

OUR RESILIENCE BUDGET



COMBATING COVID-19

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





SAVING JOBS, SUPPORTING WAGES

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

JSS will support 1.9m local employees

Enhanced Wage Credit Scheme (WCS)

 Additional \$500m for employees' wage increases, on top of \$600m disbursed in March 2020¹

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.





HELPING SELF-EMPLOYED PERSONS (SEPs)

SEP Income Relief Scheme (SIRS)

Eligible Singaporean SEPs will receive \$1,000
 a month for 9 months

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



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





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





HELPING WORKERS WITH LESS MEANS

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 2019¹

¹ Original payout was an additional 20% of Workfare payments based on work done in 2019, with a minimum payment of \$100





SUPPORTING HOUSEHOLDS



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR HOUSEHOLDS

HELPING FAMILIES WITH DAILY EXPENSES

Care & Support — Cash & PAssion Card Top-up

- Enhanced cash payout for all Singaporeans aged 21 and above in 2020 of \$300, \$600, or \$900¹
- 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

¹Original cash payout announced was \$100, \$200, or \$300.





ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR HOUSEHOLDS

HELPING NEEDY SINGAPOREANS

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• Cash payment of \$3,000 for Singaporeans who received Workfare payments in 2019¹

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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





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







HELPING WITH CASH FLOW & COSTS

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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HELPING WITH CASH FLOW & COSTS

Enhanced Property Tax Rebate for 2020

- 100% rebate for qualifying commercial properties¹
- 60% rebate for the Integrated Resorts
- 30% rebate for other non-residential properties

¹Includes 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





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





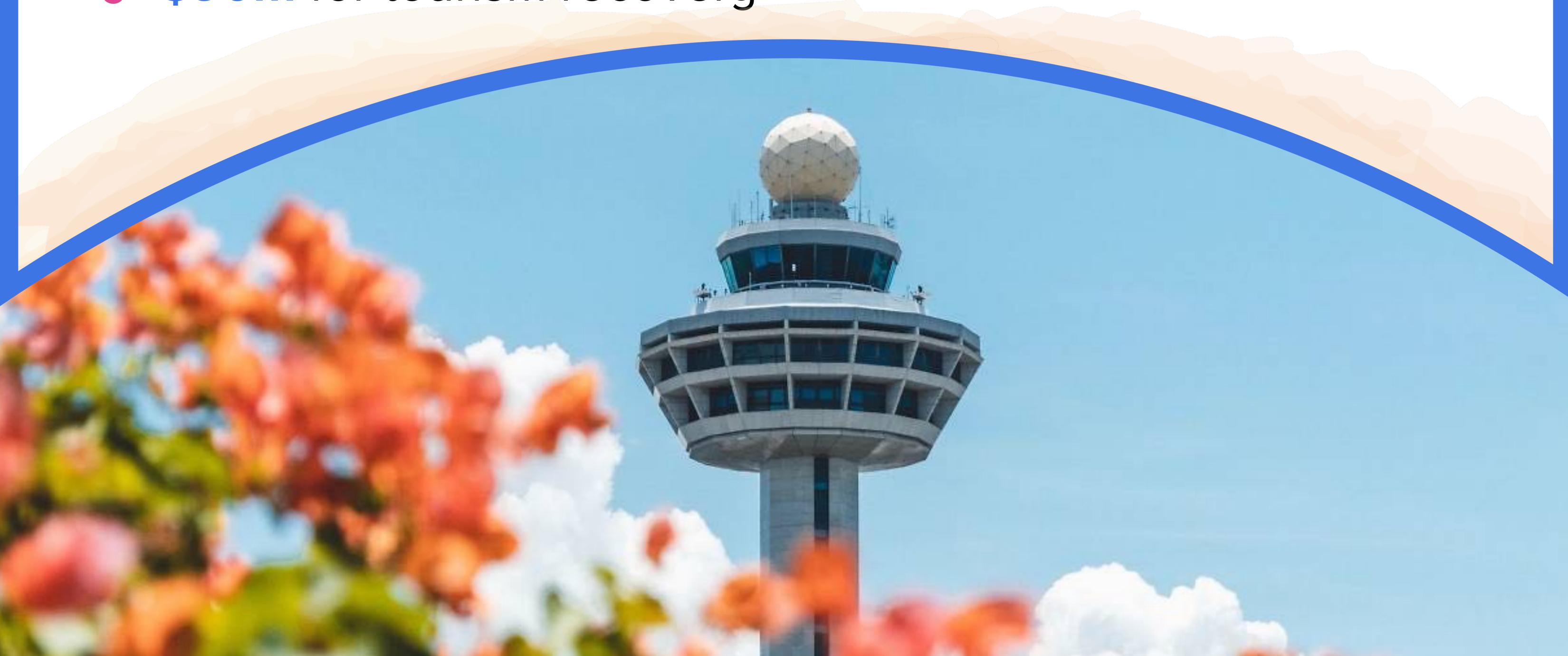
SECTOR-BASED SUPPORT

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





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





SECTOR-BASED SUPPORT

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



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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





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DEEPENING CAPABILITIES

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.





BUILDING RESILIENCE

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





DEPLOY OUR STRATEGIC ASSET



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THE TWO-KEY SYSTEM

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



