

## FAQ

### I. BACKGROUND

#### 1. What is Project Silver Screen (also known as Functional Screening)?

Project Silver Screen is a nation-wide programme for Singaporeans aged 60 and above to help them see, hear and eat better through functional screening. The screening is a simple check-up to ensure that your eyes, ears and mouth are in good health, and where needed, you will be provided with assistive devices such as spectacles, hearing aids and dentures at affordable costs.

#### 2. Who should go for functional screening?

Singaporeans aged 60 years and above, and who have not been screened in the past one year, are encouraged to go for functional screening.

#### 3. Why should I go for functional screening?

Ageing is usually associated with a decline in functional ability, which includes vision impairment, hearing loss and poor oral health. These conditions can affect a senior's well-being and quality of life.

Functional screening helps seniors detect early signs of functional decline. Early detection of functional decline, with appropriate treatment and lifestyle changes, will enable our seniors to remain independent and active.

**Functional screening detects age-related decline in 3 basic functional tests:**

Test	Detects...	This is important because...
Vision	Blurry vision and other visual problems	Good vision is needed for activities like reading, sewing and to reduce your risk of falls and accidents
Hearing Ability	Hearing loss and hearing difficulty	Good hearing allows you to chat with your family and friends, and enjoy listening to your favourite songs and shows
Oral Health	Oral cleanliness, number and condition of teeth, condition of dentures and signs or symptoms of dental pain	Good oral health helps you enjoy your food and maintain good nutrition

#### **4. Where and when can I go for functional screening?**

Functional screening will be conducted at Community Centres/Clubs, Residents' Committees or public spaces island-wide on a scheduled basis. You may wish to go to the one nearest to your home.

If the available screenings do not fit your schedule or are not near your home, you may leave your contact details (Name and Contact Number) with AIC Hotline at 1800-650-6060. AIC will contact you to share more details when the next available screening is scheduled near your home.

#### **5. What are the exact assessments involved during the screening?**

<b>Vision</b>	<b>1. Vision acuity test using Snellen and Pinhole tests</b>
<b>Oral</b>	<b>1. Simple oral check on Lips, Tongue, Gums and Tissues, Saliva, Natural Teeth, Dentures, Oral Cleanliness and Dental Pain.</b>
<b>Hearing</b>	<b>1. Hearing Handicap Inventory for Elderly Screening Version (HHIE-S) is a 10-item questionnaire developed to score the degree of functional (social and emotional) handicap associated with hearing impairment.</b> <b>2. Checking if the senior has Tinnitus by completing a 2-item survey.</b> <b>3. Checking of the ear canals using otoscope.</b> <b>4. Hearing sound test using the audiometer.</b>

#### **6. Who is administering the functional screening?**

Functional screening is conducted by the Health Promotion Board.

## II. ELIGIBILITY AND FEES

### 7. Who is eligible for functional screening under Project Silver Screen and what are the fees?

Singaporeans (Pink IC) aged 60 and above will enjoy the following rates. PRs will have to pay \$25/pax for the screening.

Categories	Price
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pioneer Generation</li></ul>	\$0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Merdeka Generation</li><li>• Community Health Assist Scheme (CHAS) – Blue and Orange</li></ul>	\$2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Health Assist Scheme (CHAS) – Green</li><li>• Other Eligible Singapore Citizens</li></ul>	\$5

### 8. Must I only attend a screening near my home?

You are encouraged to go to a screening that is near your home. If you would like to attend a screening conducted in other constituencies, it is also possible.

### 9. Are there other criteria such as monthly household income that will affect my eligibility for functional screening?

All Singaporeans aged 60 and above are eligible for the screening, and should not be screened in the last 12 months. There is no means-testing involved for the screening.

### 10. Is there assistance provided if I cannot physically attend (i.e. bedridden or handicap) a functional screening?

You are encouraged to attend with someone who could assist you to the screening venue. If you do not have someone to assist, you may leave your details via the AIC Hotline at 1800-650-6060. AIC will follow up and arrange for someone to assist you.

