

Comparison of the eldering pension policy in 2019 and 2023

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Abstract

The academic article is to present a comparison of elderly living allowance policies. By analyzing the differences between the old 2019 senior living allowance policy and the new 2023 version, covering the issues. The origin and importance of the policy Regarding the qualification criteria for those receiving the elderly living allowance Comparison of living allowance policy criteria. As well as analyzing the advantages, disadvantages, problem conditions, and development guidelines for implementing the 2023 Elderly Living Allowance Policy. Elderly allowance is considered a basic right that Thai citizens aged 60 years and over will receive to earn a living. that must be consistent with the revenue collection era of Thailand Including the appropriateness of the current situation. The research found that the government sector, political sector, and private sector, which must drive the industrial sector. Therefore, various sectors Therefore, it must be adjusted to be consistent with these guidelines. It is a policy that is in accordance with the basic policy guidelines of the state. The Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand 2017, Policies to improve and change criteria and procedures. The process of implementing the elderly living allowance policy to be most efficient and create fairness. There should be a system to encourage network partners or other sectors of society to participate in welfare care for the elderly in Thailand. Including various forms of assistance, such as helping poor elderly people in the areas where those organizations are located, etc. As for the communities Many places already provide welfare for the elderly in the area. Therefore, sustainability should be promoted, such as promoting financial sustainability. Help provide advice on accounting for the income and expenses of the elderly. And in communities that do not yet have welfare for the elderly, they should push for it to happen as well.

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Introduction

Thailand under the leadership of the past government There has been development in setting social welfare policies for the elderly group. in various forms To be consistent with the problems and needs of the elderly and those entering the elderly age This is because Thailand is beginning to face an aging society that is growing rapidly. Living allowance policy is an important part of social welfare policy for the elderly. and providing monthly payments to the elderly aged 60 years and over since the Elderly Act of 2003 during the government of Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra onwards, and there have been amendments and amendments to ensure continuously appropriate

Thailand is one of the countries facing an aging society, where the government needs to formulate social welfare policies. The important social welfare policy for the elderly is the Elderly Pension Policy. This article aims to present and analyze three parts of Thailand's old

age pension policy; policy-making, implementation, and policy evaluation through various models by studying the documents. The results showed that the elderly pension policy is a continuous operation. This policy operates on the basic policy of the state under the constitution. Including the government has taken the feedback from the policy to improve the rules and procedures for implementing the elderly pension policy to be effective and promote fairness as much as possible. Recommendations for the development of the elderly pension policy, There should be a system to promote network partners to participate in the welfare care for the elderly in Thailand.(Salapsri S. & Wattanapongsiri P.(2022)

It is predicted that in 2031 Thailand will enter the ultimate aging society, with elderly people making up more than 28 percent of the total population. There are a total of 12,698,329 elderly people in Thailand in 2021 (Council Office National Economic and Social Development, 2022) The entry into the aging society affects national development and economic growth of Thailand in the long run. including budget issues, the economy, and the overall quality of life of the people.

From such problems, it leads to welfare policies that the government Must be the one who provides welfare to the people in order to reduce inequality in society. Each government will provide welfare in the form of a variety of policies. and living allowance for the elderly It is one of the welfare policies for the elderly who receive rights as specified by the policy. and is a policy of hope for the people of the country

This article will study and compare policies on living allowances for the elderly. By analyzing the differences in the elderly living allowance policy between 2019 and 2023, in terms of eligibility criteria for those receiving the elderly living allowance, as well as advantages, disadvantages, problem conditions, and development guidelines. Implementation of the Elderly Living Allowance Policy 2023...

With the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand, B.E. 2017, there are provisions related to the elderly in Section 3 Rights and Freedoms of the Thai People and Section 6 State Policy Guidelines. that the government should provide assistance to the elderly so that they can live a quality life and protect and prevent such persons from being subjected to violence or unfair treatment. Including providing treatment, rehabilitation, and relief to those who have been subjected to such acts. As well as the number of elderly people each year, the number is increasing every year as shown in the following table.

Table 1 Number of elderly people, year 2020 – 2022

Year	Populations	Number of elderly people	Elderly rate
2020	66,186,727	11,789,098	17.8
2021	66,171,439	12,071,837	18.2
2022	66,090,475	12,698,329	19.2

Source: Office of the National Economic and Social Development Council, 2023

From Table 1, it can be seen that the number of elderly people is increasing every year and they are the majority of the country's citizens, leading to government welfare being allocated to elderly people aged 60 years and over as financial assistance. and ease the burden of living expenses each month This is because the income from the occupations that the elderly do each month may not be enough to cover expenses each year. It will be opened for new people who are eligible to receive the Elderly Living Allowance to confirm their rights to the Elderly Living Allowance. If you are an elderly person who has no job because you are not a civil servant or are too old and have no one to hire and are in poor health. Welfare allowance

for the elderly It is only income to survive. Because of the reason that the elderly who do not have the above occupations also There is a very small chance that there will be little if any money you don't have to repay.

