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NORMAL OLD AGE ALLOWANCE EXTENDS TO 65 AGE GROUP

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THE QUALIFYING AGE FOR NORMAL OLD AGE ALLOWANCE (NOAA) WILL BE FURTHER LOWERED TO 65 WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY), A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THIS IS THE FINAL STAGE OF THE EXTENSION OF NOAA TO PERSONS AGED 65 TO 69.

"IT IS ESTIMATED THAT MORE THAN 38,000 PEOPLE IN THE AGE GROUP WILL BE BENEFITTED FROM THE EXTENSION AND THAT THE ANNUAL EXPENDITURE WILL BE ABOUT \$158 MILLION," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

AT PRESENT, NOAA FOR PEOPLE AGED 66 TO 69 IS \$343 PER MONTH.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DUE TO THE ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN APPLICATIONS, WHICH REQUIRED TIME TO PROCESS, THERE WOULD BE SOME DELAY IN PAYMENT.

"HOWEVER, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT PAYMENT CAN BE MADE IN THREE TO FOUR MONTHS AFTER RECEIVING THE APPLICATION AND PAYMENT WILL BE BACKDATED TO THE DATE OF ELIGIBILITY," HE SAID.

"TO BE ELIGIBLE, THE APPLICANT MUST HAVE LIVED IN THE TERRITORY CONTINUOUSLY FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS STARTING FROM HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY. HE IS ALSO EXPECTED TO MAKE A DECLARATION OF RESOURCES WHEN APPLYING FOR THE ALLOWANCE," HE ADDED.

A SINGLE PERSON WILL BE ENTITLED TO THE ALLOWANCE PROVIDED THAT HIS INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED \$2,100 PER MONTH AND THAT HE HAS ASSETS WORTH NOT MORE THAN \$100,000. FOR MARRIED COUPLES, THE LIMITS ARE \$3,200 AND \$150,000 RESPECTIVELY.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON THE SWD HOTLINE 343 2255.

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JUDICIARY INTRODUCES NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR OATHS AND DECLARATIONS

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THE JUDICIARY ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT NEW ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED ON TUESDAY (APRIL 2) WITH REGARD TO ITS SERVICE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS AND DECLARATIONS.

STARTING TUESDAY, COMMISSIONERS FOR OATHS IN THE JUDICIARY WILL ONLY ADMINISTER OATHS AND DECLARATIONS FOR COURT PURPOSES.

INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTERING STATUTORY DECLARATIONS FOR THEIR OWN OFFICIAL USE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD GO DIRECT TO THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF OFFICIAL STATUTORY DECLARATIONS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT OATHS AND DECLARATIONS FOR USE IN COURT PROCEEDINGS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE OATHS AND DECLARATIONS OFFICE, SUPREME COURT (TEL. NO. 825 4359).

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