FAQ

I. BACKGROUND

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

Project Silver Screen is a nation-wide programme for Singaporeans and Permanent Residents 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 may be recommended for follow-up or to take up assistive devices such as spectacles, hearing aids and dentures at subsidised rates.

2. Who should go for functional screening?

Singaporeans or Permanent Residents 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?

As we age, it is common to experience a gradual decline in functional abilities, such as vision, hearing, and oral health. These age-related changes can affect a senior's overall well-being, independence, and quality of life.

Functional screening helps seniors detect early signs of functional decline. With early detection, appropriate follow-up, treatment, and lifestyle adjustments can be made to help seniors remain independent, active, and engaged in daily life.

Functional screening detects age-related decline with 3 basic tests:

Test	Detects…	This is important because…
Vision	Blurry vision and other visual problems	Good vision is important for daily activities such as reading and sewing and helps to reduce the risk of falls and accidents.

Hearing Ability	Hearing loss and hearing difficulties	Good hearing allows you to communicate better with family and friends, and to enjoy your favourite music and television programmes.
Oral Health	Oral cleanliness, number and condition of teeth, condition of dentures and signs or symptoms of dental pain	Good oral health helps you chew food comfortably and maintain good nutrition.

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

Functional screening is conducted on a scheduled basis at Community Centres/Clubs, Residents' Committees/Networks, Active Ageing Centres, and Faith-based organisations. Seniors are encouraged to attend the session held nearest to their home.

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

Vision	Vision acuity test using Snellen chart and Pinhole tests
Oral	A basic oral check covering the lips, tongue, gums and oral tissues, saliva, natural teeth, dentures, oral cleanliness, and dental pain.
Hearing	Visual inspection of the ear canals using an otoscope, followed by a hearing test using an audiometer.

6. Who is administering the functional screening?

Functional screening is managed by the three healthcare clusters (SingHealth, NUHS, and NHG Health) and carried out by appointed vendors.

II. ELIGIBILITY AND FEES

7. Who is eligible for functional screening?

Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents aged 60 and above who have not been screened in the past 12 months.

8. Are there any fees for joining the screening?

From 1 September 2026 onwards, screening will be fully subsidised for all Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents.

9. Must I only attend a screening near my home?

You are encouraged to attend a screening venue near your home for greater convenience. However, you are welcome to participate at any screening venue of your choice.

10. Are there any other criteria, such as monthly household income, that would affect my eligibility for functional screening?

No. There are no additional criteria that would affect eligibility other than those stated in Point 7.

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

Yes, you may still participate in the functional screening for the other two functions. 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 register your interest via the FormSG links provided below.

NHG Health: https://for.sg/nhg-fs
NUHS: https://for.sg/nuhs-fs-interest
SingHealth: https://for.sg/pssl1-singhealth

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

When you pre-register for the screening, you may indicate your preferred timeslot in the FormSG remarks section. A reminder call will be made closer to the screening date, during which we will confirm the final date and time with you.

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

Yes, walk-ins are welcome as long as you are eligible, and slots are available. However, do note that there may be a longer waiting time.

15. How soon ahead of time can I register for the screening?

You may register your interest via our FormSG at any time. However, if the event is taking place within a week, we may not be able to contact you in time to schedule an appointment. In such cases, you are welcome to walk in on the day of the screening, subject to availability.

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:

- **NRIC**
- **Pioneer Generation, Merdeka Generation, or CHAS card** (if applicable).
- **Existing spectacles, hearing aids, and/or dentures** (if applicable)

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

- **NRIC** – It is important to bring your NRIC for verification. If you have misplaced or lost your NRIC, you may present another valid form of identification to verify that you are a Singapore Citizen/ Permanent Residents aged 60 and above. Unfortunately, seniors who are unable to provide any form of identification may not be able to participate in the screening.
- **Pioneer Generation/Merdeka Generation/CHAS card** – If you do not have your card with you, you may still proceed with the functional screening.
- **Existing spectacles, hearing aids and/or dentures** – You may still participate in functional screening. However, the screening results may not accurately reflect your usual level of vision, hearing, or oral function.

18. How long will the screening be?

The functional screening typically takes up to 45 minutes. This includes registration, a 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 the screening.

20. Can I take my medication before the screening?

Yes, you may take your medication before the screening.

21. Do I need to fast before the screening?

No, fasting is not required for the screening.

V. POST-SCREENING PROCESS – what to expect

22. Will I know my screening results on the same day?

Yes, you will be informed of the results immediately after the screening. If any of your functional abilities require further management, you will be advised and offered an appointment for follow-up.

23. Are there any subsidies available if I require assistive devices after the screening?

Yes, you may tap on access subsidies under the Seniors' Mobility and Enabling Fund (SMF) or Community Health Assist Scheme (CHAS) if you are assessed to be eligible.

VI. OTHER QUESTIONS

24. Will my personal information obtain during the functional screening be shared with other Government programmes?

No. All personal information collected under Project Silver Screen is kept strictly confidential in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA). The information will only be used for purposes related to Project Silver Screen and will not be shared with other Government programmes.