

## Eligibility Criteria for Public Assistance (PA) Scheme Adjusted

Starting 1 July 2010, Singaporean elderly who receive a small monthly payout from CPF but still need help for their basic needs, can apply for the PA scheme.

### Conditions

- ✔ Monthly CPF payout (via CPF Minimum Sum Scheme, CPF LIFE) must be **less than \$360**
- ✔ **Unable to work** due to old age, disability or illness, have little or no family support, little savings and no other means of income and support

Applications can be made at the Community Development Council (CDC) in their district.  
The CDC will assess if they qualify for the PA scheme.



A COMCARE STORY

### *A Helping Hand*

Mr Lee Ah Soo\*, 68, lives in a 1-room rental flat.

His wife passed away 2 years ago. Mr. Lee has no children. He is unable to work due to his age and chronic ailments, especially his poor vision. Mr Lee currently relies on his monthly CPF payout of \$297 for his daily living. After paying for rent and utilities, he usually has little left for food and other needs.

Mr Lee can now apply for the Public Assistance Scheme. If successful, he will receive cash assistance, free medical treatment in government restructured hospitals and polyclinics and other help from the community.

\* Name has been changed to protect the identity of the person.