SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET 2020

OUR RESILIENCE BUDGET
Since Budget 2020, COVID-19 has accelerated into a global pandemic. The global economy has been hit and we are affected.

To meet these challenging times, we have a $48 BILLION RESILIENCE BUDGET to support Singaporeans and businesses and EMERGE STRONGER.
RESILIENT AND DETERMINED

Our Resilience Budget is geared to:

- **Support**
  - our workers and livelihoods

- **Stabilise**
  - our economy and businesses

- **Build**
  - resilience in our society

- **Deploy**
  - our strategic asset

WE WILL WEATHER THIS STORM TOGETHER
SUPPORTING WORKERS
Enhanced Jobs Support Scheme (JSS)

- Government will help employers by paying 25% on the first $4,600 of monthly salaries, up from 8% on the first $3,600 previously.
- JSS will be for 9 months, up from 3 months previously.

Enhanced Wage Credit Scheme (WCS)

- Additional $500m for employees’ wage increases, on top of $600m disbursed in March 2020.

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1 WCS was enhanced in Budget 2020. The March 2020 payout was based on Budget 2019 parameters. A further WCS payout in June 2020 will comprise additional wage credits arising from Budget 2020 enhancements.
SEP Income Relief Scheme (SIRS)
- Eligible Singaporean SEPs will receive $1,000 a month for 9 months

SEP Training Support Scheme
- Extended till end-2020 and set aside $48m for the scheme
- Enhanced training allowance rate of $10 per hour
- Sustained support for 200,000 eligible SEPs to make use of downtime to train and upskill

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

CREATING JOB OPPORTUNITIES

SGUnited Traineeships

- Co-fund wage costs of companies offering traineeships to first-time jobseekers
- Support up to 8,000 traineeships in 2020 across both large and small enterprises

SGUnited Jobs Initiative

- Initiative to create about 10,000 jobs over the next one year
COVID-19 Support Grant

- Cash grant of **$800 a month for 3 months** for lower- and middle-income Singaporeans who lose their jobs due to COVID-19
- Grant will tide them over while they find new jobs or go for training
- Those who need immediate assistance in April 2020 can apply for the **Temporary Relief Fund**

Enhanced Workfare Special Payment

- Cash payment of **$3,000** for Singaporeans who received Workfare payments in 2019\(^1\)

\(^1\) Original payout was an additional 20% of Workfare payments based on work done in 2019, with a minimum payment of $100
SUPPORTING HOUSEHOLDS
HELPING FAMILIES WITH DAILY EXPENSES

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR HOUSEHOLDS

Care & Support — Cash & PAssion Card Top-up

- **Enhanced cash payout** for all Singaporeans aged 21 and above in 2020 of $300, $600, or $900\(^1\)

- **Additional cash payout** for each Singaporean parent with at least 1 Singaporean child aged 20 and below in 2020 **tripled** from $100 to $300

- All Singaporeans aged 50 and above in 2020 will receive **$100 in cash** instead of PAssion Card Top-up

\(^1\)Original cash payout announced was $100, $200, or $300.
HELPING NEEDY SINGAPOREANS

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Enhanced Grocery Vouchers

- **Triple** current voucher in 2020 to $300 for Singaporeans aged 21 and above living in 1- or 2-room HDB flats
- $100 Grocery Voucher for 2021
- Total of $400 in 2020 and 2021
ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR HOUSEHOLDS

GREATER FLEXIBILITY ON FEES & LOANS

No Increase in Government Fees & Charges
- **No increase** in government fees and charges for **1 year**, from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

Student Loan Repayment Relief
- **1-year suspension** of loan repayments and interest charges for Government student loan schemes

Suspend Late Mortgage Payment Charges
- All late payment charges on **HDB mortgage arrears** will be suspended for **3 months**
STRENGTHENING SUPPORT NETWORKS

MORE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY

More Community Help for Vulnerable Households

- **Self-Help Groups** to receive grants of $20m over two years to enhance support for the community
- **Community Development Councils** to receive $75m to address local needs

**NTUC Care Fund (COVID-19)**

- $25m in joint funding from NTUC, unions, and the Government to help workers and SEPs
- **One-off relief of up to $300** to low- to middle-income union members
STABILISING BUSINESSES
Deferment of Income Tax Payments

- **Automatically defer income tax payments for 3 months**, for companies and self-employed persons (SEPs)
  - **Companies**: deferment of payments due in April to June 2020
  - **SEPs**: deferment of payments due in May to July 2020

