FAQs on Functional Assessment Report for Pioneer Disability Assistance Scheme (PioneerDAS)

Part I: PioneerDAS & Eligibility

Q1. What is the Pioneer Generation Disability Assistance Scheme (PioneerDAS)?

PioneerDAS is a scheme administered by the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC). The scheme provides $100 monthly cash assistance to Pioneers who have moderate or severe functional disabilities. This is to help Pioneers defray the cost of long-term care due to their disabilities.

Q2. What are the eligibility criteria for this scheme?

i) Must be a member of the Pioneer Generation:
   - Is aged 16 and above in 1965 – this means:
     - Born on or before 31 December 1949
     - Aged 65 and above in 2014; and
     - Obtained citizenship on or before 31 December 1986

ii) Permanently require assistance with at least 3 ADLs:
   - Bathing
   - Dressing
   - Feeding
   - Toileting
   - Transferring from chair to bed or vice versa
   - Walking or moving around on level surfaces

iii) Continue to stay in Singapore

Q3. Where can I help my patients check for Pioneer status?

Clinics should request to sight the patient's Pioneer Generation card to ascertain their Pioneer status.

Alternatively, if your clinic has internet access, you may also check on their Pioneer status at: www.pioneers.sg.
Part II: Functional Assessment for PioneerDAS

Q4. What is the role of the assessor with regards to Functional Assessment Report (FAR)?

Assessors are only required to provide professional assessment if assistance for Activities of Daily Livings (ADLs) is required by the Pioneer. The assessment may be conducted through an interview or observation of the Pioneer. A detailed physical examination is not necessary.


Q5. How and where can patients acquire the application forms?

Applicants may obtain a copy of PioneerDAS application booklet which consists of the PioneerDAS Application Form and Functional Assessment Report from the following touch points:

i) Any Community Club (CC);
ii) Any Social Service Office;
iii) AICare Hub at 180 Kitchener Road City Square Mall #B2-19/20;
iv) Contact AIC at 1800-650-6060 or PioneerDAS@aic.sg to request for a copy of the booklet to be sent to the applicant’s house; or
v) Download from Singapore Silver Pages at http://www.silverpages.sg/pioneerDAS.

If you would like to have the PioneerDAS application booklet made available at your clinic, please send your request through: PioneerDAS@aic.sg or contact us at: 1800-650-6060.

Q6. What should I do after completing the FAR form for the patient? Where do the patients send the FAR back to?

Please return the completed FAR to your patients or their caregivers. The applicants will submit the FAR, together with the respective scheme application form and the required supporting documents to the respective scheme administrator for processing.

Applicants can photocopy the completed FAR for submission to other schemes.

Q7. Where can I check my status as an assessor for PioneerDAS/ if I have registered with Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) to be an assessor for PioneerDAS?

GPs can check if they are listed as an assessor on Silver Pages. The listing of GP clinics on Silverpages is updated once every 2 weeks and sorted according to CDC district, for the convenience of applicants. Applicants have been advised to call and check before they visit the clinic.

If you would like to register with AIC as a FAR assessor, you may do so at: https://www.primarycarepages.sg/FAR-signup.aspx.
Part III: Functional Assessment for Pioneers with Mental Disabilities

Q8. Does the Pioneer Generation Disability Assistance cover mental disabilities?

Eligibility for the Pioneer Generation Disability Assistance Scheme is based on the pioneer requiring assistance with 3 or more Activities of Daily Livings (ADLs) regardless of underlying medical conditions. Pioneers with mental disabilities who are unable to perform at least 3 ADLs independently will be eligible.

E.g.: If any Pioneer is diagnosed with dementia, his condition must translate into him needing help in 3 or more ADLs. Diagnosis of dementia alone would not be enough, as they may still be able to fulfil majority ADLs on their own.

Q9. How can a Pioneer with mental disabilities sign up for PioneerDAS? Who can a caregiver engage to certify that the Pioneer lacks mental capacity?

If the Pioneer who lacks capacity requires assistance to perform at least 3 ADLs, the donee or court-appointed deputy of the Pioneer may apply for PioneerDAS on his behalf. If the Pioneer does not have a donee or court-appointed deputy, his caregiver should engage a doctor to certify that the Pioneer lacks capacity for the purpose of this specific application, and the caregivers can apply for PioneerDAS on his behalf. Caregivers may visit any fully registered doctor under the Singapore Medical Council (SMC) to certify the lack of mental capacity by the Pioneer to apply for PioneerDAS.

