

Cash Payout Scheme has disbursed payment to over 5.3 million people and will start accepting final batch of paper registrations by age group

The Government has announced that as of today (July 17), the Cash Payout Scheme has disbursed payment or issued notifications of cheque collection to over 5.3 million eligible people. In addition, according to the batching arrangement for paper registrations, eligible people of the last batch (i.e. persons born in 1971 to 2002) may start registrations on Sunday (July 19).

People who choose to register using paper forms and receive payment through personal bank accounts or collecting order cheques in person from the post offices they specified may submit the forms via drop-in boxes at relevant banks or post offices respectively. They may also mail the forms to GPO Box No. 182020, Hong Kong (no postage is needed if mailed locally).

People who register using paper forms from July 19 to August 1 will receive payment or notifications of cheque collection simultaneously from August 17. Thus, there is no need to rush for registration on the first one or two days, or submit the forms in person. People in that age group who submit paper registration forms on or after August 2 will receive payment or notifications of cheque collection about two weeks after registration, which is in line with the current arrangement for other age groups.

The Government encourages people who have not yet registered to register electronically through Internet banking or banks' websites so as to receive payment in the most secure and convenient way. Eligible persons will receive payment about one week after registration. In view of the recent epidemic developments, the Government also suggests that people who choose to use paper registration forms submit them by post and avoid visiting banks or post offices in person, so as to reduce the risk of infection.

The public may visit the website of the Scheme (www.cashpayout.gov.hk) or call 18 2020 for detailed information on the Scheme.