

Amended wording of the motion on the relaxation of the restriction on past recipients of “housing benefits” from the Government to apply for public rental housing

PROPOSED MOTION

5. The current policy under which recipients of government “housing benefits”, including buyers of HOS and SCHS flats and loan recipients under the HPLS and HSLS, are not allowed to apply for PRH for life, has given rise to many problems and is simply unreasonable, eventually depriving those with a genuine need of the opportunity to apply for PRH. Therefore, I would like to propose the motion *“that this Panel requests the Housing Authority to relax the current restriction on past recipients of ‘housing benefits’ from the Government to apply for public rental housing (PRH) for life after selling their flats, so that past recipients of ‘housing benefits’ from the Government who meet the income and asset limits for the Waiting List may apply for PRH two years after the sale of their flats, and in the case of those who face the special circumstances as cited by the Housing Department, including bankruptcy, receipt of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance, adverse changes in family conditions as well as medical problems in the family or personal problems, they should be allowed to apply for PRH immediately after the sale of their flats.”*

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