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Singapore COVID-19 Update Corner: Sector Specific Government Advisories

Welcome to our Singapore COVID-19 Update Corner where you will get regular bite-sized updates on the latest COVID-19 related legal and regulatory developments and guidelines issued by the Singapore government.

On 3 April 2020, the Singapore government announced "circuit-breaker" measures to curb the spread of COVID-19 within the local community. These measures, further information of which are in the table below, took effect from 7 April 2020 and remain in force until 1 June 2020 (inclusive), subject to a further extension by the government.

Compiled in the table below are COVID-19 sector specific advisories which we have put together from the gov.sg websites:-

<https://www.gov.sg/article/covid-19-sector-specific-advisories>

<https://www.gov.sg/article/covid-19-updates-and-announcements>

Update highlights as of 29 May 2020

1. [The MOF's "Singapore Fortitude Budget \(26 May 2020\)" at \[56\].](#)

The MOF's "Singapore Fortitude Budget (26 May 2020)" at [56] explains that S\$33 Billion has been set out to help Singapore's economy recover and emerge stronger from the circuit breaker measures.

Some of the key measures are included below:

- Enhanced Support for Households through GST Vouchers, Workfare, cash give outs and etc.
- Enhanced Support for Businesses & Self-employed through extension of the Jobs Support Scheme till Aug 2020 with enhancements for specific sectors, enhanced hiring incentives, property tax rebates, waivers for Foreign Worker Levy and etc.
- Support for young families through CPF Housing Grants, Baby Bonus, support for pre-school services, cash give outs and etc.
- Mid-Career Support Package under SKILLSfuture through credit top-ups for those aged 40-60, enhanced hiring incentives and etc.
- Young worker Support Package under SKILLSfuture for Singaporeans aged 25 and above through credit top-ups and etc.

Note: This Update Corner will be updated on a bi-weekly basis every Monday and Friday till 1 June 2020, or when the "circuit-breaker" period ends. It is intended to provide you with a quick overview of general information only and does not constitute legal advice. If you have any specific queries, please do not hesitate to contact our Singapore lawyers at Bird & Bird ATMD LLP.

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[PSD - Public Service Division](#)

[SFA - Singapore Food Agency](#)

[STB - Singapore Tourism Board](#)

[SportSG - Sport Singapore](#)

No.	Government Agency	Advisories / Guidelines	Key Information
1.	ACRA, MAS, SGX	Additional Guidance on the Conduct of General Meetings During Elevated Safe Distancing Period (13 Apr 2020) Link: https://www.mas.gov.sg/news/media-releases/2020/additional-guidance-on-the-conduct-of-general-meetings	A checklist to guide listed and non-listed entities on the conduct of general meetings during this period. Alternative arrangements through electronic means for meetings are encouraged. Entities which are unable to comply with the alternative arrangements should consider deferring their meetings.
ACRA - Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (Return to Top)			
2.	ACRA	Extension of Deadline for Holding Annual General Meeting and Filing Annual Returns (7 Apr 2020) Link: https://www.acra.gov.sg/announcement/s/acra's-support-measures-and-guidance-for-businesses-during-covid-19	ACRA will grant a 60-day extension of time for all listed and non-listed companies whose AGMs are due during the period 16 April 2020 to 31 July 2020.
BCA - Building Construction Authority (Return to Top)			
3.	BCA	Gradual Resumption of Construction Work (15 May 2020) Link: https://www1.bca.gov.sg/docs/default-source/docs-corp-news-and-publications/media-releases/covid-19/gradual-resumption-of-construction-work.pdf	Construction work to resume in a controlled manner after 1 June 2020. Projects such as critical and time-sensitive projects will be allowed to continue first.
4.	BCA	BCA Advisory for Managing Agents (5 Apr 2020) Link: https://www1.bca.gov.sg/docs/default-source/docs-corp-news-and-publications/circulars/bca-advisory-for-managing-agents-mas-5apr.pdf	Firms providing managing agent services to the management corporations (MCSTs) are able to continue providing services to ensure that developments continue to be well managed and maintained during this period. The condominium or building manager deployed on site will also help to ensure that residents comply with the safe distancing measures issued by MOH.
5.	BCA	FAQs for Construction Industry as Essential Services (5 Apr 2020) Link: https://www1.bca.gov.sg/docs/default-source/docs-corp-news-and-publications/faqs-for-construction-industry.pdf	Earth control measure (ECM), vector control, security of site, and site maintenance considered essential services. Do not need BCA permission to continue essential service. But must declare at https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg . Renovation works and insignificant building works will have to be suspended.
6.	BCA	Advisory for Companies Providing Facilities Management Service (3 Apr	The provision of lift and escalator maintenance services (including annual

