

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON
FOREIGN DOMESTIC WORKER (FDW) LEVY CONCESSION (PERSONS WITH
DISABILITY – PWD)**

Operational Issues related to FDW Levy Concession (PWD) application	
1	How is this new scheme different from the existing FDW Levy Concession?
	The existing FDW Levy Concession Scheme applies to employers with children below 12 years and elderly aged 65 and above and living in the same registered address. The scheme is now extended to families with members with disability.
2	What is the eligibility criteria for the FDW Levy Concession (PWD)
	<p>a) The person with disability (PWD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must be a Singapore Citizen and • requires assistance in at least one of six Activities of Daily Living (ADL), as assessed by a medical practitioner on the appointed list. • The six ADLs are bathing, feeding, toileting, transferring, dressing and mobility. <p>b) The PWD can be the FDW employer himself/herself, or is of any of the following relations to the employer: child, grandchild, spouse, sibling, sibling-in-law, parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, grandparent-in-law. The PWD must be staying with the employer at the same NRIC-registered address.</p>
3	If I employ more than 1 Foreign Domestic Worker (FDW) and have received approval under this scheme, will I get concession for all my FDWs?
	For each PWD, the employer is eligible for levy concession for one FDW only. Furthermore, each household is only eligible for levy concession for up to a total of two FDWs at any one time, including concession granted based on criteria pertaining to young children/aged persons.
4	Will I automatically qualify to employ a FDW if I obtain approval for the concession?
	Meeting the eligibility criteria does not automatically qualify the applicant to employ a FDW. Approval to employ a FDW is subject to the Ministry of Manpower (MOM)'s criteria for FDW employment.
5	If the application for FDW Levy Concession (PWD) is approved, when will the concession take effect?
	The concession will start from the 1 st of the following month after approval. E.g. If the application approval date is 15 January, the concession will start on the following month from 1 February.
6	How much is the levy concession?
	The levy concession is \$95 per month. Employers who have received approval of the concession under this scheme will pay a concessionary levy of \$170 per month instead of the normal levy of \$265 per month.

7	How do I apply for the FDW Levy Concession (PWD)?
	<p>The application process is as follows: Print and complete the “Application form for Foreign Domestic Worker Levy Concession (Persons With Disability)” available on the Centre for Enabled Living website at http://www.cel.sg</p> <p>a) Obtain an assessment from an appointed medical practitioner for the PWD. Please refer to the Disability Portal for the list of appointed medical practitioners located islandwide (the list of appointed assessors will be available from 15 Sep 07). The full cost of the medical assessment will not be refunded even if the application is not supported or approved.</p> <p>b) The medical practitioner will submit the completed application form together with the medical assessment report to the Centre for Enabled Living Ltd (CEL) directly. CEL will process the medical report and inform the FDW employer of the outcome of the disability assessment.</p> <p>c) CEL will send supported applications to MOM for processing. MOM will inform employers of the outcome of the levy concession application.</p> <p>d) If Application is approved, the monthly concessionary levy will be \$170.</p>
8	How long does it take for an application for FDW Levy Concession (PWD) to be processed after it has been received?
	<p>The application will be processed within 2 weeks from the date of receipt of the application. Employers will be informed in writing about the outcome of the application.</p>
9	I currently do not have an FDW, but I have a PWD staying with me, and intend to apply for a FDW. Can I apply for the FDW Levy Concession (PWD) first before applying for a FDW? i.e. I would like to know if I can qualify for the FDW levy concession (PWD) before deciding whether to apply for an FDW.
	<p>It is advisable to first apply/obtain the approval to employ a FDW, before putting in the application for FDW LC (PWD). (Note: Application to employ a FDW is subject to the MOM’s processing criteria.) This is because there is cost involved in obtaining the medical assessment for the PWD. Further, if the application for FDW LC (PWD) is not supported/approved, the full medical assessment cost will not be refundable.</p>
10	The medical assessment for the PWD has been done and the completed application form for FDW Levy Concession (PWD) has been submitted to the doctor. How do I know the status/outcome of my application? Will I be
	<p>Yes, the medical practitioner will send the completed application form and medical assessment report to CEL. CEL will inform you in writing whether your application is supported or not.</p> <p>Supported applications will be sent to MOM for processing. MOM will inform you in writing the outcome of your application i.e. approved or rejected.</p>

11	I am already paying concessionary levy for my existing FDW currently. Can I still qualify for a further levy concession if I have a disabled family member staying with me and has qualified based on his/her disability assessment?
	<p>No, you will not be eligible for a further levy concession based on the family member with disability as you are already paying concessionary levy on your existing FDW. <u>One FDW</u> can only be granted levy concession under one scheme. The same FDW cannot be granted double concession.</p> <p>N.B.: Further, each household is only eligible for levy concession for up to a total of two FDWs at any one time, including concession granted based on criteria pertaining to young children/aged persons.</p>
12	Where can I get more information on the FDWLC (PWD) scheme? Who can I contact for more clarifications?
	<p>For more information, please refer to the Centre for Enabled Living website at http://www.cel.sg</p> <p>For queries, please contact the Centre for Enabled Living at Tel: 6593 6437 or email: information@cel.sg</p>

* * * * *