

Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students 2012/13
Sliding Scale of Asset Value for Discounting Grant/ Loan Assistance

Asset Test

The asset test is the second tier of the means test under the Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students. The following sliding scale sets out the discount factor to be applied to the level of grant and loan assistance calculated under the Adjusted Family Income ready reckoner (at Appendix III) in order to derive the eventual amount of grant/ loan.

Net Asset Value per Family Member (HK\$)	Discount Factor of Grant/ Loan Assistance
Over \$592,000	-100% (i.e. no assistance)
\$497,001 to \$592,000	-80%
\$402,001 to \$497,000	-60%
\$318,001 to \$402,000	-40%
\$210,001 to \$318,000	-20%
\$210,000 or below	-0% (i.e. no reduction of assistance)

Example (For an unmarried applicant):

Parents' annual income	\$160,000
Annual income of unmarried sibling	\$130,000
Deductible medical expenses	Nil
Family size	4
Net asset value of the applicant and his parents (not counting the first home)	\$1,050,000
AFI ($\$160,000 + \$130,000 \times 30\%$) \div (4 members + 1)	\$39,800
Asset value per capita ($\$1,050,000 \div 4$)	\$262,500
Maximum grant (assumed) (i.e. tuition fees payable \$45,000 + academic expenses grant \$4,540)	\$49,540
Maximum loan (assumed)*	\$37,960
Income test (First tier)	
Entitled grant ($\$49,540 \times 50\%$)	\$24,770
Entitled loan ($\$37,960 \times 50\%$)	\$18,980
	(rounded down to the nearest \$1)
Asset test (Second tier)	
Entitled grant ($\$24,770 \times 80\%$)	\$19,816
Entitled loan ($\$18,980 \times 80\%$)	\$15,184
	(rounded down to the nearest \$1)

* Since the ceiling for living expenses loan for the 2012/13 academic year will only be available in July 2012, the maximum loan for the 2011/12 academic year is used in the above example.