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# Enterprise Support Package

B Market Readiness Assistant Grant



Double Taxation Deduction for Internationalisation



**Enterprise Financing Scheme** 

Merger & Acquisition Scheme

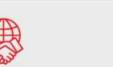
# Enhanced Cap for Market Readiness Assistance Grant ["MRA"]



- Enhanced grant cap of \$100,000 per new market
- Extended till 31 March 2026.



MRA supports companies in their overseas expansion by covering up to 50% of costs for activities across 3 pillars (capped at S\$100,000 per new market^)



**OVERSEAS BUSINESS** 

#### OVERSEAS MARKET SET-UP

(capped at \$\$30,000)



Apply for overseas incorporation, IP protection, trade credit insurance, etc.

#### FTA & Trade Compliance Consultancy

Seek consultancy services on Free Trade Agreements and trade compliances

#### **PILLARS**

**ACTIVITIES** 

#### OVERSEAS MARKET PROMOTION

(capped at \$\$20,000)

#### Overseas Marketing & PR

Conduct a marketing/PR campaign to promote products & services

#### Overseas Physical & Virtual Trade Fair

Participate in overseas trade fairs

#### Identification of Potential Overseas Partners

DEVELOPMENT

(capped at S\$50,000)

Identify franchisees, distributors, JV partners, logistic partners, etc.

#### In-market Business Development

Engage business development services overseas

#### Overseas Marketing Presence

Deploy an employee overseas to conduct business development



^ A new market is defined as one where the company's annual overseas sales have not exceeded \$\$100,000 in any of the previous three years.

Source: Enterprise Singapore

# Double Taxation Deduction for Internationalisation Scheme ["DTDi"]



- Scheme supposed to end on 31 December 2025
- Extended till 31 December 2030.

# Double Taxation Deduction for Internationalisation MediNe Scheme ["DTDi"]



Overseas market development trips/missions\*



Overseas investment study trips/ missions\*



Overseas trade fairs



Local trade fairs\*



Virtual trade fairs\*



Product/Service certification



Overseas advertising and promotional campaign



Design of packaging for overseas markets



Advertising in approved local trade publication

Company should declare and include your DTDi expenses when filing annual income tax return to IRAS

- # Company has to apply to ESG for certain qualifying expenses under overseas market development trips/missions and investment study trips/missions
- \* Local trade fairs must be approved by ESG or STB
- + Virtual trade fairs must be approved by ESG

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Source: Enterprise

Singapore

# Double Taxation Deduction for Internationalisation Scheme ["DTDi"]



| S\$100,000  | S\$100,000                               |
|-------------|--|
| (S\$10,000) | (S\$20,000)                              |
| (S\$20,000) | (S\$20,000)                              |
| S\$70,000   | S\$60,000                                |
| S\$11,900   | S\$10,200                                |
| N.A.        | \$1,700                                  |
|             | (\$\$20,000)<br>\$\$70,000<br>\$\$11,900 |

Source: Enterprise Singapore

# Enhancements to Enterprise Financing Scheme ["EFS"]



Two enhancements to the EFS:

- Max. trade loan of \$10m permanently enhanced.
- Mergers and Acquisitions Loan will be extended 31 March 2030.

# Mergers and Acquisition Scheme ["M&A"]



#### Tax benefits:

- M&A Allowance of 25% (purchase consideration) of up to \$40m (written down over 5 years) of the value of all qualifying acquisitions per Year of Assessment
- 200% tax deduction on transaction costs (e.g. legal fees, accounting or tax advisory fees, valuation fees and others) capped at \$100,000 per YA
- Scheme will be extended 31 December 2030.

### SkillsFuture Enterprise Credit (SFEC)



One-off credit of up to \$10,000 to cover up to 90% for supportable enterprise transformation programmes and this credit is extended to 30 June 2025.

