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Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Heng Swee Keat announced on 17 August continued support for Singaporean workers and jobs as a result of the ongoing fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic. The main takeaway for businesses was the extension to the Jobs Support Scheme (JSS), originally announced in the February Resilience Budget and enhanced in subsequent budgets.

The JSS has been extended by up to 7 months covering wages from September 2020 to March 2021. The level of support reflects the government's objective to provide most support to the most severely affected sectors whilst providing continued support across the board. The previous level of support provided under the JSS drew heavily on Singapore's reserves and risks trapping workers in unviable businesses, and therefore DPM Heng announced a reduction in the level of support across the board as shown by the table below.

| Tier    | Extended JSS Support (Sep 2020 - Mar 2021 wages)                 |
|---------|--|
| Tier 1  | 50%  |
| Tier 2  | 30%  |
| Tier 3A | 10%  |
| Tier 3  |  |
| Tier 3B | 10% only for Sep - Dec 2020 wages<br>0% for Jan - Mar 2021 wages |



| JSS support | Sector                  | Subsector  | Qualifying Criteria  |
|-------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Tier 1      | Aviation and aero Space | Aviation   | <p>This consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airlines</li> <li>• Airport ground handlers</li> <li>• Airport operators</li> </ul>  |
|             |                         | Aerospace maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) operators                | <p>This consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Derive more than two-thirds of their revenue from aerospace MRO; <b>and</b></li> <li>• Have one of the following accreditations or regulatory approvals: (i) Singapore Airworthiness Requirements Part 145 (SAR145) or SAR21 from the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) (or equivalent from Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)/ European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)); or (ii) National Aerospace and Defense Contractors Accreditation Program (Nadcap); <b>and</b></li> <li>• Be classified under SSIC 30302.</li> </ul>   |
|             |                         | Aerospace manufacturing operators  | <p>They must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Derive more than two-thirds of their revenue from aerospace manufacturing; <b>and</b></li> <li>• <b>Either:</b> be a manufacturing facility of aerospace original equipment manufacturers (OEMs); <b>or</b> have certificates of approved supplier status from aerospace companies; <b>or</b> have the following accreditations or regulatory approvals: (i) SAR145 or SAR21 from CAAS (or equivalent from FAA/EASA); or (ii) Nadcap; <b>and</b></li> <li>• Be classified under SSIC 30301.</li> </ul>  |
|             |                         | Major suppliers of parts and services for aerospace MROs and manufacturers | <p>They must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carry out one or more of these activities: (a) machining and assembly; (b) tooling; (c) secondary processes; (d) engineering; (e) repair; (f) customised kitting; and (g) inventory management on behalf of aerospace companies and airlines; <b>and</b></li> <li>• Derive more than two-thirds of their revenue from aerospace companies and airlines; <b>and</b></li> <li>• <b>Either:</b> have certificates of approved supplier status from aerospace companies; <b>or</b> have the following accreditations or regulatory approvals: (i) SAR145 or SAR21 from CAAS (or equivalent from FAA/EASA); or (ii) Nadcap.</li> </ul> |
|             |                         | Airline fleet management services operators                                | <p>They must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Derive more than two-thirds of their revenue from aerospace companies, airlines and fleet owners; <b>and</b></li> <li>• Have the following regulatory approvals: (i) SAR145 or SAR21 from CAAS (or equivalent from FAA/EASA); or (ii) Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization (CAMO) from EASA (or equivalent).</li> </ul>   |
|             |                         | Operators providing training for pilots and crews                          | <p>They must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a CAAS-approved Type Rating Training Organisation (or equivalent from FAA/EASA); <b>and</b></li> <li>• Derive more than two-thirds of their revenue from airlines.</li> </ul>  |

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| Tier 1   | Tourism, Hospitality, Conventions and Exhibitions | Qualifying licensed hotels   | They must be a licensed hotel classified under SSIC 551.   |
|  |   | Qualifying licensed travel agents  | They must have more than two-thirds of their revenue from their travel agency business, based on the Annual Business Profile Returns submitted to the Singapore Tourism Board (STB) in 2018.   |
|  |   | Qualifying gated tourist attractions                                     | They must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have more than 30% visitorship from tourists, <b>and</b></li> <li>• Be classified under SSICs 91021, 91022, 91029, 91030, 93201, or 93209.</li> </ul>  |
|  |   | Cruise   | They must be a cruise line or cruise terminal operator.  |
|  |   | Meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions venue operators (MICE) | They must be purpose-built MICE venue operators.   |
|  |   | MICE and tourism event organisers  | They must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be impacted by the deferment/cancellation/loss of sales of at least one MICE/leisure event with at least 20% foreign attendees (residing outside Singapore) and originally scheduled in Singapore between 1 Feb 2020 to 31 Dec 2020; and</li> <li>• Derive more than two-thirds of their revenue from MICE/leisure events with at least 20% foreign attendees (residing outside Singapore); and</li> <li>• Be classified under SSICs 82301, 82302 or 82303.</li> </ul> |
|  |   | Money changers   | They must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be licensed by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) as either “money-changing licensee” or “major payment institution licensee”; and</li> <li>• Derive more than two-thirds of their revenue from money-changing services.</li> </ul>   |
|  |   | Regional ferry operators   | They must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be licensed by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) as a Regional Ferry Services Operator; and</li> <li>• Be classified under SSIC 50013.</li> </ul>   |
|  |   | Central refund agencies  | They must be central refund agencies certified by the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (IRAS).  |
| Tier 1 (only for June 2020 to October 2020 wages); Tier 2 thereafter | Built Environment                                 | Built Environment contractors  | They must be classified under SSICs 41, 42, or 43.   |
|  |   | Built Environment consultants  | They must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be registered with the Public Sector Panel of Consultants; or</li> <li>• Be classified under SSICs 71111, 71113, 71121, or 71125.</li> </ul>   |

