

Eligibility criteria for Fujian (FJ) Scheme

To be eligible for Old Age Allowance under the FJ Scheme, an applicant must:

- (1) have been a Hong Kong (HK) resident for at least seven years;
- (2) have resided in HK continuously for at least one year immediately before the date of application (absence from HK up to a maximum of 56 days during the one-year period is treated as residence in HK);
- (3) be aged 65 or above [applicant aged 65 to 69 must meet the relevant income and asset limits (monthly income limit and asset limit: \$7,820 and \$334,000 respectively for elderly singletons; and \$12,770 and \$506,000 respectively for elderly couples)];
- (4) continue to reside in FJ during receipt of allowance (a recipient will be required to reside in FJ for at least 60 days within a payment year for obtaining a full-year payment of allowance);
- (5) surrender his/her public rental housing (PRH) unit or delete his/her name from the tenancy before leaving HK if he/she is an authorised PRH tenant*;
- (6) not be in receipt of any other allowance under the Social Security Allowance Scheme or assistance under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme; and
- (7) not be under detention legal custody or imprisonment.

*Remarks: If an applicant of the FJ Scheme is a PRH tenant, he/she may, if necessary, apply for keeping his/her original PRH unit for a maximum of three months, during which he/she may consider his/her suitability of settling in FJ. During this grace period, the applicant can return and continue to live in his/her original PRH unit should he/she decide to withdraw from the FJ Scheme and return to reside in HK provided that they have been duly paying rents to the Housing Authority (HA)/the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS). Separately, he/she may apply for a 'Letter of Assurance' from HA/HKHS so that a suitable PRH unit will be allocated to them without having to apply for PRH afresh through the

General Waiting List should he/she later choose to return to reside in HK. Applicants should also fulfil other prevailing eligibility criteria of PRH application, such as the income and assets limits. Moreover, applicants who are authorised family members of PRH tenancies may also apply for a 'Letter of Reinstatement' from HA when deleting their names from the tenancies, so that their names can be added back to the tenancies of their original PRH units without having to undergo the Income and Assets Tests should they later return to reside in HK.