**Examples of SFEC funded programmes:** 

# Enterprise Development Grant (EDG)

- Human Resource
- Marketing & Branding
- Financial Management
- Etc.,

### Productivity Solutions Grant (PSG)

- Digitalization solutions
- Online leave system
- Time clock system
- Etc.,

#### **WSQ Courses**

- Service Training
- Performance Management
- Healthcare Assistant Training
- Etc.,

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# Workforce Policies

SkillsFuture Level-Up Programme

Workfare Skill Support

Senior Employment Credit & Others

Enhanced Progressive Wage Credit Scheme

Increase in Senior Worker's CPF rate



SkillsFuture support (Budget 2024):

- Support for subsidized Full-Time Diploma
- SkillsFuture Mid-Career Training Allowance



Support for subsidized Full-Time Diploma (from Academic Year 2025)

- Mid-Career Enhanced Subsidy for full-time diploma at Polytechnics, ITE and Arts Institutes
- Singaporean aged 40 and above



#### SkillsFuture Mid-Career Training Allowance (From Year 2025 onwards)

- Training allowance of 50% of individual's average income over the latest available 12-month period, capped at \$3,000 per month.
- Individual can receive up to 24 months of training allowance over his lifetime
- Singaporean aged 40 and above
- Undertake full-time long-form training
- To partially offset the income loss from taking time off from work



SkillsFuture Mid-Career Training Allowance — Part-time Training (Budget 2025)

- Selected part-time long-form training programmes
- Fixed allowance of \$300 per month up to 24 months

### Workfare Skills Support ("WSS")



Provide monthly training allowances for lower wage workers aged 30 and above Pursuing long-form full-time or part-time training

Replace current hourly training allowance of \$6 per hour (capped at 180 hours)

|   | New Allowances                                    |
|---|---|
| Monthly Training Allowance for selected part-time courses | \$300 per month                                   |
| Monthly Training Allowance for selected full-time courses | 50% of average income over latest 12-month period |



Co-funding of wage increases for low-wage workers between 2022 to 2026.

Gross monthly wage of up to \$3,000

Average gross monthly wage increase must be at least \$100

Co-fund wage increases for two years



Businesses will <u>automatically</u> qualify if you give wage increases to resident employees who:

- 1. Received CPF contributions from a single employer for at least 3 calendar months in the preceding year,
- 2. Have been on the firm's payroll for at least 3 calendar months in the qualifying year.

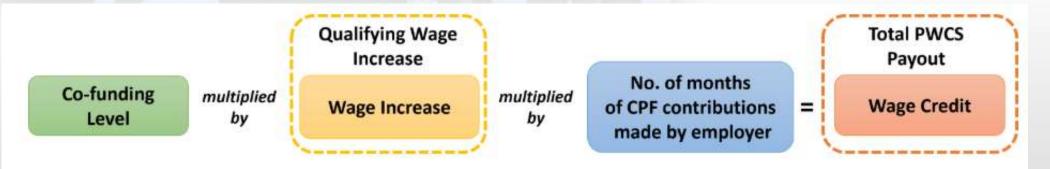
Wages paid to business owners i.e. sole proprietors of sole proprietorships, or partners of a partnership, or both a shareholder and director of a company, will <u>not</u> be eligible for PWCS.



|                    |                  | Current                                   |   | Enha                                    | nced  |
|--------------------|------------------|---|---|---|---|
|                    |                  | First Tier                                | Second Tier   | First Tier                              | Second Tier   |
| Qualifying<br>Year | Payout<br>Period | Gross Monthly Wage<br>Ceiling ≤ \$2,500   | Gross Monthly Wage Ceiling $>$ \$2,500 and $\leq$ \$3,000 | Gross Monthly Wage<br>Ceiling ≤ \$2,500 | Gross Monthly Wage Ceiling $>$ \$2,500 and $\leq$ \$3,000 |
| 2024               | Q1 2025          | 30%                                       | 15%   | 50%                                     | 30%   |
|                    |                  | Gross Monthly Wage Ceiling $\leq$ \$2,500 |   | Gross Monthly Wag                       | e Ceiling ≤ <b>\$3,000</b>                                |
| 2025               | Q1 2026          | 30%                                       |   | 40                                      | )%  |
| 2026               | Q1 2027          | 15%<br>COPYRIGHT 2025 © MEDINEX LIMITED   |   | 20                                      | )%  |



#### **Computation of PWCS**



Gross Monthly Wage = Total wages (basic salary and additional wages such as overtime pay and bonuses, but excluding employer CPF contributions) paid by the employer to the employee in a calendar year / Number of months in which CPF contributions were made.

Source: IRAS website

## Employee who earned \$2,000 per month in 2024, and experiences average gross monthly wage increase of \$100 in January of each year



|                            | 2025                                | 2026  |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Average Gross Monthly Wage | \$2,000                             | \$2,200   |
| PWCS Co-Funding Level      | 40%                                 | 20%   |
| Wage Increase              | \$200<br>(2025 = \$2,000 - \$2,200) | \$200 $(2026 = $2,200 - $2,400) + 40$ $(2025 = $2,000 - $2,200) + 40$ |
| PWC Co-Funding (monthly)   | \$80                                | \$80 (40 + 40)  |
| Total Annual PWC payout    | \$960                               | \$960   |



The new employee was working for another company in 2024 for a salary of \$2,500.

