

Brief of Application for Joining Bought Place Scheme for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (Bought Place Scheme)

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) since 2010 so as to encourage private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) to enhance their service standards and increase the supply of subsidised residential places in order to shorten the waiting time for the residential care service and provide more service options for persons with disabilities. At present, SWD has purchased about 700 places of high level of care and about 620 places of medium level of care from 20 private RCHDs with licenses.

Extending the BPS to Self-financing RCHDs operated by Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs)

To widen the supply of subsidised places and provide more service options for persons with disabilities, the SWD has extended the BPS to self-financing RCHDs operated by NGOs¹. The operators of self-financing RCHDs may submit applications if the RCHDs meet the space, staffing and service quality standards, etc. as required by the BPS.

Bought Place Scheme

The SWD plans for purchasing additional places of the **High Level of Care (Category 1)** and the **Medium Level of Care**. The operators of eligible RCHDs may submit applications. The SWD will conduct vetting on the service quality and performance of individual RCHDs to ensure that the RCHDs meet the requirements. For information about the application criteria, staffing and service requirements, price level, etc. of the BPS, please refer to the following documents:

Categories, Relevant Net Floor Area per Resident and Service Targets of BPS	Annex 1
Net Floor Area per Resident and Staffing Requirements	Annex 2
Price Level of BPS	Annex 3

¹ NGOs refer to bona-fide non-profit making charitable organisations exempted from tax under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, Cap. 112.

Service Quality Standards and Criteria	Annex 4
Summary of Terms and Conditions of the Agreement for BPS	Annex 5
Summary of Terms and Conditions of Designated Day/Residential Respite Service	Annex 6
Guide for Service Charge	Annex 7
Application Guide	Annex 8
Application Form	Annex 9

[The electronic copies of the above Annexes are available for download from the SWD webpage]:

https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/pubsvc/rehab/cat_residcare/bps/

Submission of Application

The operators of eligible RCHDs with interest in joining the BPS, should study the service content and details of the BPS (Annexes 1 to 7) and complete the application form (Annex 9) in accordance with the requirements as stipulated in the application guide (Annex 8). Original copy of the completed application form (together with six copies and documents required) should be submitted to Rehabilitation and Medical Services Branch at Room 901, 9/F, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong [Attn: Social Work Officer (Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services) 18] **on or before 31 May 2024 (Friday) at 5:00 pm.** **Late submission would not be considered.** The SWD will notify the RCHD of the vetting result upon completion of vetting.

Closing Date of Application

31 May 2024 (Friday) at 5:00 pm

Enquiry

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