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NOTIFICATION

F 41(21)/DSW/FAS/Sch. Amend/09-10/- In supercession of 'The Delhi Administration Old Age Assistance Rules 1975' published vide notification no. F 54(A-16)/74-DSW/Plg, the Lt. Governor of the National Capital Territory of Delhi is pleased to make the following rules for financial assistance to the senior citizens of Delhi who are without any or adequate means of support.

1. Short Title, Extent and Commencement:

- a. These rules may be called the Old Age Assistance Rules, 2009.
- b. They shall extend to the whole of the National Capital Territory of Delhi.
- c. They rules shall come into force with effect from the date of their publication in the Delhi Gazette.

2. Aims & Objective:

The aim of these rules is to provide social security by way of financial assistance to destitute, old persons, who are with out any means of subsistence and nobody is there such position to support them in the evening of their lives.

3. Definitions:

- a. "Applicant" means the person seeking assistance.
- b. "Application form" means form prescribed under these rules.
- c. "Family" means wife /husband, minor children, disabled children, unmarried, or divorced/ separated daughters/ sisters, parents who are solely dependent on the applicant and earning children sharing a kitchen with the applicant?
- d. "Financial Assistance" means recurring financial aid till death as prescribed in these rules.
- e. "Investigator" means an official appointed by the Department of Social Welfare.
- f. "Old" means any person who has attained the age of 60 years.
- g. "Sanctioning Authority" means District Social Welfare Officer, Department of Social Welfare, GNCT of Delhi.

4. Eligibility:

The applicant shall be entitled for financial assistance if he/she is-

- a. above 60 years;

- b. a resident of the National Capital Territory of Delhi for at least five years preceding the date of submission of application;
- c. his/her annual family income is not more than Rs. 60,000/- p.a. (Rs. sixty thousand) from all sources;
- d. has a 'singly-operated' account in any Bank or Post Office for receiving the payment through electronic clearing system. This provision may be relaxed in the case of mentally challenged applicants or those who come under the purview of Legal Guardianship as per rules of National Trust.
- e. not receive any pension/ financial assistance from Central/ State Govt./MCD/NDMC or any other source for this purpose.

5. Application for financial assistance:

- a) An application for financial assistance under these rules shall be made on prescribed form, which shall be available from GRC-SK, Deputy Commissioner's Office (District Resource Centre), the office of the District Social Welfare Officer, area MLA/ MP, Financial Assistance Section, Department of Social Welfare, GNCT of Delhi, GLNS Complex, Delhi Gate, New Delhi or may be electronically downloaded from official websites of Samajik Suvidha Sangam or Department of Social Welfare.
- b) The applicant shall submit the duly filled application form to the concerned District Social Welfare Officer/ GRC-SK/ DRC Unit, alongwith the following documents:-
 - i. Proof of residence, which clearly shows at least 5 years of residence in Delhi. Any one of the following documents of any of the family members (as defined above) only may be submitted for residence proof -
 1. Ration card
 2. Voter card
 3. Passport
 4. Driving license
 5. Birth certificate issued by MCD/ Registrar- Births & Deaths
 6. Death certificate issued by MCD/ Registrar- Births & Deaths
 7. Insurance policy document
 8. Immunization card of any family member
 9. Medical records of treatment in Delhi
 10. Electricity Bill
 11. Water Bill
 12. Telephone bill
 13. Gas connection receipt
 14. Bank/ Post office passbook
 15. Caste certificate issued in Delhi
 16. Student I-card
 17. Service identity card of public/ private sector company/ established concern
 18. Property document
 19. Any other document which clearly shows at least 5 years of residence in Delhi

