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Subject: Fwd: eligibility criteria for \$4000 cash-handout and for SSA

Sir,

re residence requirement

The FS and SLW announced recently that one of the criteria for receiving the \$4000 cash-handout is residence in HK. By IRD rules, residence means being in HK for not less than 180 days in a year.

However, a criterion for receiving SSA is not being absence from HK for more than 56 days in a year, ie being in HK for not less than 309 days.

There is thus a discrepancy between the two. The residence requirement is stricter for SSA than for the cash-handout. As the SSA is to help the aged and the unfortunate, there is a case for the requirement to be loosened. Indeed, for ease of administration and in order to reduce confusion, all eligibility criteria for government assistance should be standardized. Maybe the SSA residence criterion should be relaxed from 56 days to 180 days.

I am sending this mail to the Hon. Shiu Ka Chun and the Hon. Kwong Chun Yu and the Legco Welfare Services Panel for follow up.

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