New Elderly Living Allowance Policy

Elderly Living Allowance 2023. The new edition has revised criteria and qualifications for elderly allowance recipients in the announcement of the regulations of the Ministry of Interior on the Elderly Living Allowance 2023, a new edition that has been updated regarding the criteria for paying the Elderly Living Allowance of local government organizations in 2023 by Effective on August 12, 2023 as follows (Thai PBS, 2023)

Qualifications of those eligible to receive the Elderly Living Allowance 2023

1. Have Thai nationality
2. Has a name in the house registration in the local government organization area
3. Be 60 years of age or older. which has confirmed the right to request elderly living allowance to the local government organization
4. Is a person who has no income or has insufficient income for subsistence according to the National Committee for the Elderly in accordance with the law on the elderly.

Procedure for confirming rights to the Elderly Living Allowance 2023. Individuals who have reached 60 years of age must confirm their rights without registration and allow the local administrative organization to facilitate by notifying eligible elderly people if they wish to receive. To receive living allowances for the elderly, attach information documents confirming your rights to the following local government organizations:

1. Form confirming the right to request elderly living allowance
2. Copy of bank passbook

For the case where the person wishes to receive the premium as an elderly person through the bank In the case where it is necessary that the elderly person is unable to notify himself of the intention to receive the Elderly Living Allowance in accordance with paragraph one, written authorization may be given. May authorize in writing to another person. Authorization may be given in writing to another person. Authorization may be given in writing to another person to report the intention to receive living allowances on behalf of the elderly. The rights of those eligible to receive the Elderly Living Allowance 2023 will end in the following cases:(Ministry of Interior, 2023)

1. Died
2. Lack of qualifications as specified above.
3. Notify the waiver of right to receive the elderly living allowance in writing to the local government organization that he or she is entitled to receive the elderly living allowance.

In the case where the right to receive the Elderly Living Allowance is terminated according to paragraph one, the local administrator or the person assigned to him shall examine the facts before ordering anything to stop the payment of the Elderly Living Allowance for the said person. If an elderly person is not entitled to receive the Elderly Living Allowance but receives the Elderly Living Allowance dishonestly, the local officials should investigate the facts before reporting to the local administrators in order to suspend the payment of the Elderly Living Allowance. By exempting from claiming living allowances for the elderly, namely There is also a transitional provision, Article 17, stating that all elderly people who have registered and received elderly living allowances from local administrative organizations before the date this regulation comes into force. to continue to have the right to receive elderly living allowances from that local government organization. Any operations

that were in progress before the date this regulation came into force which is consistent with the spirit of this regulation, it is considered that the operation It is carried out in accordance with these regulations. For receiving the Elderly Living Allowance 2023, the government sector will transfer money on the 10th day of every month and it will be a monthly payment in steps as follows.

Table 2 Criteria for payment of living allowances for the elderly, 2023

Age	Rate
Age 60-69 Year	600 Bhat
Age 70-79 Year	700 Bhat
Age 80-89 Year	800 Bhat
Age 90 Year up	1,000 Bhat

Comparison of the old age allowance policy criteria for the year 2019 and the new version for the year 2023

The analyzed criteria include the original and new criteria for eligibility for elderly living allowance recipients. Comparison can be made in a table as follows.

Table 3 compares the criteria for the elderly living allowance policy between 2019 and 2023.

Elderly Living Allowance (Year 2019)	New version of living allowance for the elderly (year 2023)
1. Have Thai nationality	1. Have Thai nationality
2. Have a domicile in the Subdistrict Administrative Organization area according to the house registration.	2. Have a name in the house registration in the local government organization area
3. Be a person born before October 1, 1956.(In the case where the house registrar does not appear on the date of birth, 1 January of that year)	3. Be 60 years of age or older. which has confirmed the right to request elderly living allowance to the local government organization
4. Not a person receiving welfare or other benefits from government agencies, state enterprises, or local government organizations, such as recipients of pensions, annuities, special pensions, or any other money.	4. Being a person who has no income or income is not sufficient for subsistence. According to the National Committee on the Elderly According to the law on the elderly

From the table it shows that the new elderly living allowance for 2023 will be eligible for those who are 60 years of age or older. which has confirmed the right to request elderly living allowance to the local government organization Being a person with no income or income not sufficient for subsistence As specified by the National Committee for the Elderly in accordance with the law on the elderly. However, there is no information from the National Committee on the Elderly regarding people who have no income or income that is not sufficient for subsistence. This will be a problem in implementation as well.

