

Summary of ComCare Long-Term Assistance (LTA) and Short-to-Medium-Term Assistance (SMTA)

| | Long-Term Assistance (LTA) | Short-to-Medium-Term Assistance (SMTA) |
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| Target group | ComCare Long Term Assistance (LTA) provides long-term support to those who are permanently unable to work due to old age, illness or disability, and have little or no means of income and family support. | ComCare Short-to-Medium-Term Assistance (SMTA) provides temporary financial support to low-income individuals or families who are temporarily unable to work, are looking for a job or are earning a low income and require assistance. |
| Eligibility Criteria | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singapore Citizen (SC) or Permanent Resident (PR). • Unable to work owing to old age, illness or disability. • Elderly persons who receive only small monthly payouts (lower than the prevailing LTA rates) from other sources, such as CPF Retirement Sum/CPF Life, Pension, ElderShield and Lease Buyback Scheme. • Elderly persons whose children are low-income themselves (with household income of \$1,900 per month or less, or per capita income of \$650 or less) and unable to support their parents. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singapore Citizen (SC) or Permanent Resident (PR). If the applicant is a PR, at least one of the immediate family members must be an SC. • Inadequate family and community support. • Household income of \$1,900 per month or less, or per capita income of \$650 or less. |

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| Assistance rendered | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly cash assistance for living expenses and household bills (including rental, utilities and S&CC assistance). • Secondary tier assistance for recurring essentials such as medical and hygiene consumables. • Discretionary tier assistance for one-off purchases of essentials such as healthcare or household appliances. • Assistance with medical bills at polyclinics and government or restructured hospitals. • Free or highly subsidised access to a range of social support services including home help services and Senior Activity Centres funded by the government and delivered by social service agencies. LTA beneficiaries also receive supplementary assistance in cash or in kind from other community-based agencies (e.g. food rations and vouchers). | <p>SMTA beneficiaries may be provided with the following assistance based on their needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly cash assistance for living expenses. • Assistance with household bills (including rental, utilities and S&CC assistance). • Assistance with medical bills at polyclinics and government or restructured hospitals. • Employment Assistance such as job search and/or training. This assistance is provided by Career Coach from Workforce Singapore (WSG) and NTUC e2i. • Referrals to other government agencies and community partners such as Family Service Centres (FSCs) for casework and counselling. |

Applications for ComCare LTA

Applications can be made at any Social Service Office (SSO). See <https://www.msf.gov.sg/dfcs/sso/default.aspx> to locate the nearest SSO.