

SUMMARY OF COMCARE LTA AND SMTA SCHEMES

	Long-Term Assistance (LTA)	Short-To-Medium-Term Assistance (SMTA)
Target group	ComCare LTA provides 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 SMTA provides temporary financial support to lower-income individuals and families that are temporarily unable to work, looking for a job, or earning a low income and require assistance for their basic living expenses.
Eligibility Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singapore Citizen (SC) or Permanent Resident (PR). • Unable to work due to old age, illness or disability. • Little or no family support, savings or assets to rely on for basic living expenses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 lower-income themselves (i.e. with household income of \$1,900 per month or less, or per capita income of \$650 per month 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. • Household income of \$1,900 per month or less, or per capita income of \$650 per month or less. • The income eligibility criterion for ComCare SMTA is not a hard threshold to qualify for assistance. Rather, our SSOs assess the needs of individuals and families holistically, and exercise flexibility as needed to provide the necessary financial assistance and community support.
Assistance rendered	LTA beneficiaries may receive the following assistance:	SMTA beneficiaries may be provided with the following assistance based on their needs:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly cash assistance for living expenses and household bills (including rental, utilities and Service and Conservancy Charges (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 public healthcare institutions (including all polyclinics, restructured hospitals, and specialist centres). • 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). 	<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 public healthcare institutions. • Employment Assistance such as job search and/or training. This assistance is provided via Workforce Singapore and NTUC Employment and Employability Institute. • Referrals to other government agencies and community partners for other forms of support the beneficiary needs, such as to Family Service Centres for casework and counselling.