		2020) Link: https://www1.bca.gov.sg/docs/default-source/docs-corp-news-and-publications/circulars/bca-advisory-on-lift-escalator-maintenance-essential-services.pdf	examination, inspection and testing of lifts and escalators for renewal of the permit to operate) fall within the scope of essential services as set out in MTI's Guidance. All new lift and escalator installation works are required to cease with effect from 7 April 2020, 0000 hours to 4 May 2020, 2359 hours (both dates inclusive).
7.	BCA	Advisory on Lifts and Escalator Maintenance as Essential Services Link: https://www1.bca.gov.sg/docs/default-source/docs-corp-news-and-publications/circulars/bca-advisory-on-lift-escalator-maintenance-essential-services.pdf	The provision of lift and escalator maintenance services (including annual examination, inspection and testing of lifts and escalators for renewal of the permit to operate) fall within the scope of essential services as set out in MTI's Guidance.
8.	BCA	Advisory for BCA Aggregate Terminal Berth Operators (3 Apr 2020) Link: https://www1.bca.gov.sg/docs/default-source/docs-corp-news-and-publications/circulars/bca-advisory-for-terminal-operators.pdf	The operation of BCA Aggregate Terminal Berth falls within the scope of essential services as set out by MTI, to ensure continuous supply of key construction aggregates in Singapore.
9.	BCA	Advisory for Aggregate Importers (3 Apr 2020) Link: https://www1.bca.gov.sg/docs/default-source/docs-corp-news-and-publications/circulars/bca-advisory-for-aggregate-importers.pdf	Aggregate importers fall within the scope of essential services as set out by MTI, to ensure the continuous supply of key construction materials in Singapore. However, importers should allow employees who carry out administrative duties to telecommute from home.
ESG - Enterprise Singapore (Return to Top)			
10.	ESG	Tightened safe distancing measures (Updated 9 Apr) Link: https://www.enterprisesg.gov.sg/covid-19/safe-distance	7 April to 4 May. Rules related to how F&B establishments need to operate during this period. Suspension of large group activities. Enforcement of safe-distancing measures punishable.
ICA - Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (Return to Top)			
11.	ICA	Entry Approval Required For All Long-Term Pass Holders (28 Mar 2020) Link: https://www.ica.gov.sg/news-and-publications/media-releases/media-release/entry-approval-required-for-all-long-term-pass-holders	Entry Approval For Holders of LTVPs and STPs
12.	ICA	Travellers Arriving In Singapore Will Receive Advance Notification Of Stay-	All travellers arriving in Singapore, including residents [Singapore Citizens

	Home Notice Requirements (25 Mar 2020)	(SC), Permanent Residents (PR)], and Long-Term Pass (LTP) holders (Student's Pass, Dependant's Pass, Work Pass and Long-Term Visit Pass Holders), must submit a health declaration before proceeding with immigration clearance.
	Link: https://www.ica.gov.sg/news-and-publications/media-releases/media-release/travellers-arriving-in-singapore-will-receive-advance-notification-of-stay-home-notice-requirements	Upon the submission of their health declaration, travellers will be notified electronically via email, on the need to comply with the 14-day Stay-Home Notice (SHN) on arrival in Singapore.

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13.	LTA	Elevated Safe Distancing Measures on Public Transport (9 Apr 2020)	Safe distancing stickers in all trains and train stations as well as buses and bus interchanges. Transport ambassadors to implement safe distancing. Thermal scanners added.
		Link: https://www.lta.gov.sg/content/ltagov/en/newsroom/2020/april/news-releases/Elevated_safe_distancing_measures_on_public_transport.html	
14.	LTA	LTA Advisories page	LTA has rolled out several assistance and precautionary measures to support the land transport industry.
		Link: https://www.lta.gov.sg/content/ltagov/en/industry_innovations/industry_matters/LTA's%20Measures%20for%20COVID-19.html	Useful in finding out about Motorists, Private bus operators, Public Transport Commuters, Contractors and other personnel issues.

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15.	MAS	New S\$6 Million Grant Scheme to Support Singapore FinTech Firms (13 May 2020)	Grant of S\$6 million under the SFA-AMTD FinTech Solidarity Grant to support Singapore-based FinTech firms.
		Link: https://www.mas.gov.sg/news/media-releases/2020/new-grant-scheme-to-support-singapore-fintech-firms	
16.	MAS	MAS and Financial Industry Provide Additional Support for Individuals (1 May 2020)	MAS has announced a second package of measures to support individuals facing financial difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Scope of relief for individuals will be extended to other types of loan commitments.
		Link: https://www.mas.gov.sg/news/media-releases/2020/mas-and-financial-industry-provide-additional-support-for-individuals	There will be deferred repayment for certain loans. An extension of loan tenure for Debt Consolidation Plans.
			Refinancing of investment property loans, which are not subject to the total debt servicing ratio and mortgage servicing ratio.
			Further there will be a waiver of fall-

			below service fees and failed GIRO deduction charges for retail bank accounts.
17.	MAS	<p>New Measures to Help REITs Navigate Operating Challenges Posed by COVID-19 (16 Apr 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.mas.gov.sg/news/media-releases/2020/new-measures-to-help-reits-navigate-operating-challenges-posed-by-covid-19</p>	<p>These are some measure to provide real estate investment trusts listed on the Singapore Exchange (S-REITS).</p> <p>Extension of permissible period for distribution of taxable income.</p> <p>Higher leverage limit and deferral of interest coverage requirement</p>
18.	MAS	<p>MAS Extends Digital Bank Assessment Period in view of COVID-19 Pandemic (9 Apr 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.mas.gov.sg/news/media-releases/2020/mas-extends-digital-bank-assessment-period-in-view-of-covid-19-pandemic</p>	<p>Extension of assessment period for the award of digital bank licences.</p>
19.	MAS	<p>MAS Launches S\$125 Million Package for Financial Institutions and FinTech Firms to Strengthen Long-Term Capabilities (8 Apr 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.mas.gov.sg/news/media-releases/2020/mas-launches-package-for-fis-and-fintech-firms-to-strengthen-long-term-capabilities</p>	<p>S\$125 million support package to sustain and strengthen capabilities in the financial services and FinTech sectors.</p> <p>MAS' relief package includes training grants, fee subsidies, salary support and digital acceleration grant. MAS will provide all Singapore-based FinTech firms six months' free access to API Exchange (APIX), an online global marketplace and sandbox for collaboration and sales.</p>
20.	MAS	<p>MAS Clarifies LTV and TDSR Rules for Residential Mortgages and MWLs (7 Apr 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.mas.gov.sg/news/media-releases/2020/mas-clarifies-ltvand-tdsr-rules-for-residential-mortgages-and-mortgage-equity-withdrawal-loans</p>	<p>Clarified the application of the loan-to-value (LTV) limits and total debt servicing ratio (TDSR) for residential mortgages and mortgage equity withdrawal loans (MWLs).</p>
21.	MAS	<p>MAS Takes Regulatory and Supervisory Measures to Help FIs Focus on Supporting Customers (7 Apr 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.mas.gov.sg/news/media-releases/2020/mas-takes-regulatory-and-supervisory-measures-to-help-fis-focus-on-supporting-customers</p>	<p>MAS to adjust selected regulatory requirements and supervisory programmes to enable financial institutions (FIs) to focus on dealing with issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic and supporting their customers during this difficult period.</p>
22.	MAS	<p>Financial Services Remain Open and Available (3 Apr 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.mas.gov.sg/news/media-releases/2020/mas-remains-open-and-available</p>	<p>The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) affirmed that financial services will remain open and available to all customers and counterparties in Singapore and globally. All financial</p>

