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**SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT
SOCIAL SECURITY ALLOWANCE SCHEME**

LEVEL OF ALLOWANCE

Old Age Allowance

	<u>Rate</u> <u>before 1 February 2019</u> (\$ per month)	<u>Rate</u> <u>from 1 February 2019</u> (\$ per month)
Old Age Allowance (for those aged 70 or above)	1,345	1,385

Old Age Living Allowance

	<u>Rate</u> <u>before 1 February 2019</u> (\$ per month)	<u>Rate</u> <u>from 1 February 2019</u> (\$ per month)
Normal Old Age Living Allowance (for those aged 65 or above)	2,600	2,675
Higher Old Age Living Allowance (for those aged 65 or above)	3,485	3,585

Guangdong Scheme and Fujian Scheme

	<u>Rate</u> <u>before 1 February 2019</u> (\$ per month)	<u>Rate</u> <u>from 1 February 2019</u> (\$ per month)
Old Age Allowance under Guangdong Scheme (for those aged 65 or above)	1,345	1,385
Old Age Allowance under Fujian Scheme (for those aged 65 or above)	1,345	1,385

Disability Allowance

	<u>Rate</u> <u>before 1 February 2019</u> (\$ per month)	<u>Rate</u> <u>from 1 February 2019</u> (\$ per month)
Normal Disability Allowance	1,720	1,770
Higher Disability Allowance	3,440	3,540

(With effect from 1 February 2019, a monthly transport supplement of **\$285** is payable to Disability Allowance recipients aged 12 to 64.)

- Note: 1. Except for Normal Old Age Living Allowance, Higher Old Age Living Allowance, Guangdong Scheme and Fujian Scheme (applicable to applicants aged 65 to 69 of Guangdong Scheme and Fujian Scheme only), the allowances paid under the Scheme are non-means-tested. The asset and income limits for Normal Old Age Living Allowance, Higher Old Age Living Allowance, Guangdong Scheme and Fujian Scheme (applicable to applicants aged 65 to 69 of Guangdong Scheme and Fujian Scheme only) are:

Normal Old Age Living Allowance, Guangdong Scheme and Fujian Scheme (applicable to applicants aged 65 to 69 of Guangdong Scheme and Fujian Scheme only)

	<u>Asset Limit</u>		<u>Monthly Income Limit</u>	
	(\$)		(\$)	
	<u>Limit before</u> <u>1 February 2019</u>	<u>Limit from</u> <u>1 February 2019</u>	<u>Limit before</u> <u>1 February 2019</u>	<u>Limit from</u> <u>1 February 2019</u>
For a single person	334,000	343,000	7,820	7,970
For a married couple	506,000	520,000	12,770	13,050

Higher Old Age Living Allowance

	<u>Asset Limit</u>		<u>Monthly Income Limit</u>	
	(\$)		(\$)	
	<u>Limit before</u> <u>1 February 2019</u>	<u>Limit from</u> <u>1 February 2019</u>	<u>Limit before</u> <u>1 February 2019</u>	<u>Limit from</u> <u>1 February 2019</u>
For a single person	146,000	150,000	7,820	7,970
For a married couple	221,000	227,000	12,770	13,050

2. The eligibility criteria for the allowances can be found in the pamphlets on the Social Security Allowance Scheme, Guangdong Scheme and Fujian Scheme.

(Enquiries about allowances under the Social Security Allowance Scheme or any other social security benefits can be made to the nearest Social Security Field Unit or the Social Welfare Department Hotline at telephone number: 2343 2255 or facsimile number: 2763 5874.)