New employee joined the Company in Jan 2025 at a salary of \$2,800.

The difference of \$300 will qualify for PWCS

### **Senior Employment Credit**

Singaporean workers aged 60 and above Salary \$4,000 and below SEC extended to 31 December 2026



| Wage support in 2025 |              | Wage support in 2026 |              |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Age                  | Wage Support | Age                  | Wage Support |
| 60 to 64             | Up to 2%     | 60 to 64             | Up to 2%     |
| 65 to 67             | Up to 4%     | 65 to 68             | Up to 4%     |
| 68 and above         | Up to 7%     | 69 and above         | Up to 7%     |

### **Uplifting Employment Credit**



Wage offset of up to 20% for employing local ex-offenders

Wage support for 1st 9 months of employment capped at \$600 per month

Earning \$4,000 or lower

Extended to 31 December 2028

### **Enabling Employment Credit**

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Hiring local employees with disabilities aged 13 and above

Earning \$4,000 or lower

#### **Extended to 31 December 2028**

|   | Wage support from 2026 to 2028                         |
|---|--|
| Permanent wage offset   | Up to 20% of wages, capped at \$400/month              |
| Addition time-limited wage offset for persons with disabilities who have not been in work for at least 6 months | Up to 20% of wages for 9 months, capped at \$400/month |

#### **CPF Contribution for Senior Workers**

#### **CPF** contribution rates from 1 Jan 2025 onwards



| CPF Contribution Rates |       | CPF Transition |          |        |
|------------------------|-------|----------------|----------|--------|
| Age Band               | Total | Employer       | Employee | Offset |
| ≤ 55                   |       | No Change      |          |        |
| > 55 to 60             | 32.5% | 15.5%          | 17.00%   | 0.25%  |
| > 60 to 65             | 23.5% | 12.0%          | 11.50%   | 0. 25% |
| > 65 to 70             | 16.5% | 9.0%           | 7.50%    |        |
| > 70                   | 12.5% | 7.50%          | 5.00%    |        |

#### **CPF Contribution for Senior Workers**

#### **CPF** contribution rates from 1 Jan 2026 onwards



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|-------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------|
| Age Band    | Total                  | Employer          | Employee         | Offset |
| ≤ 55        |                        | No Change         |                  |        |
| > 55 to 60  | 34.0%<br>(+1.50%)      | 16.0%<br>(+0.50%) | 18.0%<br>+(1.0%) | 0.25%  |
| > 60 to 65  | 25.0%<br>(+1.50%)      | 12.5%<br>(+0.50%) | 12.5%<br>+(1.0%) | 0. 25% |
| > 65 to 70  | 16.5%                  | 9.0%              | 7.5%             |        |
| > 70        | 12.5%                  | 7.5%              | 5.0%             |        |





# Corporate Income Tax

Corporate tax rebate & cash grant

### Corporate Income Tax ["CIT"] Cash Grant



Cash payout of \$2,000 for YA2025
Payout in Q2 2025

#### Criteria:

• At least one local employee in 2024 made CPF contribution. Exclude shareholder who is also the company's director in calendar year 2024.

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CIT Rebate of 50% for YA2025

CIT rebate and cash grant cap at \$40,000

Cash Grant is included as part of the CIT Rebate

| If company meets local employee condition | and |
|---|-----|
| receives CIT Rebate Cash Grant of \$2,000 |     |

If company does not meet local employee condition and does not receive CIT Rebate Cash Grant of \$2,000

If CIT Rebate  $\leq$  \$2,000, no CIT Rebate to be given. If CIT Rebate > \$2,000, CIT Rebate (capped at \$40,000) less \$2,000 to be given.

If CIT Rebate > \$0, CIT Rebate (capped at \$40,000) to be given.

