

Monthly threshold of Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme to be temporarily relaxed to \$200 from July to December

The Transport Department (TD) today (June 29) reminded members of the public that from July 1 till December 31, the Government will temporarily relax the monthly threshold of the Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme to \$200.

"The local economy has been hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic in the past few months. With a view to further alleviating commuters' fare burden amidst the coronavirus pandemic situation, the Government will temporarily relax the monthly threshold for calculation of the subsidy from \$400 to \$200 from July 1 to December 31, 2020. The Government will provide a subsidy amounting to one-third of the actual public transport expenses in excess of \$200, subject to a maximum of \$400 per month for each Octopus. The estimated number of beneficiaries under the Scheme will increase from around 2.2 million to around 3.8 million per month. Commuters can collect the enhanced subsidy from August 16 onwards," the TD spokesman said.

Commuters can check their record of public transport expenses and subsidy amounts through the website of the Scheme (www.ptfss.gov.hk), the Octopus App or the Scheme hotline 2969 5500. For enquires about the details of the Scheme, please browse through the website of the Scheme or call 1823.