

Assurance of Future Accommodation for Elderly Residents Who Joined Social Welfare Department's "Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme", "Guangdong (GD) Scheme" or "Fujian (FJ) Scheme"

1. Elderly residents living in Housing Society (HS)'s rental estates who have joined the above Scheme of Social Welfare Department should inform their respective Estate Office as early as possible. For the elderly tenants joining the above Scheme who surrender the rental flat, they can apply to HS for issuing "Letter of Assurance" (LA) to assure them of their future accommodation when they opt to return to live in Hong Kong in future, subject to fulfilling the HS's application criteria for rental estates at that time.
2. The elderly tenants/ residents have to notify Estate Office the expected departure date from Hong Kong to Guangdong or Fujian Province for permanent living. They have to submit notice of tenancy termination to the estate office and promised to return vacant possession of the flat to HS while the elderly residents have to delete their names from the tenancy before their departure.
3. Upon vacant possession of the flat is obtained by HS, ex-elderly tenants or their authorized person on their behalf can collect the LA from the Estate Office within 7 days after the date of tenancy termination.
4. When an ex-elderly tenant returns to Hong Kong for good, he/she has to bring the original LA with income and asset proof to the Applications Section of HS (address: G/F, Dragon Centre, 23 Wun Sha Street, Tai Hang, Hong Kong) to redeem the LA.
5. Conditions and terms applicable to the LA are as follows:
 - HS will allocate a suitable rental flat to the ex-elderly tenant as appropriate, subject to the availability of suitable flat and sufficient housing resources;
 - The location, type and size of the flat to be allocated are to be determined by HS;
 - Only the name of the persons listed in the LA can be included in the new tenancy;
 - The ex-elderly tenant should have returned to Hong Kong and be capable of looking after themselves independently when the flat is offered;
 - A flat will be offered once only. The HS will not consider second offer if the ex-elderly tenant cannot provide justifiable reasons for refusal;
 - The ex-elderly tenant has to fulfill the then application criteria for rental estates and other relevant terms and conditions of the HS;
 - The rights of the LA cannot be transferred or inherited. If an ex-elderly tenant listed in the LA is deceased or divorced, the HS has the right to consider whether the members in the LA can redeem the LA according to the then policy;
 - The above conditions are applicable to all the persons listed in the LA only.

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The above information is for reference only. For details, please contact the Estate Office so that we can render assistance.