Same and different criteria between the old 2019 version of the Elderly Living Allowance and the 2023 new version.

The same criteria for paying the elderly living allowance and the new version is a stepped monthly rate. As for the different criteria between the old version of the 2019 senior living allowance and the new version of 2023, it can be shown in a comparative table as follows.

Table 4 compares the similarities and differences of the elderly living allowance policy between 2019 and 2023.

The criteria are the same.	Different Criteria
1. Must be a citizen with Thai nationality.	1. The part of the source that is in the original criteria used the wording: "Must be domiciled in the local government organization area according to the house registration." As for the new criteria That uses the message: "The name is in the house registration in the local government organization area."
2. Must be 60 years of age or older. Register and submit a request for elderly living allowance to the local government organization.	2. As for the income in the original criteria, the word Not a recipient of welfare or 10 other benefits from government agencies or state enterprises. or local government organization Including those who receive pensions Special pension annuity or money can be obtained in the same way but does not include the disabled or AIDS patients or those receiving other welfare according to Cabinet resolutions."
	3. As for the new criteria, use the wording: Being a person who has no income or has insufficient income for subsistence as specified by the National Elderly Committee in accordance with the law on the elderly.

From the table above Be able to analyze the pros and cons of elderly living allowances. The original version and the new version are as follows:

Analysis of the advantages of the elderly living allowance policy in 2019 and 2023

Table 5 compares the advantages of the elderly living allowance policy in 2019 and 2023.

strength (Original version 2019)	strength (New edition 2023)
1. Enabling the elderly to live their last days want to be happy as appropriate to one's senses This is to develop the quality of life of the elderly to a higher standard, to meet the needs of the 4 factors, and to distribute income	1. It is a criterion for proving poverty. that the elderly group must People with no income or have insufficient income to truly survive

strength (Original version 2019)	strength (New edition 2023)
to the population that deserves assistance at the end of their lives.	
2. It is an activity that raises awareness of communities with abandoned elderly people. They worked together to prevent and solve community problems. Do not abandon the elderly in the community and using the community as a base for providing services	2. There is no inequality. And the argument between the group of rich elderly people is that why is it equal to the group of poor elderly people? Because only elderly people who are truly poor and have insufficient family income are given to them for sustenance. As for the elderly who have a lot of family income There may be enough money for survival.
3. Creates a feeling of mental stability. Feel that you are valuable and can live happily in society. as well as being a refuge of children and family	3. Know the information and help reduce the budget by not paying money to elderly groups who have the right to receive benefits from the government, state enterprises or local government agencies such as Pension Gratuity
4. It is savings to be a cost for future generations.	4. Know the information and help reduce the budget for not paying money to the elderly group. who have extra money in other areas that are similar to subsistence money, such as elderly people who used to have a regular salary or from the local government agency, will not be entitled to receive a living allowance because they have sufficient income to survive.
5. It is a financial aid that the government has allocated to the elderly in order to lighten the burden. Retirement expenses each month	5. New criteria have been adjusted to be consistent with the times. national revenue collection Including the appropriateness of the situation

Analysis of disadvantages of the elderly living allowance policy in 2019 and 2023

Table 6 compares the disadvantages of the elderly living allowance policy in 2019 and 2023.

weakness (Original version 2019)	weakness (New edition 2023)
1. Elderly living allowance universal It has been going on for more than 14 years, beginning with the government in 2009, which started paying the elderly 500 baht per month before increasing it to 600 baht, which was not enough to cover the daily expenses of the elderly.	1. Guidelines for caring for the elderly still do not look at all perspectives. Changes in welfare provision Therefore affecting many people not only affect quality A picture of not only the lives of the elderly but also their burdens. Increased dependency within the family
2. Elderly money caretaker It is a matter of the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security. But this part of the budget	2. Incorporating poverty into the analysis and serving as a criterion for providing welfare to the elderly. Poverty problems and problems

