

Housing Channel

Title: Well-off Tenants Policies

Super Housing Subsidy Policy & Policy on Safeguarding Rational Allocation of Public Housing Resources (“Well-off Tenants Policies”)

Anchor To ensure that effort can be focused towards allocating public rental housing resources

to those with pressing housing needs

the Hong Kong Housing Authority endorsed revisions

to the “Well-off Tenants Policies”

The revised Policies have been in place

Father My daughter, help me to see what this brochure says?

Daughter Here it says, if households whose family income exceeds 5 times the public rental housing income limits

or whose total net household assets exceed 100 times

the public rental housing income limit

or have domestic property ownership in Hong Kong

they are required to vacate their public rental housing flats

Super Basic Principles

Not having domestic property ownership in Hong Kong

Household income not exceeding 5 times the public rental housing income limits

Total net household asset not exceeding 100 times the public rental housing income limits

May continue to live in the public rental housing flats

Father We do not have domestic property ownership in Hong Kong

and the household income and assets do not exceed the prescribed limits

then we shall be allowed to live here continually

Super Household income equivalent to 2 to 3 times the public rental housing income limits: Pay 1.5 times net rent plus rates

Household income equivalent to 3 to 5 times the public rental housing income limits: Pay double net rent plus rates

Daughter Yes. If the household income is equivalent to 2 to 3 times

the public rental housing income limits

1.5 times net rent has to be paid

if the household income is equivalent to 3 to 5 times

the public rental housing income limits

double net rent has to be paid

Anchor The following types of households are exempted from the

“Well-off Tenants Policies”

Super Households exempted from the “Well-off Tenants Policies”

(1) All members aged 60 or over

(2) All members receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance

(3) All members eligible for / receiving Social Welfare Department’s Disability Allowance

(4) All members in different combinations of (1), (2) and (3) above

(5) On shared tenancies

Old Woman Here states if all household members are over 60

or all members are receiving the

Comprehensive Social Security Assistance

Old man Or if all members are receiving the

Social Welfare Department’s Disability Allowance

they are exempted

And, if all members are in different combinations of the types mentioned above

or on shared tenancies

they are also exempted

Anchor For households who have been living in

public rental housing for over 10 years

they are required to make a declaration biennially

Super Households who are granted a new tenancy under the Policy on Grant of New Tenancy and households with their applications under the Tenancy Management Policies for PRH approved are also required to make a declaration biennially, irrespective of their length of residence.

Super Declaration has to be made biennially by completing and returning the declaration form

Mother Then how to declare?

Son Firstly, declare whether we have domestic property ownership in Hong Kong

If affirmative

we do not need to fill in

our household income details or declare our household assets

Mother What about if we do not?

Son Then we have to fill in our family income details and declare whether our total net household assets exceed 100 times the public rental housing income limits

Mother This is quite easy

Anchor If households refuse to declare

they have to vacate their public rental housing flats

Those with less than 10 years' residence are not required to declare

however, if the Housing Department finds that they have

domestic property in Hong Kong upon receipt of complaints

they have to vacate their public rental housing flats

Super Enquiry:

Respective Estate Office

Housing Authority/Housing Department Website:
www.housingauthority.gov.hk/hsp-sra

Housing Authority Hotline 2712 2712