

Enquiries & Application

Interested parties please contact the SNT Office of the SWD for more information:

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-  Opening hours: Monday to Friday:
9:00 am to 1:00 pm; 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Closed on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays



SWD Website



Special Needs Trust

Service Objectives

The Special Needs Trust (SNT) is set up for parents/relatives (the Settlor) of a person with special needs to appoint the Director of Social Welfare Incorporated as the Trustee to manage their assets in the form of a trust for their children/family members who lack self-care capability (the Beneficiary), so that the long-term care plan prepared for their children/family members while the Settlor is alive will be implemented by a specified individual or institutional carer after their passing away.

Eligibility

Who is the Beneficiary under the SNT?

1. A person with mental handicap (including Down's syndrome), autism or mental disorder;
2. A person who is eligible for rehabilitation services subsidised by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or admission to special schools under the Education Bureau; and
3. A Hong Kong permanent resident who ordinarily resides in Hong Kong.

Who is the Settlor under the SNT?

1. A parent/sibling/relative of a person with special needs;
2. Aged 18 or above;
3. Not an undischarged bankrupt at the time of signing the Deed of Trust; and
4. A Hong Kong permanent resident.

Parents/relatives (the Settlor) participating in the SNT are required to sign a Deed of Trust with the SWD while they are alive, submit a Letter of Intent and a care plan for the Beneficiary, and specify the future individual or institutional carer(s) of the Beneficiary. The Settlor is also required to make a will giving instructions on the transfer of funds to the SNT after their death.

Who can become carers under the SNT? What are their responsibilities?

1. A carer may be an individual or institution specified by the Settlor
2. The carer is responsible for implementing the care plan made by the Settlor



Duties of the SNT Office

1. Handle administrative issues directly related to the SNT, including the setting up, management and termination of SNT accounts
2. Provide settlors, beneficiaries, carers and other relevant parties with information and advice on their care plans as required, including the review of the implementation of care plans on a regular basis
3. Pool funds from different SNT trust accounts for management and investment as well as disburse trust funds to the carer for the welfare and benefit of the Beneficiary
4. Refer cases where the Beneficiary has other welfare needs to relevant service units for follow-up

Service Fee

A fee is payable for the administration of the SNT. The amount of the administration fee will be published on the SWD homepage.

