

Adjustment to social security payment rates

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) announced today (January 28) that, in accordance with the movement of the Social Security Assistance Index of Prices, the annual adjustment to the standard payment rates under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme and the rates of allowances under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, namely Old Age Allowance (OAA) (including OAA under the Guangdong (GD) Scheme and the Fujian (FJ) Scheme), Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) (including OALA under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme) and Disability Allowance, will be implemented as soon as possible after the relevant proposals have been approved by the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council.

Under the established mechanism, subject to the FC's approval, the Government adjusts the social security payment rates on February 1 every year. The above-mentioned rates have room for a 2.6 per cent upward adjustment from February 1, 2022. The Government will consult the new-term FC on the proposed adjustment as early as possible. Subject to the FC's approval, the new rates will take retrospective effect from February 1, 2022. By then, the maximum rent allowance and asset limits under the CSSA Scheme, as well as the asset and monthly income limits for OALA (including OALA under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme), will also be adjusted in accordance with the relevant mechanisms.

CSSA and SSA recipients who have enquiries may contact their respective social security field units or call the SWD hotline at 2343 2255.