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STABILISING BUSINESSES

HELPING WITH CASH FLOW & COSTS

Enhanced Property Tax Rebate for 2020

- **100% rebate** for qualifying commercial properties
- **60% rebate** for the Integrated Resorts
- **30% rebate** for other non-residential properties

*Includes hotels, serviced apartments, tourist attractions, shops, and restaurants.*

Enhanced Rental Waivers

- **3 months’ rental waiver** for hawkers
- **Up to 2 months’ rental waiver** for commercial and other non-residential tenants in government properties
STABILISING BUSINESSES

HELPING WITH CREDIT

Enterprise Financing Scheme (EFS)
- Maximum loan quantum of EFS-Trade Loan increased from $5m to $10m and Government’s risk-share raised to 80%
- Maximum loan quantum of EFS-SME Working Capital Loan increased from $0.6m to $1m

Loan Insurance Scheme
- Subsidy for loan insurance premium raised to 80%

Temporary Bridging Loan Programme
- Expanded to cover all sectors and maximum supported loan raised from $1m to $5m
STABILISING BUSINESSES

SECTOR-BASED SUPPORT

Aviation Sector

- Enhanced Jobs Support Scheme for airlines, airport ground handlers, and airport operator with 75% wage offset, on the first $4,600 of monthly salaries for local workers
- $350m to provide cost relief for the sector and maintain a minimum level of connectivity

Tourism Sector

- Enhanced Jobs Support Scheme for hotels, travel agents, tourist attractions, cruise operators, and MICE venue operators with 75% wage offset, on the first $4,600 of monthly salaries for local workers
- $90m for tourism recovery
STABILISING BUSINESSES

SECTOR-BASED SUPPORT

Land Transport Sector

- Enhanced Point-to-Point Support Package
  - Special Relief Fund payments of $300 per vehicle per month extended till September 2020

- Private Bus Owners
  - 1-year road tax rebate and 6-month waiver of season parking charges at government-owned parking facilities
Arts & Culture Sector

$55m support package to:

- Provide additional support to major companies and leading arts groups
- Enhance the National Arts Council (NAC)'s Capability Development Scheme for the Arts, to deepen skills and support professional development
- Step up digitalisation efforts
BUILDING RESILIENCE

STRENGTHENING FOOD SECURITY

A Robust, Multi-pronged Strategy

- Build up national stockpile of essential health supplies
- Combination of local production, stockpiling, and diversification of import sources
- Increase buffer stocks of essential food commodities
- “30 by 30” vision to grow enough food in Singapore to meet 30% of our nutritional needs by 2030
Enhanced Support for Enterprises

- SMEs Go Digital enhanced to include more digital solutions for business continuity
- Up to 90% and 80% support under Enterprise Development Grant (EDG) and Productivity Solutions Grant (PSG), respectively

Enhanced Training Support

- Higher course fee subsidies of 90% and up to $10 hourly absentee payroll
- Extended to companies in Land Transport, and Arts and Culture sectors till June 2020¹

¹ In addition to the aviation, tourism, food services, and retail trade sectors till June 2020.
KEEPING OUR SOCIETY GOING

Broader Range of Safe Distancing Measures

- Help for employers and households implementing mandatory public health measures

Stepping Up Good Public Hygiene

- Boost **SG Clean** campaign to encourage higher levels of personal and public hygiene
- **Co-funding** for businesses undertaking professional cleaning of premises with a confirmed COVID-19 case

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DEPLOY OUR STRATEGIC ASSET
The Elected President & Our Past Reserves

- Our reserves are our strategic asset. They serve as our bulwark against extraordinary shocks and crises.

- The Elected President is the custodian of our Past Reserves.
  
  - In the Global Financial Crisis of 2008/9, President S.R. Nathan approved a draw of $4.9b for the first time.

- The COVID-19 pandemic is a crisis of exceptional nature — the kind for which we have accumulated Past Reserves.
DEPLOY OUR STRATEGIC ASSET

OUR BULWARK AGAINST CRISES

Funding Extraordinary Measures for COVID-19

- The President has given in-principle support to draw on Past Reserves to combat COVID-19
  - Job Support Scheme, Self-Employed Person Income Relief Scheme, Temporary Bridging Loan Programme, Enterprise Financing Scheme, Aviation Support Package
- If needed, the Government is prepared to ask the President for a further draw on Past Reserves

BECAUSE WE HAVE PREPARED WELL
WE HAVE THE RESOURCES
TO MEET THIS CRISIS WITH CONFIDENCE