Source: IRAS website



Company with tax rebate more than cash grant of \$2,000

|                              | Computation of rebate & cash grant | Tax computation |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Tax payable                  |                                    | \$30,000        |
| Less: CIT Cash Grant         | \$2,000                            | (\$2,000)       |
| Tax rebate (50% of \$30,000) | \$15,000*                          | (\$13,000)      |
|                              |                                    | \$15,000        |
| Net tax payable              |                                    | \$15,000        |

Company with tax rebate less than cash grant of \$2,000



|                                   | Computation of rebate & cash grant | Tax computation |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Tax payable                       |                                    | \$3,000         |
| Less: Tax rebate (50% of \$3,000) | \$1,500*                           | Nil             |
| Net tax payable                   |                                    | \$3,000         |

| Tax payable          | \$3,000   |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Less: CIT Cash Grant | (\$2,000) |
| Net tax payable      | \$1,000   |

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|   | Computation of rebate & cash grant | Tax computation |
| Chargeable Income                           |                                    | 573,000         |
| Less: Partial Tax Exemption                 |                                    | (102,500)       |
|   |                                    | 470,500         |
|   |                                    |                 |
| Tax payable (17% x \$470,500)               |                                    | \$79,985        |
| Less: CIT Cash Grant                        | \$2,000                            | (\$2,000)       |
| Tax rebate (50% of \$79,992.50)             | \$39,992.50*                       | (\$38,000)      |
|   |                                    | (\$40,000)      |
| Net tax payable (effective tax rate: 6.98%) |                                    | \$39,985        |



# Personal Income Tax

### Personal income tax rebate

Raise dependent's or caregiver's income threshold

Lapse of course fees relief/FDWR

Remove CPF Top-up Relief

# Personal Income Tax ["PIT"] Rebate

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CIT rebate of 60% for YA2025

CIT rebate and cash grant cap at \$200

|                                   | Computation of tax rebate | Tax<br>Computation |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Tax payable                       |                           | \$2,000            |
| Less: Tax rebate (60% of \$2,000) | \$1,200*                  | \$200              |
| Net tax payable                   |                           | \$1,800            |

# Fixed Dollar Amount for Working Mother's Child Relief (WMCR)



Qualifying Child born or adopted on or after 1 January 2024

**Effective YA2025** 

| Child Order                | Child born or adopted before 1 Jan 2024 | Child born or adopted on or after 1 Jan 2024 |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| lst                        | 15% of mother's earned income           | \$8,000                                      |
| 2nd                        | 20% of mother's earned income           | \$10,000                                     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> and beyond | 25% of mother's earned income           | \$12,000                                     |

# Fixed Dollar Amount for Working Mother's Child Relief (WMCR)

Mother's earning income: \$100,000



Before change, 3<sup>rd</sup> Child could have claim relief of \$25,000

| Child Order                | Child born or adopted before 1 Jan 2024 | Child born or adopted on or after 1 Jan 2024 |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| 1 st                       | \$15,000                                |  |
| 2nd                        | \$20,000                                |  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> and beyond | (\$25,000)                              | \$12,000                                     |

# Raise Dependant's / Caregiver's Income Threshold



#### **Current**

Annual income threshold of dependant's /caregiver's income cannot exceed \$4,000 in the preceding year

Applicable to Spouse Relief, Parent Relief, Qualifying Child Relief, Working Mother's Child Relief, CPF Cash Top-up Relief (spouse or siblings) and Grandparent Caregiver Relief

#### <u>New</u>

Caregiver can carry on any trade, business, profession, vocation or/ and employment not exceeding \$8,000 a year.

Take effect from YA2025.

### Foreign Domestic Worker Levy Relief



- Claim twice the FDWL paid

Lapse (i.e. discontinued)

- Lapse from YA2025

### **Lapse Course Fees Relief**



- Maximum tax relief of \$5,500
- Relevant to present or future trade, business, profession, vocation or employment
- Lead to an approved academic, professional or vocational qualification

#### Lapse (i.e. discontinued)

- Lapse from YA2026

### Remove CPF Cash top-up Relief



- Remove the CPF cash top-up that attracts matching grant from the Government under the Matched Retirement Savings Scheme ["MRSS"]
- CPF cash top-up for non MRSS type continue to enjoy \$8,000 tax relief (self and loved ones)

#### Lapse (i.e. discontinued)

- Lapse from YA2026

### Remove CPF Cash top-up Relief



- Remove the CPF cash top-up for Medisave Accounts that attracts matching grant from the Government under the Matched MediSave Scheme ["MRSS"]
- CPF cash top-up for non MRSS type continue to enjoy \$8,000 tax relief (self and loved ones)

#### Lapse (i.e. discontinued)

- Lapse from YA2027 (i.e top up in Year 2026)

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