- ii. Proof of age- Any one of the following documents may be submitted for proof of age-
1. Birth certificate issued by MCD/ Registrar of Births & Deaths
 2. School leaving certificate of class last attended
 3. Matriculation/ 10th certificate
 4. Hospital discharge slip at the time of birth of the child
 5. Driving license
 6. Passport
 7. PAN Card
 8. Ration Card
 9. Voter card
 10. Immunization card
 11. Age assessment medical certificate
 12. Any document issued by the Government/ Govt. recognized body stating date and place of birth
- c) A self-declaration by the applicant regarding his/her family income as given in the form.
- d) All documents shall be self-attested in case applicants submit their forms directly to District Social Welfare Officer and by the GRC-SK or DRC Coordinators, if the application is being made through GRC-SK/ DRC.
- e) The applicant may also attach a recommendation letter from the Member of Legislative Assembly of National Capital Territory of Delhi/ the Member of the Parliament of the area concerned or a Gazetted Officer of the Central/Delhi Govt. in support of his/her application.
- Q In case 'No Documentary Evidence' is available with the applicant in r/o proof of residence-
- i) The inclusion of name of the person in the database of the Samajik Suvidha Sangam survey shall be considered as proof of residence.
 - ii) Further, the field staff deputed by GRC-SK Coordinator shall record statements of at least two of any of the following persons from the area about the applicant's length of stay in National Capital Territory of Delhi.
 - iii) In case the applicant is applying directly to the District Social Welfare Officer, in a similar situation, the applicant will need to produce any of the two witnesses from the following list in front of the DSWO/ any official deputed by the DSWO for the said purpose.
 - a. Public representative such as MP of the area, MLA of the area
 - b. President or General Secretary of RWA of the locality
 - c. Two neighbours of the applicant with their contact details
 - d. Registered women SHGs'/ Mahila Mandals' President or General Secretary
 - e. ICDS Supervisors/ ASHA workers of the area
 - f. Gazetted Officer of the Central/ Delhi Govt.
 - iv) Along with the witness's statement, the relevant document for the photo identity proof, residence and length of stay for the witnesses shall also have to be appended with the application, clearly showing that the witnesses themselves have been around in the same area for the number of years they claim to have

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known the applicant. This would apply for all except Public representative such as MP of the area, MLA of the area.

6. Verification and sanction of assistance:

The District Social Welfare Officer shall be the competent authority for verification and sanction of the payment of allowance. The Competent Authority may satisfy him/herself about the contents of the application by screening the documents submitted. As a test check, in 5% of all cases submitted by the GRC-SK/DRC or in doubtful cases only, the Competent Authority may get the verification conducted through the departmental investigators or other officials or Anganwadi Workers specially deputed for the purpose.

7. Quantum of assistance & Mode of payment:

- a) Subject to the fulfillment of the provisions of the scheme, an allowance will be remitted quarterly in the bank/ post office account of the beneficiary @ Rs. 1000/- per month (Rs. one thousand per month) per head through ECS of RBI.
- b) The assistance shall become payable from the month from which it is sanctioned.

8. Stopping of Assistance:

- a) The Sanctioning Authority shall have the right to stop payment of assistance if at any stage it is found that it was sanctioned on furnishing of fake information or the conditions for which the assistance was granted no longer exist.
- b) Also, if the assistance was sanctioned on furnishing of false documents, penal action shall be initiated and appropriate liability fixed against people furnishing false documents.
- c) If a person resorts to professional begging, i.e. if the person has been apprehended and warned or any other proceedings conducted by the court in this regard against him/ her, the assistance shall be forfeited.
- d) Assistance shall cease to be payable on the death of the beneficiary and if the person dies before receiving assistance for a particular period, the same shall lapse.

9. Change of Address:

- a) It shall be obligatory for the person receiving assistance to intimate any change of address, alongwith proof, to the Sanctioning Authority within one month of such change.
- b) Persons shifting to a place outside Delhi permanently shall not be eligible for this assistance.

10. Appellate Authority:


In case of any grievance, the applicant may appeal to the Director, Deptt. of Social Welfare for redressal of his /her grievance in this regard. The decision of the Director shall be final.

11. Miscellaneous:

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- i) If the applicant has already taken one-time assistance under the scheme 'Financial Assistance to Socially and Physically Disadvantaged- Old & Infirm Persons' he/she can still avail of assistance under this scheme if they fulfill the other eligibility criteria;
- ii) The beneficiaries of the scheme shall not be debarred from seeking assistance in the following schemes of financial assistance- Ladli, NFBS, Jan Shree Beema Yojana, Widows' daughter marriage and/or any other financial assistance schemes in existence in the Department of Social Welfare and Women and Child Development simultaneously, provided they fulfill the norms.
- iii) A review and evaluation of the scheme as well as verification of the beneficiaries will be conducted every three years.

BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF
THE LT. GOVERNOR OF THE NCT OF DELHI


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