

OVERVIEW OF DISABILITY ASSISTANCE SCHEMES IN SINGAPORE

(Information correct as of October 2014)

Name & Description of Scheme	Policy Owner / Administrative Agency	Resources
ElderShield ElderShield is an affordable severe disability insurance scheme which provides basic financial protection to those who need long-term care, especially during old age. It provides a monthly cash payout to help pay the out-of-pocket expenses for the care of a severely-disabled person. Contact Number: 1800 225 4122 http://www.moh.gov.sg/content/moh_web/home/costs_and_financing/schemes_subsidies/ElderShield.html	MOH / NTUC Income, Great Eastern, AVIVA	Assessor's Statement By Accredited GP Panel
Interim Disability Assistance Programme for the Elderly (IDAPE) IDAPE is a government assistance scheme providing financial help to needy and disabled elderly Singaporeans, who were not eligible to join ElderShield when it was launched in 2002 because they had exceeded the maximum entry age or have pre-existing disabilities. Contact Number: 1800 225 4122 http://www.moh.gov.sg/content/moh_web/home/costs_and_financing/schemes_subsidies/Interim_Disability_Assistance_Programme_For_The_Elderly.html	MOH / NTUC Income	
Pioneer Generation – Disability Assistance Scheme (PioneerDAS) As part of the Pioneer Generation Package, the PioneerDAS provides \$100 a month to help pioneers with their care needs. Contact Number: 1800 650 6060 http://www.silverpages.sg/pioneerDAS	MOH / AIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Functional Assessment Report By Any SMC-Fully Registered Doctors, Registered Nurses Under SNB, and Fully Registered OT/PTs Under AHPC Guidelines for Disability Assessment For more info on FAR, please refer to website: https://www.primary-carepages.sg/microsite/FAR.aspx
Foreign Domestic Worker (FDW) Grant The FDW Grant is a monthly grant of \$120 to support families who need to hire an FDW to care for their loved ones with at least moderate disability. Contact Number: 1800 650 6060 http://www.aic.sg/FDWGrant/	MOH / AIC	
FDW Levy Concession for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) Families who employ full-time FDW to look after their loved ones with disabilities can pay a lower monthly concessionary FDW levy of \$120 (instead of \$265) if they are eligible for this scheme. Contact Number: 1800 650 6060 http://www.aic.sg/FDWLevyConcession/	MOH / AIC	
Special Needs Savings Scheme (SNSS) The SNSS allows parents to save for the long-term care of their children with special needs. Under this scheme, parents can nominate their children to receive monthly disbursements (instead of one lump sum) from the parent's CPF savings after the parent's demise. Contact Number: 6278 9598 https://www.sgenable.sg/faq/schemes/special-needs-faq/	MSF / SNTC	
Enhancement for Active Seniors (EASE) EASE (Direct Application) is offered to HDB flats in all Towns to benefit elderly* who may wish to get the improvements earlier before Home Improvement Programme (HIP), or whose blocks do not qualify for HIP. The list of EASE improvements includes slip-resistant treatment to existing floor tiles of bathrooms / toilets, grab bars and ramps installation, where technically feasible.	HDB	

<p>* Singapore Citizen (SC) households with an elderly family member between 60 and 64 years old and requires assistance for at least one of the Activities of Daily Living (ADL) will be eligible. For SC households with an elderly member who is 65 years old and above, Functional Assessment Report is not required.</p> <p>Contact Number: Enquiry line: 1800-933-2990, 8am to 5pm on weekdays (excluding public holidays) https://www.silverpages.sg/money_matter_article.aspx?FID=375&CID=1576&View=All&Title=What%20is%20EASE?</p>		
<p>Public Transport Concession for PWDs</p> <p>The public transport concession scheme is open to all PWDs with permanent disability, to enjoy concessionary rates for travel on public transport.</p> <p>Contact Number: 1800 8585 885 https://www.sgenable.sg/schemes/transport/public-transport-concession-scheme-for-persons-with-disabilities/</p>	MSF / SG Enable	
<p>Taxi Subsidy Scheme for PWDs</p> <p>The Taxi Subsidy Scheme aims to help PWDs who are only able to travel by taxi for purposes of schooling and working, and to defray their transportation costs.</p> <p>Contact Number: 1800 8585 885 https://www.sgenable.sg/schemes/transport/taxi-subsidy-scheme/</p>	MSF / SG Enable	To be completed by designated specialists or doctors whose specialty is relevant to the disability condition in the RHs
<p>Car Park Label Scheme for Persons with Physical Disabilities</p> <p>The scheme allows eligible persons with physical disabilities or their caregivers to park in handicap parking lots by displaying a special vehicle label. There are labels for the driver who is a person with physical disabilities (Class 1) or for the caregiver who is driving the person with physical disabilities (Class 2).</p> <p>Contact Number: 1800 8585 885 https://www.sgenable.sg/schemes/accessibility/car-park-label-scheme-for-persons-with-physical-disabilities/</p>	MSF / SG Enable	To be completed by any SMC-registered doctors https://www.sgenable.sg/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Application-Form-CPLS.pdf
<p>Exemption from Motor Vehicle Loan Curbs</p> <p>The scheme allows the physically disabled or their caregivers to be exempted from the motor vehicle financing restrictions imposed by the Monetary Authority of Singapore.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The exemption is only valid for the purchase of one motor vehicle per physically disabled person. • Where the physically disabled person is the driver of the motor vehicle to be purchased, he/she will need to be assessed by a rehabilitation physician practising in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the Tan Tock Seng Hospital. <p>Contact Number: 6225 5577 http://www.mas.gov.sg/FAQs.aspx</p>	MAS	To be completed by Accredited GP Panel http://www.mas.gov.sg/~media/mas/faq/May%202013Medical%20Assessment%20Form.pdf
<p>Handicapped-Related Tax Reliefs</p> <p>The tax reliefs for handicapped self and dependants, including siblings (in-law), parents (in-law), and grandparents (in-law) recognises the working individual who is supporting their dependants.</p> <p>Contact Number: 1800 356 8300 www.iras.gov.sg</p>	MOF / IRAS	To be completed by any SMC-registered doctors http://www.iras.gov.sg/irasHome/uploadedFiles/Quick_Links/Tax_forms/Individuals/Application%20for%20Claim%20of%20Handicapped-Related%20Tax%20Reliefs.doc
<p>Application for Penalty-Free Premature Withdrawal of Funds from Supplementary Retirement Scheme (SRS) Account on Medical Grounds</p> <p>This allows for early withdrawal of SRS monies on medical grounds for persons who are physically/mentally incapacitated from ever continuing in any employment, mentally disordered and incapable of self-care or suffering from a terminal illness/disease.</p> <p>Contact Number: 6351 3097 http://iras.gov.sg/irasHome/page04.aspx?id=166</p>	MOF / IRAS	To be completed by any SMC-registered doctors http://www.iras.gov.sg/irasHome/uploadedFiles/Quick_Links/Tax_forms/Individuals/Locals/Special_Schemes/Supplementary_Retirement_Scheme/srs-WithdrawalOnMedicalGrounds.pdf