### 11. If I am already following up with doctor for one of my functions, but I have not been screened for two out of the three functional abilities in the past one year, can I still go for functional screening?

Yes, you may still attend functional screening and you will be screened for all three functional abilities. It is not necessary to bring along past medical records.

### **III. REGISTRATION**

#### **12. How do I register for functional screening if I am keen to attend?**

You may call AIC Hotline at 1800 650 6060 (see opening hours below):

AIC Hotline Opening hours:

Monday to Friday: 8.30am to 8.30pm\*

Saturday: 8.30am to 4.00pm\*

\*excluding public holidays

#### **13. Can I book a specific time slot for functional screening?**

When you pre-register with us for the screening, you may indicate a preferred timeslot. A reminder call will be provided closer to your screening date and we will confirm the date and time with you.

#### **14. Can I just walk-in and register on the spot for the screening without prior registration?**

Yes, walk-ins are accepted, as long as you are a Singaporean aged 60 and above.

#### **15. How soon ahead of time can I register for functional screening?**

You can register for functional screening by calling the AIC Hotline at 1800-650-6060.

However, if the functional screening is within the week, you may walk-in on the actual day of screening.

#### **IV. ACTUAL SCREENING PROCESS – what to expect**

##### **16. What do I need to bring for the screening?**

Please bring along the following items for the screening:

- I. NRIC**
- II. Pioneer Generation, Merdeka Generation, CHAS and Public Assistance card (if applicable), card must not be expired to be entitled to the subsidies**
- III. Existing pair of spectacles, hearing aids and dentures (if applicable)**

Should one forget to bring/have lost their cards or if the cards have expired, they may need to pay \$5 for functional screening.

##### **17. What if I forget to bring/have lost my NRIC, Pioneer Generation/Merdeka Generation/CHAS/Public Assistance card or existing assistive devices on the screening day?**

If you forget to bring / lost your:

- I. NRIC – It is important to bring along NRIC. If you have lost it, you may use other form of identification to proof that you are Singaporean aged 60 and above. Seniors without any identification might not be able to participate in the screening.**
- II. Pioneer Generation/Merdeka Generation/CHAS/Public Assistance card – You may still go for functional screening at a cost of \$5**
- III. Existing spectacles, hearing aids and/or dentures – You may still participate in functional screening, but the results may not be accurate.**

##### **18. How long will the screening take and what sort of assessments will I have to go through?**

Functional screening will typically take about 45 minutes to an hour. This includes registration, series of eye, ear and mouth checks by the screening service providers, and report collection.

##### **19. Is there any invasive procedure involved during the screening?**

No, there are no invasive procedures involved during functional screening.

## **V. POST-SCREENING PROCESS – what to expect**

### **20. How and when would I know the results of my screening?**

You will be informed of the results immediately after the screening.

### **21. Will there be any subsidies if I need any devices post screening?**

There are subsidies under the Seniors' Mobility and Enabling Fund (SMF) or Community Health Assist Schemes (CHAS) if you are assessed to be eligible.

### **22. What is the difference between Enhanced Screen for Life (eSFL) programme and functional screening under Project Silver Screen?**

The eSFL programme offers Singaporeans subsidised health screening and post-screening follow-up for chronic conditions such as cardiovascular risk (e.g. diabetes, high cholesterol and hypertension) and/or colorectal cancer and/or cervical cancer. The eSFL does not cover functional screening in the areas of hearing, oral health and vision, which is covered under the Project Silver Screen.

[Click here](#) for more details on enhanced Screen For Life programme

## **VI. OTHER QUESTIONS**

### **23. Will my personal information obtained for functional screening be shared with other Government programmes?**

No, personal information obtained for Project Silver Screen is strictly confidential as per the Personal Data Protection Act. It would be shared with AIC and the relevant hospitals should you require follow-up.

### **24. Do I need to fast before the screening?**

No, fasting is not required for functional screening.

### **25. Can I take my medication before the screening?**

Yes, you may take your medication before functional screening.