		releases/2020/financial-services-remain-open-and-available	markets in Singapore remain open, and payment services are unaffected.
23.	MAS	Financial Services Remain Open and Available (3 Apr 2020) Link: https://www.mas.gov.sg/news/media-releases/2020/financial-services-remain-open-and-available	The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) affirmed that financial services will remain open and available to all customers and counterparties in Singapore and globally. All financial markets in Singapore remain open, and payment services are unaffected.
MCCY - Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (Return to Top)			
24.	MCCY	Additional guidance to religious organisations for permitted on-site activities (14 May 2020) Link: https://www.mccy.gov.sg/about-us/news-and-resources/press-statements/2020/may/additional-guidance-religious-organisations-permitted-on-site-activities	Religious organisations have to apply to the Ministry of Trade and Industry for a Time-Limited Exemption one day prior to the conduct of all activities on their premises or place of worship.
25.	MCCY	Civil and Muslim Marriage Solemnizations and Registrations can be Conducted via Video Link During the COVID-19 Period (5 May 2020) Link: https://www.mccy.gov.sg/about-us/news-and-resources/press-statements/2020/may/civil-muslim-marriage-solemnizations-registrations-during-covid19	Civil and Muslim marriage solemnizations and registrations to be conducted using video link. For civil marriages, couples will also have 12 months to get married after filing a notice of marriage, instead of the current three months.
26.	MCCY	COVID-19: MCCY Advisory to Religious Organisations on Elevated Safe Distancing Measures (4 Apr 2020) Link: https://www.mccy.gov.sg/about-us/news-and-resources/press-statements/2020/apr/covid-19-mccy-advisory-to-religious-organisations-on-elevated-safe-distancing-measures	All religious services will remain suspended and all places of worship will be closed to the public.
MEWR - Ministry of Environment and Water Resources (Return to Top)			
27.	MEWR	Stiffer Penalties for Breach of Safe Distancing Measures (12 Apr 2020) Link: https://www.mewr.gov.sg/news/stiffer-penalties-for-breach-of-safe-distancing-measures-from-12-april-2020	Members of the public found to be in breach of safe distancing measures in public will face a composition fine of S\$300 for first time offenders. Repeat offenders will face higher fines, or prosecution in court for egregious cases.

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28.	MHA	<p>Suspension of Basic Training Activities at the Home Team Academy and the National Service Training Institute (6 Apr 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.mha.gov.sg/newsroom/press-release/news/suspension-of-basic-training-activities-at-the-home-team-academy-and-the-national-service-training-institute</p>	<p>MOHA suspends Police Officers Basic Course and Basic Rescue Training for all full time NSF's at HTA and NSTI from 7 April 2020 to 4 May 2020. They are to stay home except for essential activities. Suspension period count toward NS and ORD not affected. NS allowance and medical benefits remain eligible. Other training activities like officer cadet training will continue.</p>
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29.	MINDEF	<p>SAF Suspends BMT; Recruits to Stay Home During Circuit Breaker Period (6 Apr 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.mindef.gov.sg/web/portal/mindef/news-and-events/latest-releases/article-detail/2020/April/06apr20_nr</p>	<p>SAF suspends BMT from 7 April to 4 May. ORD not affected, continue to be eligible for NS allowance and medical benefits. OCS and SCS continue.</p>
30.	MINDEF	<p>SAF Takes More Stringent Measures to Defend Singapore Amidst Heightened COVID-19 Situation (3 Apr 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.mindef.gov.sg/web/portal/mindef/news-and-events/latest-releases/article-detail/2020/April/03apr20_nr</p>	<p>MINDEF/SAF camps and bases will be enhancing measures to visitors and contractors. Now, they are subjected to temperature screening and travel declaration.</p>
31.	MINDEF	<p>SAF Stands Ready to Defend Singapore Amidst Evolving COVID-19 Situation (31 Mar 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.mindef.gov.sg/web/portal/mindef/news-and-events/latest-releases/article-detail/2020/March/31mar20_nr</p>	<p>Critical functions, such as island defence, protection of key installations, maritime security and air defence operations, continue to be performed by SAF personnel round the clock. More safety measures in place. Until 30 April.</p>
32.	MINDEF	<p>Joint MINDEF-MHA Statement on Management of Pre-enlistees and NSmen (28 Jan 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.mindef.gov.sg/web/portal/mindef/news-and-events/latest-releases/article-detail/2020/January/28jan20_nr</p>	<p>All non-essential travel for SAF and Home Team personnel to Mainland China will be deferred. Pre-enlistees who have travelled to China, a mandatory Leave of Absence (LOA) for up to 14 days will be applied if due for enlistment; National Service men who have travelled to China, deferment will be applied if due for in-camp training (ICT), Individual Physical Proficiency Test (IPPT) and Health Screening Programme (HSP) appointments will be rescheduled.</p>

