ANNEX B-2: COVID-19 SUPPORT GRANT

The Government will introduce a new COVID-19 Support Grant to support individuals who have lost their jobs as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. The grant provides financial assistance while these individuals find a new job or attend training.

Successful applicants will receive a monthly cash grant of $800, for three months.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The scheme eligibility criteria are as follows:

- Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents, aged 16 years and above, who are presently unemployed due to retrenchment or contract termination as a result of the economic impact of the COVID-19 situation, and meet all of the following:

  o Had a monthly household income of not more than $10,000, or per capita household income not more than $3,100 per month prior to unemployment;

  o Lives in a property with an annual value of not more than $21,000; and

  o Not currently receiving ComCare Short-to-Medium Term Assistance (SMTA) or ComCare Interim Assistance.

- The applicant must have been employed as a full-time, or part-time permanent, or contract staff prior to unemployment.¹

- Recipients of the support grant must agree and undertake to actively participate in job search, or attend a training programme under Workforce Singapore or the Employment and Employability Institute (e2i).

MORE INFORMATION

The scheme will be open for application from May 2020 to September 2020. Individuals who are eligible may submit their application at their nearest SSO, or as otherwise advised based on the latest MOH advisories. You may locate your nearest SSO at www.msf.gov.sg/dfcs/sso/default.aspx.

For the month of April 2020, those who require more immediate financial assistance may approach a Social Service Office (SSO) or Community Centre (CC), or as otherwise advised based on the latest MOH advisories, to apply for assistance from the Temporary Relief Fund.

¹ Internships and self-employment are not considered.