

Special arrangement to disregard CSSA and SSA applicants/recipients' absences from Hong Kong to expire in late August

â€‹The Social Welfare Department (SWD) announced today (May 31) that the special arrangement to disregard absences of applicants/recipients of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme from Hong Kong will expire on August 31, 2023, following the full resumption of normal travel between Hong Kong and the Mainland as well as the rest of the world, and as the society has already fully resumed normalcy. In addition, the special disregarding arrangement applicable to applicants/recipients of the Portable CSSA Scheme, Guangdong Scheme and Fujian Scheme will also expire on the same day.

The SWD appealed to applicants/recipients of the various schemes to pay attention to the expiry date of the aforementioned special arrangement and their individual circumstances such as the actual number of days of absence from Hong Kong, so as to fulfil the original residence requirement of the relevant schemes.

Members of the public may visit the [SWD's website](#) for contact details of the Social Security Field Units in different districts for inquiries. The above message will also be disseminated through different channels and platforms.