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33. MND	Temporary Relief Measures for Property Sector due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic (6 May 2020) Link: https://www.mnd.gov.sg/newsroom/press-releases/view/temporary-relief-measures-for-property-sector-due-to-coronavirus-disease-2019-(covid-19)-pandemic	Singapore has introduced a number of temporary relief measures for property developers and individuals affected by disruptions to construction timelines and sales of housing units resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The temporary relief measures, to be implemented amongst others with immediate effect, are: (i) Extension of the Project Completion Period (PCP) by 6 months for residential, commercial and industrial development projects; (ii) Extension of time by 6 months for the commencement and completion of residential development, and sale of housing units in residential development projects in relation to the remission of the Additional Buyer's Stamp Duty (ABSD) for housing developers[1]; (iii) Extension of the PCP and/or disposal period by up to a total of 6 months for residential development projects under the Qualifying Certificate (QC) regime for foreign housing developers; and (iv) Extension of time by 6 months for the sale of the first residential property in relation to the remission of ABSD for the second residential property purchased by a Singaporean married couple [2].
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34. MOH	End of Circuit Breaker, Phased Approach to Resuming Activities Safely (19 May 2020) Link: https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/end-of-circuit-breaker-phased-approach-to-resuming-activities-safely	Circuit Breaker will end on 1 June 2020 and a phased approach will be implemented. Phase 1: Opening up of more businesses. Most manufacturing companies can resume full production. Companies have to abide by safe management measures. The list of businesses that can resume operations from 2 June 2020 is found below: https://www.moh.gov.sg/docs/librariesprovider5/default-document-library/annex-a05667c7d43454b05b072239ceb582db1.pdf?sfvrsn=8e583f6_0 Households will be allowed visits to their parents or grandparents staying
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			<p>elsewhere. Such visits should be limited to once per day and not more than two should they come from the same visiting household.</p> <p>Schools will fully re-open by levels from 2 June 2020 to 10 June 2020.</p> <p>Healthcare services will be opened up but limited.</p> <p>This phase is expected to last several weeks.</p> <p>Phases 2 and 3: When daily infection rates remain low over phase 1, phase 2 will be entered into to allow for more resumption of activities.</p> <p>Lastly, Phase 3 will begin when infection rates are controlled and more measures will be eased.</p>
35.	MOH	<p>Implementing SafeEntry and Safe Management Practices (9 May 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/implementing-safeentry-and-safe-management-practices</p>	<p>As circuit breaker measures are reduced, work places must abide by good health practices and businesses and services that are in operation must come on board SafeEntry to log check-in of employees and visitors.</p>
36.	MOH	<p>Easing the Tighter Circuit Breaker Measures, Preparing for Gradual Resumption of Activity After 1 June (2 May 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/easing-the-tighter-circuit-breaker-measures-preparing-for-gradual-resumption-of-activity-after-1-june</p>	<p>There will be an easing of tighter circuit breaker measures.</p> <p>There will be a gradual reopening of Work Premises and Economy.</p> <p>There will be a gradual resumption of selected activities and services. From 5 May 2020, certain Traditional Chinese Medicine therapies will be available. From 5 May 2020, residents living in strata-titled residential buildings may exercise within the common areas.</p> <p>Several industries will also be allowed to resume operations from 12 May 2020.</p>
37.	MOH	<p>Advisory on Provision of Govt Indemnity Against Claims arising from Work Carried Out by Medical Practitioners or HCWs Deployed to Support WOG COVID-19 Efforts - Ministry of Health (26 Apr 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www-moh-gov-sg-admin.cwp.sg/docs/librariesprovider5/default-document-library/moh-advisory-on-</p>	<p>Medical practitioners and healthcare workers deployed by MOH to support the containment of COVID-19 will receive indemnity for anything done or omitted to be done in good faith and with reasonable care in the discharge of their functions and duties.</p>

[indemnities-for-medical-teams-and-hcw_260420_final42adcc3bbd374f688f99871e16ea91b3.pdf](#)

38.	MOH	<p>Strong National Push to Stem Spread of Covid-19 (21 Apr 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/strong-national-push-to-stem-spread-of-covid-19</p>	<p>Fewer businesses will be permitted to operate during the circuit breaker period. For businesses that are customer facing, the government will have a tighter definition of what is allowed under F&B, and either suspend or place restrictions on selected businesses to further reduce interactions. The affected businesses will be notified by the Ministry of Trade and Industry. Businesses which can continue operating at their work premises must register their workers who are required to work on-site. The number of workers permitted to work on-site will be reduced to the minimum needed.</p> <p>In particular, shops that mainly sell drinks, snacks and deserts will be closed though online sales & delivery is allowed from licensed central kitchens/warehouses. Car parks, F&B outlets, convenience stores in gardens, parks & nature reserves will be closed. Pet supply stores & laundry shops will be closed though online sales & delivery is still available. Hairdressing & barber shops will be closed.</p>
39.	MOH	<p>Continued Stringent Implementation & Enforcement of Circuit Breaker Measures (14 Apr 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/continued-stringent-implementation-enforcement-of-circuit-breaker-measures</p>	<p>General update on circuit breaker measures. Mandatory for all persons to wear a mask when leaving their homes.</p>
40.	MOH	<p>Changes to Childcare Arrangements during Circuit Breaker (10 Apr 2020))</p> <p>Link: https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/changes-to-childcare-arrangements-during-circuit-breaker</p>	<p>Parents should not send their children to the care of their grandparents on a daily basis during this circuit breaker period. Flexibility for families with essential service workers.</p>
41.	MOH	<p>Expansion of the Enhanced Stay-Home Notice Requirements to All Countries (8 Apr 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/expansion-of-the-enhanced-stay-home-notice-requirements-to-all-countries</p>	<p>From 9 April 2020, 2359 hours, all Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and Long Term Pass holders entering Singapore will be required to serve a 14-day self-isolation at dedicated Stay-Home Notice (SHN) facilities.</p>

