

SOLIDARITY BUDGET



ENHANCED SUPPORT MEASURES FOR RESILIENCE AND SOLIDARITY

SAVING JOBS, SUPPORTING WORKERS, PROTECTING LIVELIHOODS

IMPACT OF COVID-19

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- Help enterprises overcome immediate challenges
- Strengthen economic and social resilience so we can emerge intact and stronger



Wage and Jobs Support

- Enhance and extend Jobs Support Scheme (JSS)
 - Additional enhancements for Apr 2020
- Self-Employed Person (SEP) Income Relief Scheme
 - More SEPs automatically eligible
- Enhance and extend SEP Training Support Scheme
- Enhance Workfare Special Payment
- SGUnited Traineeships
- ❖ SGUnited Jobs
- Greater flexibility for ComCare applications
- Temporary Relief Fund
- COVID-19 Support Grant



- Solidarity Payment
- Enhance Care and Support Package
- Greater flexibility on Government fees and loans





EMERGING STRONGER

Resilience and Recovery Measures

- Ensure a stable supply of essential health supplies and food commodities
- Enhance SG Together Enhancing Enterprise Resilience (STEER) programme
- Enhance SMEs Go Digital Programme
- Enhance Productivity Solutions Grant
- Enhance Enterprise Development Grant
- Extend the enhanced training support, and to more sectors
- ❖ Early use of SkillsFuture Credit
- ❖ Broaden range of physical distancing measures, if needed
- Support businesses participating in SG Clean

SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

Cash Flow, Cost and Credit Support Measures

- Enhance Property Tax Rebate
 - Ensure pass-through of rebate to tenants
- Enhance Enterprise Financing Scheme Trade Loan and SME Working Capital Loan
 - Increase Government risk share of loans initiated from Apr 2020 to 90%, up from 80%
- Enhance rental waivers
 - Increase rental waivers for industrial, office and agricultural tenants of Government agencies to 1 month, up from 0.5 months
- Further measures to ease labour costs
- Defer income tax payments
- No increases in government fees and charges
- Enhance Loan Insurance Scheme
- Expand and enhance Temporary Bridging Loan Programme

Support for Affected Sectors

- ❖ Additional enhancements for Apr 2020
- Enhance JSS for aviation, tourismrelated, and food services sectors
- Enhance aviation support package
- Additional support for tourism industry
- Extend and enhance Point-to-Point Support Package
- Road tax rebate and waiver of season parking charges for private bus owners
- Arts and Culture Support Package







Strategic Use of Past Reserves

- Our Past Reserves are our strategic asset, and reserved for very exceptional situations
- ❖ The President has given in-principle support to draw on Past Reserves for COVID-19 measures, given the exceptional circumstances

Budget Position

- FY2019: \$1.7 billion deficit (0.3% of GDP)
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STANDING IN SOLIDARITY

To break the COVID-19 chain of transmission, Singapore will implement heightened safe distancing measures from 7 April to 4 May 2020.

With non-essential workplace closures and restricted interaction, many will be affected.

To help our people, over and above the \$55 billion COVID-related measures under the Unity and Resilience Budgets, we will mobilise an additional

\$5.1 BILLION

to see Singaporeans and businesses through this period.

WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS TOGETHER





TO GET US THROUGH THE CIRCUIT BREAKER PERIOD

Our Solidarity Budget will:



Enhance Protection for jobs and livelihoods



Strengthen Support for firms and workers



Provide More Help to Singaporeans

UNITY. RESILIENCE. SOLIDARITY. WE WILL OVERCOME.



ENHANCE PROTECTION FOR JOBS & LIVELIHOODS



PROTECTING LIVELIHOODS

SAVING JOBS, SUPPORTING WAGES

Enhanced Jobs Support Scheme (JSS)

 To help save jobs, Government will pay 75% on the first \$4,600 of monthly salaries for every local employee for April 2020 For more information on **JSS**, please scan the QR code below



- From May 2020, wage support levels will revert to original levels in Resilience Budget¹
- First JSS payout will be brought forward to April 2020, from May 2020

¹75% wage support for aviation, and tourism sectors; 50% for the food services sector, and 25% for all other sectors.





SUPPORTING WORKERS

HELPING SELF-EMPLOYED PERSONS (SEPs)

SEP Income Relief Scheme (SIRS)

- More SEPs will qualify for SIRS
 - Enhanced Annual Value of property criterion of \$21,000, up from \$13,000 previously
 - Automatic inclusion for SEPs who also earn a small income from employment work

For more information on **SIRS**, please scan the QR code below



- Eligible SEPs will receive three quarterly cash payouts of \$3,000 each in May, July, and October 2020
- Other criteria remain unchanged





STRENGTHEN SUPPORT FOR FIRMS



SUPPORTING ENTERPRISES

MORE HELP WITH CASH FLOW & CREDIT

Cash Flow & Credit Support for Employers

- Waiver of monthly Foreign Worker Levy (FWL) due in April
 2020 to help firms with cash flow
- FWL rebate of \$750 in April 2020 from levies paid this year, for each Work Permit or S Pass holder
- Laws to ensure property owners pass on Property Tax rebate to tenants
- 1-month rental waiver for office, commercial, and agriculture tenants of Government agencies
- Government's risk share raised from 80% to 90% for EFS-Trade Loan, EFS-SME Working Capital Loan, and Temporary Bridging Loan Programme
 - Applies to loans initiated from 8 April 2020 till 31 March 2021





PROVIDE MORE HELP TO SINGAPOREANS



HELPING SINGAPOREANS

PROVIDING TIMELY SUPPORT

Cash Payments for Singaporeans

- Additional cash payout of \$300 for all Singaporeans aged
 21 and above in 2020
- \$300 from enhanced Care & Support Cash payout will be paid in April 2020¹

¹Enhanced cash amounts of \$300, \$600, or \$900 for all Singaporeans aged 21 and above in 2020

Assessable Income for YA2019 ²	Additional + Enhanced Cash Payments	Total Cash Payment	Payment in April 2020	Payment in June 2020
Not more than \$28k	\$300 + \$900	\$1,200	\$600	\$600
Above \$28k to \$100k	\$300 + \$600	\$900	\$600	\$300
>\$100k or owns more than 1 property	\$300 + \$300	\$600	\$600	





HELPING SINGAPOREANS

PROVIDING TIMELY SUPPORT

Other Payments

Other payments from Resilience Budget will remain, and will be paid out in June 2020

- Cash payout for each Singaporean parent with at least 1 Singaporean child aged 20 and below in 2020 of \$300
- All Singaporeans aged 50 and above in 2020 will receive their \$100 PAssion Card Top-up in cash
- Total of up to \$1,000 in cash for eligible Singaporeans in June 2020



