

Notice to Old Age Allowance (OAA) Applicants/Appointees

(A) Points to note during application

The monthly allowance payable is \$1,675 for OAA.

(I) Documents required for application

1. Documentary proof of the applicant's identity, age and residence in Hong Kong (e.g. Hong Kong Identity Card, Birth Certificate, etc.)
2. Document of the applicant's bank account (e.g. first page of the bank account passbook, bank statement, etc.) (must clearly show the name of the applicant and account number; only sole account is acceptable for the purpose of payment of allowance, joint bank account is not applicable)
3. The pages showing the personal particulars in all the applicant's travel documents (e.g. Passports, HKSAR Document of Identity for Visa Purposes and travel documents issued by other countries, etc.) and the pages showing the absence record during the one-year period immediately before the application

(II) Eligibility criteria

An applicant is eligible for the allowance if he/she:

1. satisfies the following residence requirements:
 - (i) he/she must have been a Hong Kong resident for at least seven years; and
 - (ii) he/she must have resided in Hong Kong continuously for at least one year immediately before the date of application (absence from Hong Kong up to a maximum of 90 days during the one-year period is treated as residence in Hong Kong).

Note:

- (1) Persons whose presence in Hong Kong is unlawful and persons admitted to Hong Kong for a purpose other than residence (such as imported workers and visitors) are excluded from the allowance.
- (2) The following classes of persons are not eligible to apply for the allowance:
 - (i) persons and their dependants currently staying in Hong Kong under various talent and investment-related entrant schemes which include but not limited to the Top Talent Pass Scheme, the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme, the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates, the Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents, the Vocational Professionals Admission Scheme, the General Employment Policy (GEP), the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals (ASMTF), the GEP and ASMTF (Technical Professionals Stream), the Technology Talent Admission Scheme, the Capital Investment Entrant Scheme and the New Capital Investment Entrant Scheme; and
 - (ii) persons currently staying in Hong Kong on student/training visas and their dependants, persons currently staying in Hong Kong on Working Holiday visas, and consular-related personnel.
2. is not in receipt of any other allowance under the Social Security Allowance Scheme or assistance under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme.
3. is not being detained in legal custody or admitted to a penal institution.
4. reaches the qualifying age (aged 70 or above).

(B) Points to note after receipt of allowance

Any change in circumstances of the applicant may affect his/her entitlement to the allowance. Therefore, under the following circumstances, the applicant or his/her appointee or the applicant's friend/relative should report immediately to the concerned Social Security Field Unit of the Department so that timely adjustment to the amount of allowance can be made:

1. absence from Hong Kong exceeding the permissible limit (see Note);
2. imprisonment or detention in legal custody; or
3. death.

In case of home removal, the new address and telephone number of the applicant should also be reported immediately to the Department. The Department will transfer the case to the appropriate office, where necessary.

The information provided by the applicant or his/her appointee must be true, correct and complete. A person who knowingly or willfully provides false statement or withholds any information in order to obtain the allowance by deception commits a criminal offence. He/She is also breaking the law if he/she has the deliberate intention of not

reporting the changes of given information which may cause a reduction of the amount of allowance payable or disqualification for the allowance. The applicant or his/her appointee may be liable to prosecution. Furthermore, any overpaid allowance must be refunded to the Department.

The Department conducts data matching periodically/on need basis with other government departments, banks and related organisations (including the Immigration Department, Treasury, Correctional Services Department, Land Registry, Companies Registry, the Hospital Authority, Transport Department and HKMC Annuity Limited, etc.) to cross-check the information provided by the applicant or his/her appointee. The Department will also conduct reviews on targeted OAA cases through different means including home visits or by post. The applicant or his/her appointee should cooperate fully with the officers of the Department.

Note : Permissible limit of absence from Hong Kong during receipt of allowance

Where an OAA recipient has resided in Hong Kong for not less than 60 days in a payment year, his/her temporary absences from Hong Kong will not affect the payment of a full year allowance on condition that the total number of days of absence in the year does not exceed 305 days (or 306 days in a leap year).

If a recipient has resided in Hong Kong for less than 60 days in a payment year, he/she is not entitled to any absence allowance in that year. In other words, he/she is eligible to receive allowance only for the periods during which he/she has resided in Hong Kong.

- (1) For the purpose of calculating a recipient's absence from Hong Kong, the first payment year refers to the 12-month period from the date when the recipient meets the eligibility criteria for receiving the allowance. For example, if a person was eligible for receiving the allowance from 15 June 2026, the first payment year is from 15 June 2026 to 14 June 2027, the second payment year is from 15 June 2027 to 14 June 2028 and so forth.
- (2) The number of days of absence is calculated from the date of departure from Hong Kong, and the day of returning to Hong Kong is not counted.
- (3) If an applicant leaves Hong Kong and returns on the same day, the number of days of absence is zero.
- (4) Absence from Hong Kong means leaving Hong Kong for the Mainland, Macao or overseas countries/territories.