42.	MOH	<p>COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020 Come Into Force on 8 April (8 Apr 2020)</p>	<p>Restrictions on leaving or entering place of residence. Prohibitions on social gathers of any size. Closure of premises except for essential services. Requirements for specified dormitories.</p>
		<p>Link: https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/covid-19-(temporary-measures)-(control-order)-regulations-2020-come-into-force-on-8-april</p>	
		<p>Amendment to the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020 (10 Apr 2020 and 15 Apr 2020)</p>	
		<p>Link: https://www.moh.gov.sg/policies-and-legislation/covid-19-(temporary-measures)-(control-order)-regulations</p>	
43.	MOH	<p>Additional measures to minimise further spread of COVID-19 within foreign worker dormitories (5 Apr 2020)</p>	<p>Isolation for those staying at S11 Dormitory @ Punggol and Westite Toh Guan dormitory. MOM working with all dormitory operators to implement similar measures.</p>
		<p>Link: https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/additional-measures-to-minimise-further-spread-of-covid-19-within-foreign-worker-dormitories</p>	<p>Workers will continue to be paid their salaries for the duration of quarantine. Medical support and meals will be provided.</p>
44.	MOH	<p>Continuation of Essential Healthcare Services During Period of Heightened Safe Distancing Measures (4 Apr 2020)</p>	<p>“Circuit breaker” measures. No operating of non-essential services from 7 April 2020 to 4 May 2020 (inclusive).</p>
		<p>Link: https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/continuation-of-essential-healthcare-services-during-period-of-heightened-safe-distancing-measures</p>	<p>Healthcare services- All non-essential appointments should be deferred, and any on-site staffing kept to a minimum.</p>
			<p>Senior care centres, day rehab centres, psychiatric rehabilitation centres, and day hospices will be closed. Selected centres will remain open to support those with inadequate family support, as well as intensive care needs. Such seniors can also be supported with home care services including meals delivery if needed.</p>
45.	MOH	<p>Circuit Breaker to Minimise Further Spread of COVID-19 (3 Apr 2020)</p>	<p>First of the circuit breaker measures. Closure of workplaces unless essential business.</p>
		<p>Link: https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/circuit-breaker-to-minimise-further-spread-of-covid-19</p>	<p>Full home based learning for schools.</p>
46.	MOH	<p>Tighter Measures to Minimise Further Spread of COVID-19 (24 Mar 2020)</p>	<p>Limit gatherings outside of work to 10 persons or fewer. One metre distancing.</p>
		<p>Link: https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-</p>	<p>Closure of entertainment venues</p>

		highlights/details/tighter-measures-to-minimise-further-spread-of-covid-19	<p>Closure of centre-based tuition and enrichment classes</p> <p>Closure of faith based activities.</p> <p>Cancellation of events and mass gatherings regardless of size.</p> <p>Infectious Disease Act fine of S\$10k or imprisonment of up to 6 months for breach of SHN.</p>
47.	MOH	<p>Stricter Safe Distancing Measures to Prevent Further Spread of COVID-19 Cases (20 Mar 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/stricter-safe-distancing-measures-to-prevent-further-spread-of-covid-19-cases</p>	<p>Event and gatherings with 250 or more participants to be suspended.</p> <p>Public venues should implement safe distancing measures.</p> <p>Workplaces to implement safe workplace measures.</p>
48.	MOH	<p>Additional Measures to Reduce Further Importation of COVID-19 Cases (18 Mar 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/additional-measures-for-travellers-to-reduce-further-importation-of-covid-19-cases</p>	<p>Singaporeans advised to defer all travel abroad.</p> <p>14-day Stay-Home Notice for all travelers.</p>
MOE - Ministry of Education (Return to Top)			
49.	MOE	<p>Arrangements for Schools and Institutes of Higher Learning at the End of Circuit Breaker Safely (19 May 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/arrangements-for-schools-and-institutes-of-higher-learning-at-the-end-of-circuit-breaker</p>	<p>Schools are to resume in levels from 2 June 2020 till full reopening on 10 June 2020. Special arrangements for examinations and other info can be found in the link.</p>
50.	MOE	<p>Mitigating the Impact of COVID-19 Restrictions on MOE Instructors: Restructuring of Contracts to Provide Initial Payments Ahead of Work Done (14 May 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/mitigating-the-impact-of-covid-19-restrictions-on-moe-instructors--restructuring-of-contracts-to-provide-initial-payments-ahead-of-work-done</p>	<p>MOE will be providing eligible instructors the option of restructuring their contracts. There are two aspects to the option: (a) extend existing contracts by up to a year, but no later than Dec 2021; (b) receive initial payments, paid ahead of actual work done from now to end 2021. This will provide some income for instructors in 2020 even if fewer hours are delivered, with the expectation that the hours of work would be fulfilled subsequently in 2021.</p>

