

ENHANCED SUPPORT MEASURES FOR RESILIENCE AND SOLIDARITY

SAVING JOBS, SUPPORTING WORKERS, PROTECTING LIVELIHOODS

IMPACT OF COVID-19

Outlook

- COVID-19 has spread exponentially worldwide
- Growing number of locally transmitted cases
- Elevated safe distancing measures are necessary to pre-empt escalating infections
- Impact on businesses, workers and households will be severe



Resilience and Solidarity Budgets

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

- ❖ Tide over this period of elevated safe distancing
- Save jobs, support workers, protect livelihoods
- 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

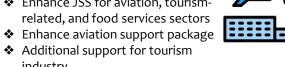
SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

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

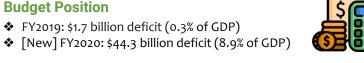
- ❖ Additional enhancements for Apr 2020
- Enhance JSS for aviation, tourismrelated, and food services sectors
- industry
- Extend and enhance Point-to-Point Support Package
- Road tax rebate and waiver of season parking charges for private bus owners
- Arts and Culture Support Package







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FISCAL IMPACT



