Waiting list for subsidised residential care services for the elderly

- As at 31 October 2026, there were a total of 19 090 applicants being waitlisted for various types of subsidised residential care services (RCS) for the elderly in the Central Waiting List for subsidised long term care services. Details were as follows:

Subsidised RCS for the elderly	No. of applicants [Note 1]
Care and attention places	17 427
Nursing home places	1 663
Total	**19 090**

Waiting time

- With reference to information as at 31 October 2026, the average waiting times for various types of subsidised RCS for the elderly were as follows:

Subsidised RCS for the elderly	Waiting time (in months) Average from the past 3 months [Note 2]
Care and attention places	
Subvented homes and contract homes	24
Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme	7
Overall	13
Nursing home places [Note 3]	8

Note 1 To encourage ageing in place, elderly persons assessed and recommended for RCS will be given the choice of CCS if they wish to stay at home. Upon admission to CCS, their applications for RCS will be treated as "inactive". Besides, applicants waitlisted for RCS may choose to change the status of their application to "Inactive" on their own accord. RCS applicants with "inactive' status will not be called for admission to RCS. These elderly persons may seek to re-activate their RCS option if there is a need in future. Once their applications are re-activated, these elderly persons will be called for admission to RCS when vacancies arise in accordance with their original application dates subject to valid assessment results. As at end of October 2026, there were 39 400 "inactive" applications.

Note 2 It is the average number of months taken between the waitlist date and the

admission date of normal cases admitted to service in the past three months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past three months, and cases transferred from home for the aged places to the converted care and attention places providing a continuum of care in the same residential care home for the elderly have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

Note 3 Including subsidised nursing home places provided by subvented nursing homes, self-financing nursing homes and contract homes.

Turn for placement offer for cases applying for residential care services

As at 31 October 2026, the latest application dates for applications for various types of residential care services with turn for placement offer were as follows:

[for reference only - the following turn for placement offer is only for cases without location preference to region/district/home.]

Subsidised RCS for the elderly	**The latest application date with turn for placement offer (Month/Year)**	
	Female	Male
Care and attention places		
Subvented homes and contract homes	4/2026	10/2025
Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme	10/2026	10/2026
Nursing homes places Note 1	9/2026	7/2026

Note 1 Including subsidised nursing home places provided by subvented nursing homes, self-financing nursing homes and contract homes.