51.	MOE	<p>Supporting Students in Financial Need: School Meal Subsidies to Continue Till End of Circuit Breaker Extension (3 May 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/supporting-students-in-financial-need--school-meal-subsidies-to-continue-till-end-of-circuit-breaker-extension</p>	<p>MOE will provide meal subsidies through School Smartcard top-ups during this mid-year holidays. STSPMF has committed up to S\$2 million for this effort. Depending on the amount utilised, the contribution by STSPMF will be matched dollar for dollar by MOE.</p>
52.	MOE	<p>Schools and Institutes of Higher Learning to Shift to Full Home-Based Learning; Preschools and Student Care Centres to Suspend General Services (3 Apr 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/schools-and-institutes-of-higher-learning-to-shift-to-full-home-based-learning-preschools-and-student-care-centres-to-suspend-general-services</p>	<p>8 April 2020, all primary, secondary, Pre-University and IHL students, including students from Special Education (SPED) schools, will shift to full Home-Based Learning (HBL) till 4 May 2020. All preschools, MOE Kindergartens and student care centres, including special student care centres, will suspend their general services during this period.</p>
53.	MOE	<p>Schools to Implement One Day of Home-Based Learning a Week (27 Mar 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/joint-moe-msf-statement-on-additional-precautionary-measures</p>	<p>Starting from April 2020, all schools will conduct one day of home-based learning a week. Centre-based learning has been switched to HBL format. External activities and inter-school activities continue to be suspended.</p>
54.	MOE	<p>Joint MOE-MSF Statement on Additional Precautionary Measures (24 Mar 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/joint-moe-msf-statement-on-additional-precautionary-measures</p>	<p>Students staying in household where a person has returned to Singapore from any country from 25 March placed on 14 day LOA. Those who live in same household as a person returning from UK, US or ASEAN countries from 14 March placed on LOA.</p>
55.	MOE	<p>Schools and Kindergartens to Re-Open with Enhanced Precautionary Measures (19 Mar 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/schools-and-kindergartens-to-re-open-with-enhanced-precautionary-measures.</p>	<p>Schools and kindergartens re-open on 23 March as planned. 14 day LOA for students and staff who have travelled over march holidays. Will be supported by HB. Also, enhanced hygiene and precautionary measures in schools.</p>
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56.	MOF	<p>Singapore Fortitude Budget (26 May 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.singaporebudget.gov.sg/budget_2020/fortitude-budget</p>	<p>The Fortitude Budget is a S\$33 Billion budget to help Singapore's economy recover and emerge stronger from the circuit breaker measures.</p> <p>Some of the key measures are included</p>

below:

- Enhanced Support for Households through GST Vouchers, Workfare, cash give outs and etc.
- Enhanced Support for Businesses & Self-employed through extension of the Jobs Support Scheme till Aug 2020 with enhancements for specific sectors enhanced hiring incentives, property tax rebates, waivers for Foreign Worker Levy and etc.
- Support for young families through CPF Housing Grants, Baby Bonus, support for pre-school services, cash give outs and etc.
- Mid-Career Support Package under SKILLSfuture through credit top-ups for those aged 40-60, enhanced hiring incentives and etc.
- Young worker Support Package under SKILLSfuture for Singaporeans aged 25 and above through credit top-ups and etc.

57. MOF

Government to Continue Support Measures to Protect Livelihoods and Stabilise Businesses During Extended Circuit Breaker Period (21 Apr 2020)

Link:

<https://www.mof.gov.sg/Newsroom/press-releases/government-to-continue-support-measures-to-protect-livelihoods-and-stabilise-businesses-during-extended-circuit-breaker-period>

On 21 April 2020, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce announced that it would extend the circuit breaker period until 1 Jun 2020 (inclusive), and put in place enhanced circuit breaker measures minimally for a two-week period from 21 April 2020 until 4 May 2020 (inclusive).

In the Solidarity Budget, the JSS was raised to provide 75% wage support on the first S\$4600 of gross monthly wages for local employees across all sectors for the month of April 2020. The Government will extend the 75% JSS across all sectors for another month, i.e. in the month of May 2020.

The Government will extend the Jobs Support Scheme payout, to cover wages of employees of a company who are also shareholders and directors of the company (shareholder-directors).

The Government will extend the Foreign Worker Levy (FWL) waiver and FWL rebate by one month, to ease labour costs of firms that employ foreign workers in this period.

Lower- to middle-income Singaporeans who require urgent help with their basic living expenses can apply for the Temporary Relief Fund which provides a one-off cash grant of S\$500 in April. From 1 May 2020 onwards, Singaporeans who are unemployed due

to COVID-19 can apply for the COVID-19 Support Grant.

