## 聽力輔助器具資助計劃

根據《職業性失聰(補償)條例》,職業性失聰補償管理局(管理局)可資助職業性失聰人士購買聽力輔助器具,以幫助他們克服聽力損失帶來的障礙,盡量恢復與他人溝通的能力。

#### 申請資格

- 1. 已獲管理局裁定可獲得職業性失聰補償的 人士;及
- 2. 與其患有職業性失聰有關連而需使用的聽力輔助器具或其他相關的費用。

申請人請留意以下兩點:

- a. 申請須在招致有關聽力輔助器具的開支 的日期後的12個月內提出;
- b. 所有申請的聽力輔助器具或其他相關的開支均未曾獲任何人士或機構的資助、 贊助或捐贈。

## 資助方法

- 1. 付還開支:申請人先自行支付有關聽力輔助器具的費用,再向管理局申請付還有關金額。
- 2. 直接支付開支:申請人先向管理局提出申請所需的聽力輔助器具,在經批准後向供應商取得有關器具或服務。其後管理局會直接支付有關開支予該供應商。

## 資助的限額

可獲資助總額:港幣115,760元

首次申請的最高金額:港幣25,000元

## 聽力輔助器具

根據《職業性失聰(補償)條例》的規定,聽力輔助器具包括:

- 1. 助聽器;
- 經特別設計以供有聽力困難人士使用的電話 擴音器;
- 3. 設有閃燈或其他視像裝置以表示鈴聲的桌面 電話;
- 4. 管理局裁定申請人在與職業性失聰情況有關 連的情況下合理地需要使用的器具;
- 5. 上述聽力輔助器具的部件或配件。









## 申請需要的文件

- 1. 已填妥的申請表格
- 2. 已支付費用的收據(申請付還開支)或報價單 (申請直接支付開支)的正本
- 3. 若申請購買助聽器,須提交由指定人士\* 所書寫的驗配助聽器建議書
- 4. 其他輔助文件 如驗配助聽器的聽力測驗報告

#### \*指定人士

如申請購買助聽器,申請人需提交由下列指 定人士所書寫的建議書,表明申請人合理地 需要使用該助聽器:

- (a)耳鼻喉科醫生;
- (b)社會醫學及職業醫學科醫生;
- (c)聽力學家;或
- (d)聽力技術員。



## 驗配助聽器的途徑

如驗配助聽器,請到有合資格人士的聽力中心 進行聽力檢查,根據他們的專業意見,選配合 適的助聽器。我們建議申請人使用以下機構的 服務:

- 1. 醫院管理局轄下的耳鼻喉專科診所 (需由普通科門診轉介)
- 2. 私營聽力中心 (申請人需先向私營聽力中心查詢,確保是 由上述的指定人士進行驗配助聽器,並可 提供建議書。)

## 聽力復康服務

管理局會定期為已獲得職業性失聰補償的人士舉辦講座,幫助他們了解更多聽力輔助器具資助計劃及怎樣選購合適的助聽器。此外,管理局亦會為已配戴助聽器的職業性失聰人士安排輔導服務,確保他們懂得正確使用及保養助聽器的方法。對上述活動有興趣的人士,請留意管理局的通告或「職聰之聲」季刊。



## 杳詢

如欲了解更多聽力輔助器具資助計 劃的詳情及申請手續,請向管理局 職員查詢。

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## **Hearing Assistive Devices Financial Assistance Scheme**

In accordance with the Occupational Deafness (Compensation) Ordinance, the Occupational Deafness Compensation Board (the Board) is empowered to provide financial assistance to eligible persons for acquiring hearing assistive devices for use in connection with their noise-induced deafness.

#### **Eligibility**

Persons who are entitled to receive compensation under the Occupational Deafness (Compensation) Ordinance may apply to the Board for any expenses reasonably incurred in the acquisition, fitting, repair or maintenance of a hearing assistive device used by them in connection with their noise-induced deafness.

Applicants should take note of the followings:

- 1. Application for reimbursement of the expenses should be made within 12 months from the date on which the expenses were incurred;
- 2. The hearing assistive devices and related expenses should not be funded by any grant, sponsorship or donation.

## **Application**

- 1. Reimbursement: applicants who have paid for the expenses first should apply for reimbursement from the Board;
- 2. Direct payment: applicants may submit an application together with quotation of the expenses to the Board. Upon approval by the Board, they may collect the hearing assistive devices from the device provider. The Board will pay the device provider directly.

## Maximum Amount of Assistance for Each Applicant

- 1. The amount of expenses that an applicant is entitled to, whether by way of reimbursement or direct payment, shall not in aggregate exceed \$115,760.
- 2. The amount of expenses that may be reimbursed to an applicant or paid to a device provider on his/her behalf for the first time in respect of an application in relation to the acquisition and fitting of a hearing assistive device shall not exceed \$25,000.

#### **◎** Hearing Assistive Device?

Under the Occupational Deafness (Compensation) Ordinance, hearing assistive device includes:

- i. Hearing aid;
- ii. Telephone amplifier specially designed for use by persons with hearing difficulty;
- iii. Desktop telephone with flashing light or other visual device to indicate ringing;
- iv. Any device the use of which by a person suffering from noise-induced deafness is determined by the Board, upon the advice of the Medical Committee, to be reasonably necessary in connection with such deafness; or
- vi. Any accessories or parts of the above hearing assistive devices.

## Application Procedure and Documents

An applicant shall submit the following documents for the application of reimbursement or direct payment of expenses:

- 1. specified application form;
- 2. the original receipt (reimbursement application) or quotation (direct payment application) of the devises or services required;

- 3. if hearing aid or related expenses are included, a written advice issued by one of the categories of persons\* designated by the Board (The written advice should indicate that the applicant reasonably requires the use of the hearing aid); and
- 4. any other supporting documents e.g. hearing test report for hearing aid prescription.

#### \*The categories of persons designated by the Board are:

- 1. Medical Practitioners conferred by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine with the designation of Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (Otorhinolaryngology); or
- 2. Medical Practitioners conferred by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine with the designation of Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (Community Medicine) and in the sub-specialty of occupational medicine; or
- 3. Audiologists with a degree of Master of Science in Audiology issued by a local University or its equivalent (e.g. master degrees in audiology issued by universities in the UK, USA, Australia, Canada or New Zealand, etc.); or
- 4. Audiologists with Postgraduate Diploma in Audiology from Australia; or
- 5. Audiology Technicians with Certificate of Audiology Technicians Training Course (Part I) issued by institutions recognised by the British Association of Audiologists/British Society of Audiology; and Certificate of qualification examinations (Part II) issued by British Association of Audiologists/British Society of Audiology or its equivalent.

## Prescription of Hearing Aid

Applicant should visit hearing centres which have engaged designated persons listed above for the prescription of a suitable hearing aid. These centres include:

- 1. Ear, Nasal and Throat Specialist Clinics under the Hospital Authority (to be referred by outpatient clinic)
- 2. Private hearing centres\*\*
- 3. Hearing centre as arranged by the Board
- \*\* Applicant should confirm with the private hearing centre that the prescription service will be carried out by designated persons listed above in order to ensure that a valid written advice could be issued.

## Duty of the Applicant

In order to enable the Board to determine whether the use of the relevant hearing assistive device or related service is reasonably required, applicants may be required to undergo hearing test as arranged by the Board.

## **Enquiries**

Please contact the Occupational Deafness Compensation Board for further information.

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