For more information on becoming a donee or court-appointed deputy for a Pioneer who lacks capacity, caregivers may visit the Public Guardian (OPG) website at: www.publicguardian.gov.sg or call 1800 226 6222.

Q10. When is Doctor’s Certification of Mental Incapacity required?

Doctor’s certification of mental incapacity on Pioneer Generation Disability Assistance Scheme Application Form (Part 4) is only applicable for Pioneers who require ADLs assistance due to their physical conditions, but unfortunately lack mental capacity. This section is not required to be completed by doctor performing the assessment if a donee or deputy has been appointed.

Part 2 of the application form is required to be completed by the caregiver/donee-court-appointed deputy if the nominated bank account holder is not the Pioneer. The caregiver/donee-court-appointed deputy must be named in Part 3.
Part IV: Financial Matters concerning Functional Assessment

Q11. How should I charge for performing Functional Assessment?

The functional assessment is a chargeable service at all healthcare institutions including hospitals, national centres, polyclinics and GP clinics, regardless of application outcomes. GPs can charge at cost recovery rate. There are no fixed charges for GPs today. For reference, the polyclinics and public hospitals are charging about $35 for their own patients.

Q12. What is the Exceptional Assistance Framework for Functional Assessment?

To help needy Pioneers who are unable to afford the fees of Functional Assessment, MOH will provide exceptional assistance to reimburse GPs the remaining fees of Functional Assessment with a nominal co-payment of $5. Please note that the Exceptional Assistance Framework is not applicable for non-pioneers.

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Table 1: Illustration of bill size for Functional Assessment with Exceptional Assistance

The Exceptional Assistance Scheme is only available through clinics that have registered interest with AIC as FAR assessors for publication on Silverpages website. If you would like to register with AIC as a FAR assessor, you may do so at: https://www.primarycarepages.sg/FAR-signup.aspx.

Q13. Is the Exceptional Assistance Framework available for house call services?

Exceptional assistance cannot be extended for house call. If the patient is in dire financial difficulty, the GP can refer the case to: pioneerdas@aic.sg and we can assess how best we can assist the patient with FAR.

Q14. I have an enquiry on claim reimbursement for Exceptional Assistance Framework. Who can I contact?

You may send in your enquiry to us at: gp@aic.sg.
Part V: Functional Assessment for other Schemes

Q15. There are enquires from applicants on other schemes which requires Functional Assessment. Where can I direct them to?

In addition to PioneerDAS, AIC is also the administrator for Foreign Domestic Worker Grant (FDWG) and Foreign Domestic Worker Levy Concession for Persons with Disabilities (FDWLC PWD). For enquiries on PioneerDAS, you can direct applicants to contact AIC hotline at 1800-650-6060 or email their enquiries to pioneerDAS@aic.sg. For enquiries on FDWG & FDWLC, applicants can contact us at: caregivergrant@aic.sg or visit AlCare Hub at 180 Kitchener Road, City Square Mall, #B2-19/20.

If the applicants would like to enquire about Enhancement for Active Seniors (EASE), they can contact HDB at 1800 933 2990 or visit www.hdb.gov.sg/EASE-Application. If the applicants would like to enquire about Public Transport Concession for Persons with Disabilities, they can contact SG Enable at 1800 8585 885 or visit http://www.sgenable.sg/schemes. If the applicants would like to enquire about Special Needs Savings Scheme (SNSS), they can contact Special Needs Trust Company at 6278 9598 or email enquiries@sntc.org.sg.

Q16. Section C of FAR Form is used for the application Foreign Domestic Worker Grant. What about application for Foreign Domestic Worker Levy Concession?

Section C on Caregiver Training conducted in hospitals is only applicable for FDW Grant. FDWLC (PWD) does not require the FDW to be trained.

Q17. Since FAR can be used to apply for other schemes administered by other agencies, for example, Public Transport Concession for PWDS (SGEnable), do patients submit a photocopy of the completed FAR to either agency?

Yes, applicants have to submit a photocopy of the completed FAR together with the respective scheme application form and supporting document to the respective scheme administrator.