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58.	MOM	Extension of Stay-Home Notices for Work Permit and S Pass Holders in Construction Sector (1 May 2020) Link: https://www.mom.gov.sg/newsroom/press-releases/2020/0501-extension-of-stay-home-notices-for-work-permit-and-s-pass-holders-in-construction-sector	SHN is extended till 18 May 2020, 2359 hours for work pass holders in the Construction sector.
59.	MOM	Precautionary stay-home notices for work permit and S pass holders in construction sector (18 Apr 2020) Link: https://www.mom.gov.sg/newsroom/press-releases/2020/0418-precautionary-stay-home-notices-for-work-permit-and-s-pass-holders-in-construction-sector	Ministry of Manpower (MOM) will require all work permit holders and S Pass holders in the construction to be placed on mandatory stay-home notices (SHNs).
60.	MOM	Leave of Absence Support Programme (12 February 2020) Link: https://www.mom.gov.sg/newsroom/press-releases/2020/0212-leave-of-absence-support-programme	This affects businesses and self-employed persons affected by the Leave of Absence requirements. Eligible employers can apply for S\$100 daily per affected worker for the required duration of paid LOA granted to the employee. Employers and self-employed persons should not apply for support if telecommuting arrangements are available for work to be performed remotely by affected persons.
61.	MOM	Additional Safe Distancing Measures for the Workplace (3 Apr 2020) Link: https://www.mom.gov.sg/newsroom/press-releases/2020/0403-additional-safe-distancing-measures-for-the-workplace	Suspension of activities at workplace premises from 7 April to 4 May.
62.	MOM	Advisory on safe distancing measures at the workplace (Updated as of 26 Mar 2020) Link: https://www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19/advisory-on-safe-distancing-measures	Where employees can perform their work by telecommuting from home, employer must ensure they do so. If not, there must be reduction of need and duration of physical interaction, 1m physical spacing, staggered working hours, deferred or cancel all events and implementation of split team arrangements.
63.	MOM	Employers Advised To Plan For More Sustainable Housing Options For Their Workers Usually Housed In Malaysia (25 Mar 2020) Link: https://www.mom.gov.sg/newsroom/press-releases/2020/0325-employers-advised-to-plan-for-more-sustainable-housing-options-for-their-workers-usually-housed-in-malaysia	Malaysia has announced that its Movement Control Order (MCO) will be extended to 14 April 2020. As a result, workers usually housed in Malaysia will be affected. Given the uncertainty over border controls, the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) strongly encourages

		ess-releases/2020/0325-employers-advised-to-plan-sustainable-housing-options-for-workers-usually-housed-in-malaysia	all affected employers to look for more sustainable housing options in Singapore for these workers.
64.	MOM	MOM Entry Approval and Stay-Home Notice Requirements for Work Pass Holders from Malaysia (25 Mar 2020) Link: https://www.mom.gov.sg/newsroom/press-releases/2020/0325-mom-entry-approval-and-stay-home-notice-requirements-for-work-pass-holders-from-malaysia	The Ministry of Manpower (MOM) will require all new and existing work pass holders (including dependants) planning to enter Singapore from Malaysia, to obtain MOM's approval before they commence their journey. This is applicable regardless of the mode of travel into Singapore.
65.	MOM	Further Measures to Help Companies Cope with COVID-19 Situation (24 Mar 2020) Link: https://www.mom.gov.sg/newsroom/press-releases/2020/0324-further-measures-to-help-companies-cope-with-covid-19-situation	Introduction of further measures to help businesses. Three month extension of levy payments for SMEs. Levy waiver for up to 90 days for foreign workers on overseas leave. Man-Year Entitlement refund for construction firms.

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66.	MPA	Port of Singapore Remains Open Amidst Additional Precautionary Measures (3 Apr 2020) Link: https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/292f56da-772b-42eb-9ea2-a272443aaf3c	Lists out maritime-related activity which will be exempt from suspension between 7 April to 4 May 2020.
67.	MPA	Crew change for cargo ships under special circumstances in the port of Singapore (27 Mar 2020) Link: https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/e5d02eff-9b9e-4eac-becb-b20c2a5b7e6c	If crew needs to embark or disembark a ship, the cargo ships may submit requests to MPA for consideration.

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68.	MTI	Guidelines for Gradual Resumption of Business Operations (6 May 2020) Link: https://www.mti.gov.sg/Newsroom/Press-Releases/2020/05/Guidelines-for-gradual-resumption-of-business-operations	Certain businesses will be allowed to operate and workplaces will be opened subject to further review. All applicable businesses must abide by strict social distancing and COVID-19 safety measures.
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69.	MUIS	<p>More Support for Religious Sector, Tenants of Wakaf Properties (7 Apr 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.muis.gov.sg/Media/Media-Releases/07-Apr-20-Media-Release-on-More-Support-for-Religious-Sector-Tenants-of-Wakaf-Properties</p>	<p>Financial support for <i>asatizah</i> and tenants of <i>wakaf</i> properties.</p>
<h2>NAC - National Arts Council (Return to Top)</h2>			
70.	NAC	<p>Operationalisation of "Circuit Breaker" Safe Distancing Measures for Arts and Culture Stakeholders (5 Apr 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.nac.gov.sg/whatwedo/sup-port/sustaining-the-arts-during-covid-19.html</p>	<p>Organisations and self-employed persons can look forward to wage supports, training support, digitalisation fund and deferred income tax payments.</p>
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71.	NEA	<p>NEA to Provide Funding for Cooked Food Stallholders Who Sign Up for Food Delivery Services (18 Apr 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.nea.gov.sg/media/news/news/index/nea-to-provide-funding-for-cooked-food-stallholders-who-sign-up-for-food-delivery-services</p>	<p>A one-time funding of S\$500 will be provided to cooked food stallholders to help defray costs of providing food delivery services to their customers</p>
72.	NEA	<p>Circuit Breaker Measures for Hawker Centres and Markets (10 Apr 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.nea.gov.sg/media/LatestUpdate</p>	<p>After death matters such as closure of columbaria. Access controls for queuing at hawker centres and markets. All swimming pools and water fountains closed.</p>
73.	NEA	<p>Update On Safe Distancing Measures At Markets And Hawker Centres (5 Apr 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.nac.gov.sg/whatwedo/sup-port/sustaining-the-arts-during-covid-19.html</p>	<p>Members of the public may want to visit the markets early on weekdays. Vulnerable groups like the elderly and children should avoid visiting the markets on weekends. Patrons must observe 1 metre social distancing. Dining-in will be disallowed in hawker centres.</p>
74.	NEA	<p>Enhanced Safe Distancing Measures At Markets (2 Apr 2020)</p> <p>Link: https://www.nea.gov.sg/media/news/news/index/enhanced-safe-distancing-</p>	<p>Queue markings are put in place to ensure social distancing. Patrons should visit markets on the weekdays. Anyone feeling unwell should stay at home and practise social responsibility.</p>