weakness (Original version 2019)	weakness (New edition 2023)
is given to local government organizations or local administrative organizations to pay living allowances for the elderly and can control the budget on their own without going through the central government.	of the elderly It's a different problem, with different causes and different approaches to solving it.
3. Qualifications for those eligible to receive the elderly living allowance which is too easy Everyone has the right to receive it as long as they are 60 years of age or older, have Thai nationality, and have their name listed in the local administrative organization's house registration.	3. The adjustment of the criteria for living allowances for the elderly has occurred while Thailand is not yet ready and there is still no clarity on policies regarding the work of the elderly (such as extending the retirement age reserving certain jobs for the elderly)
4. Elderly people with children working in government agencies or local government organizations and received a special pension for life in lieu of the child's service to the country until he was physically disabled. disability or death You can also receive a living allowance for the elderly. Including the elderly who have received a poor welfare card from the government, they can also have the right to receive the elderly living allowance. Gain an advantage over others	4. Reducing the rights of elderly people who receive living allowances to 6 million people out of approximately 11 million people who have rights due to The Ministry of Finance will choose to pay living allowances only to senior citizens who have state welfare cards. (Low income earners)
5. Elderly people as young as 60 years of age have the right to receive elderly living allowance. If you have an income like this, a high income will have equal rights.	5. Living allowances in Thailand are still especially limited. especially the economic impact Community level overview Elderly Work Development Foundation Therefore, it has an impact on the livelihood of the elderly and the economy in the community.

Problems in implementing the 2023 subsistence allowance policy

1. The information system does not comply with the regulations, that is, according to the identification system of the elderly at the Subdistrict Administrative Organization, which must wait for the Comptroller General's Department and the Department of Local Administration to retrieve the information and announce the names in order to receive money according to their rights. But if the said organization does not retrieve the information of the elderly that has been entered into the system at the local government organization This will result in not being named in the announcement and not receiving the elderly living allowance as a result.

2. Elderly people do not have knowledge and understanding about the regulations and duration of the fiscal year. That is, the duration of the fiscal year is October 1 of one year to September 30 of the next year. which elderly people born before 30 You can register in September. For seniors born after 1 October, they must be registered the following year. However, seniors born after 1 October and do not understand the fiscal year will request to register in the same year as seniors born before 30 September because they understand that they were born in the same year and are the same age. must be confirmed in the same year, etc.

3. Moving in and out of the elderly, that is, the elderly move to notify the Subdistrict Administrative Organization where they are moving in order to receive a living allowance, but the Subdistrict Administrative Organization of the same area refuses to screen out their names or is slow to screen out their names. It will result in the elderly not being able to receive their money late by the 10th of every month.

4. The National Committee for the Elderly does not set clear income criteria for the elderly.

In accordance with the Office of the Council of State Clarified on August 15, 2023 that this case is a matter for the Council of State (Special Committee) to consider and discuss legal issues of the Department of Elderly Affairs. This is because the Comptroller General's Department has sent a letter to local administrative organizations to recall the elderly living allowance. Because it is a duplicate of other welfare benefits. It is seen that Section 48, paragraph two, of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand The law supporting the rights of the elderly states that persons over the age of sixty years and do not have sufficient income for subsistence shall have the right to receive appropriate assistance from the state as provided by law. And such provisions are in Chapter 3: Rights and Freedoms of the Thai People. Therefore, it is a provision that clearly supports rights. For the basic conditions that the Constitution provides in the said section. There are only two reasons: being over sixty years of age on the one hand and not having sufficient income for subsistence on the other. Therefore, in addition to the age criterion, Not having enough income to survive Therefore, it is an important criterion for the government to enact laws to determine the criteria for paying assistance to persons with such characteristics, for example, specifying the criteria that should be considered as There is no income sufficient for subsistence. (Office of the Council of State, 2023) reveals gaps in the interpretation of persons whose income is insufficient for subsistence.

Guidelines for implementing the Elderly Policy 2023

1. Improving the giving system for those who are unable to enter information on their own. The Subdistrict Administrative Organization should provide registration services instead.

2. The system should be developed to be consistent with current and current regulations.

3. The Subdistrict Administrative Organization should have communications and public relations to create knowledge and understanding for the community and clearly explain disbursements in each fiscal year.

4. Related organizations use the same information system. That is, the Comptroller General's Department, Local Administration Department, Local Administration Department, and banks should use the same database. This is in order to receive full rights without errors.

Summary of the Elderly Living Allowance

Elderly living allowance is one of the basic rights that Thai citizens aged 60 years and over will receive for their livelihood. which has new criteria To be consistent with the country's revenue collection era, including the appropriateness of the current situation. And it is still a matter that receives different opinions. Both the public sector of politics and government including the industrial sector Therefore, various sectors Therefore, adjustments must be made to be consistent with these criteria. And this criterion must be reviewed by asking all stakeholders thoroughly and leading to the improvement of more appropriate practices.

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