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| Tier 2      | Food Services          | Licensed food shops and food stalls (including hawker stalls) | They must be classified under SSICs 56, or 68104. Licensees registered as individuals will also be included if they make mandatory CPF contributions for their employees.  |
|             | Retail                 | Qualifying retail outlets                                     | They must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have physical storefronts; <b>and</b></li> <li>Be classified under SSICs 47191, 47199, 474, 475, 476, 4771, 47721, 4773, 4774, 47752, 47759, 47761, 47769, 4777, 47802, or 4799.</li> </ul>  |
|             | Arts and Entertainment | Cinema operators  | They must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold a valid Film Exhibition licence from the Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA); <b>and</b></li> <li>Be classified under SSIC 5914.</li> </ul>   |
|             |                        | Film distributors   | They must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have transacted with IMDA to classify films for exhibition in cinemas between 1 Apr 2019 to 31 Mar 2020; <b>and</b></li> <li>Be classified under SSICs 59131 or 59139.</li> </ul>  |
|             |                        | Arts and Culture organisations                                | They must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet at least one of the conditions of being a: (i) participant in a project, activity, programme or festival supported by the National Arts Council (NAC) or National Heritage Board (NHB) between 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2020; (ii) Museum Roundtable member before 31 March 2020; or (iii) accredited Arts Education Programme (AEP) provider listed in the 2019-2021 NAC-AEP Directory; <b>and</b></li> <li>Be classified under SSICs 85420, 90001, 90002, 90003, 90004, 90009, 91021, 91022, or 91029.</li> </ul> |
|             | Land Transport         | Rail operators  | They must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold a Land Transport Authority (LTA) New Rail Financing Framework licence; <b>and</b></li> <li>Not receive service payments from the Government for the operation of rail services; <b>and</b></li> <li>Derive more than two-thirds of their revenue from rail-related activities.</li> </ul>   |
|             |                        | Point-to-Point (P2P) transport operators                      | They must hold an LTA taxi service operator licence; or an LTA third-party taxi booking service operator licence.  |
|             |                        | Private bus and limousine operators                           | They must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have "P" plate buses or sedans/multi-purpose vehicles (MPVs) registered as Z10, Z11, R10, R11 vehicles; and</li> <li>Be classified under SSICs 49212, 49219, 77101, or 52299.</li> </ul>   |

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|   | Marine and Offshore                                 | Marine and Offshore                       | <p>They must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Derive more than two-thirds of their revenue from the following activities: (i) manufacture and repair of oil rigs; (ii) building of ships, tankers and other ocean-going vessels (including conversion of ships into off-shore structures); (iii) repair of ships, tankers and other ocean-going vessels; (iv) manufacture and repair of marine engine and ship parts; and/or (v) manufacture and repair of oilfield and gas field machinery and equipment components (e.g. derricks, tool joints, process modules and packages); and</li> <li>Be classified under SSICs 30110, 28112, 28241, or 28242.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Tier 3B: Sectors that are managing well (JSS support until December 2020 wages, discontinued thereafter)</b> | Biomedical Sciences                                 | Biomedical Sciences                       | They must be classified under SSICs 21011, 21012, 21013, 2102, 2103, 266, 325, 46461, 46592, 72101, 72107, or 72109.   |
|   | Precision Engineering                               | Precision Engineering                     | They must be classified under SSICs 22191, 22192, 22193, 22199, 22211, 22214, 22215, 22216, 22218, 22219, 2222, 25113, 2513, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 25951, 25959, 25993, 25995, 25997, 25998, 25999, 26127, 2651, 2652, 2670, 271, 273, 28111, 2812, 2814, 2815, 2816, 2818, 2819, 2822, 28243, 28249, 2825, 2826, 2827, 2829, or 283.  |
|   | Electronics   | Electronics                               | They must be classified under SSICs 2611, 26121, 26122, 26123, 26124, 26125, 26126, 26129, 262, 263, 264, or 26801.  |
|   | Financial Services                                  | Financial Services                        | <p>They must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be classified under SSICs 641, 643, 649, 65, and 66; or</li> <li>Be MAS-regulated firms classified under SSIC 642.</li> </ul>   |
|   | Information and Communications Technology and Media | Information and Communications Technology | They must be classified under SSICs 4651, 46521, 46523, 46591, 58202, 61, 62011, 62013, 62014, 62019, 6202, 6209, 631, 63909, 72105, 74111, 77341, 78101, 822, or 9511.  |
|   |   | Media                                     | They must be classified under SSICs 46444, 581, 58201, 60, 62012, 63901, or 9101.  |
|   |   | Postal and Courier                        | They must be classified under SSIC 53.   |
|   | Retail  | Supermarkets and Convenience Stores       | They must be classified under SSICs 4711, or 47192.  |
|   |   | Online Retail                             | They must be classified under SSIC 4791.   |
| <b>Tier 3A: Others (JSS support till March 2021)</b>  | Others  | All other employers                       | N/A  |

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