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75.	NEA	Implementing Safe Distancing Measures at Food & Beverage Establishments (Updated on 26 Mar 2020) Link: https://www.nea.gov.sg/media/news/advvisorios/index/(updated)-implementing-safe-distancing-measures-at-food-beverage-establishments	All F&B establishments must use queue markers and space customers out. Pre-ordering is recommended. Tables for different groups of people should be at least one metre apart. Establishments should implement temperature-screening and health declaration measures.
76.	NEA	Interim Guidelines for Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection of Areas Exposed to Confirmed Case(s) of COVID-19 in Non-Healthcare Premises (updated 19 Mar 2020) Link: https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/public-cleanliness/environmental-cleaning-guidelines/guidelines/guidelines-for-environmental-cleaning-and-disinfection	Surfaces potentially contaminated with COVID-19 should be sanitised. Toilets should be thoroughly cleaned and different sets of cleaning equipment should be used.
77.	NEA	Interim Guidelines for Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection in Residences (updated 24 Feb 2020) Link: https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/public-cleanliness/environmental-cleaning-guidelines/interim-guidelines-for-environmental-cleaning-and-disinfection-in-residences	Gloves, surgical masks and new sets of clothes should be present in residences of confirmed cases. A thorough 19-step cleaning process should be strictly followed.
78.	NEA	Environmental Cleaning Guidelines Link: https://www.nea.gov.sg/environmental-cleaning-guidelines	Different locations and types of establishments should observe different sets of sanitation advisory. For example, construction sites, dormitories, hotels, food establishments.

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79.	NHB	Public Advisory on COVID-19 (4 Apr 2020) Link: https://www.nac.gov.sg/whatwedo/support/sustaining-the-arts-during-covid-19.html	All museum premises are closed. No events or activities in these premises are to occur. Some F&B establishments may be open depending if they are essential. Museum stakeholders should reach out to the community via digital platforms.
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NLB - National Library Board ([Return to Top](#))

80.	NLB	Temporary closure of facilities (5 Apr 2020) Link: https://www.facebook.com/nlbsingapor	The National Library Board (NLB) will be temporarily closing all our facilities including the National Library Building, our 25 public libraries, the National Archives of Singapore Building and the
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Former Ford Factory with effect from 7 April 2020 until 4 May 2020.

PSD - Public Service Division ([Return to Top](#))

81.	PSD	Public services remain accessible amidst elevated safe distancing measures (4 Apr 2020) Link: https://www.psd.gov.sg/press-room/press-releases/public-services-remain-accessible-amidst-elevated-safe-distancing-measures	The Public Service will remain operational with majority of the public service workforce telecommuting. Government services will remain accessible to the public during this period, with digital services as the primary mode of service delivery.
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SFA - Singapore Food Agency ([Return to Top](#))

82.	SFA	Closure of Public Entertainment Venues and Suspension of Events (31 Mar 2020) Link: https://www.sfa.gov.sg/docs/default-source/default-document-library/closure-of-public-entertainment-venues-and-suspension-of-events.pdf	All bars and entertainment venues such as nightclubs and cinemas would be closed.
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83.	STB	STB launches new initiatives to further support tourism businesses and workers (24 Apr 2020) Link: https://www.stb.gov.sg/content/stb/en/media-centre/media-releases/stb-launches-new-initiatives-to-further-support-tourism-businesses-and-w.html	STB has launched new initiatives to support tourism businesses and workers. STB has launched a S\$20 million Marketing Partnership Programme to help support marketing costs to companies that collaborate with other tourism stakeholders. Other help include learning tools to help companies and workers to upskill.
84.	STB	Implementing Safe Distancing Measures at Shopping Malls and Standalone Stores (26 Mar 2020) Link: https://www.stb.gov.sg/content/stb/en/media-centre/media-releases/implementing-safe-distancing-measures-at-shopping-malls-and-standalone-stores.html	Crowd and queue management at malls and standalone stores and other measures.
85.	STB	Implementing Safe Distancing Measures at Retail Establishments (Updated as of 26 Mar 2020) Link: https://www.stb.gov.sg/content/stb/en/media-centre/media-releases/-updated-implementing-safe-distancing-measures-at-retail-establishments.html	Crowd and queue management at retail establishments.

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SportSG - Sport Singapore ([Return to Top](#))

86. SportSG	Advisory on Sport and Physical Exercise and Activities for the control period of 7 April 2020 to 4 May 2020 (5 Apr 2020)	All sports, physical exercises and activities, and public and private sports and recreational facilities in Singapore to be closed till 4 May 2020.
	Link: https://www.sportsingapore.gov.sg/Newroom/Media-Releases/2020/Advisory-on-Sport-and-Physical-Exercise-and-Activities-from-7-April-to-4-May-2020	

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