下推出合併長者生活津貼安排的首年，再次推行為期一年（即由 **2022 年 9 月 1 日至 2023 年 8 月 31 日**）的單次特別安排，讓已移居廣東或福建並符合其他申請資格（請參閱**附件**）的香港長者，無須在緊接申請日期前先回港連續居住最少一年（「連續居港一年規定」），亦能受惠於「廣東計劃」或「福建計劃」下的高齡津貼或長者生活津貼。

- ◆ 換言之，在單次特別安排實施期間，未能符合「連續居港一年規定」的申請人，只須在緊接申請日期前連續居於廣東（只適用於廣東計劃申請人）或福建（只適用於福建計劃申請人）最少一年，在該年內如離開廣東或福建不超過 56 天，亦視為符合連續在廣東或福建居住一年的規定。
- ◆ 這些申請人須提交其於廣東或福建的住址及相關證明文件（如租單、電費單等），並作聲明，在緊接申請「廣東計劃」或「福建計劃」的日期前，已在廣東或福建連續居住最少一年。
- ◆ 現已接受申請，申請人須在 **2023 年 8 月 31 日或之前** 提出申請。