

# SINGAPORE BUDGET 2021

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## What you need to know about Singapore Budget 2021: A Summary

<b>JOBS SUPPORT SCHEME (JSS)</b>	<p>Extend support for <b>Tier 1 sectors</b> (Aviation/Aerospace/Tourism)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>30%</b> for wages paid from <b>Apr 2021 to Jun 2021</b>;</li> <li>- <b>10%</b> for wages paid from <b>Jul 2021 to Sep 2021</b>.</li> </ul> <p>Extend support for <b>Tier 2 sectors</b> (Retailers/Arts and Cultures/Food Services/Built Environment)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>10%</b> for wages paid from <b>Apr 2021 to Jun 2021</b></li> </ul> <p>Firms in <b>other sectors</b> – as previously announced, support <b>till Mar 2021</b></p>
<b>Support for AVIATION</b>	<b>S\$870 million</b> to preserve core capabilities and extend cost relief for the Aviation sector
<b>Support for TAXI and PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVERS – [COVID-19 DRIVER RELIEF FUND]</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>S\$600</b> per vehicle per month from <b>Jan to Mar 2021</b>;</li> <li>- <b>S\$400</b> per vehicle per month from <b>Apr to Jun 2021</b></li> </ul>
<b>Support for ARTS &amp; CULTURE AND SPORTS</b>	<b>S\$45 million</b> for the Arts & Culture and Sports Resilience Packages to support businesses and self-employed persons in these sectors
<b>Support for WORKERS who lost their jobs or experienced significant income loss – [COVID-19 RECOVERY GRANT]</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Up to <b>S\$700 per month for 3 months</b> for employees who have lost their jobs or are placed on involuntary no-pay leave for at least 3 consecutive months;</li> <li>- Up to <b>S\$500 per month for 3 months</b> for employees and self-employed persons who are facing average income loss of at least 50% for at least 3 consecutive months.</li> </ul>
<b>Enhanced SGUNITED JOBS AND SKILLS PACKAGE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Extend Jobs Growth Incentive's (JGI)</b> qualifying window to end-Sep 2021 to support the hiring of locals;</li> <li>- <b>Extend the SGUnited Skills, SGUnited Traineeships, and the Mid-Career Pathways Programmes.</b></li> </ul>

<p>Extend and enhanced the ENTERPRISE FINANCING SCHEME – VENTURE DEBT PROGRAMME</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase cap on loan quantum from S\$5 million to S\$8 million</li> </ul>
<p>Support for ENTERPRISES</p>	<p><b>(I) New Emerging Technology Programme</b> Help to co-fund costs of trials and adoption of frontier technologies like 5G, AI, and trust technologies;</p> <p><b>(II) CTO-as-a-Service</b> To provide firms with access to professional IT consultancies</p> <p><b>(III) Digital Leaders Programme</b> Aims to help promising firms hire a core digital team, and develop and implement a digital transformation roadmap;</p> <p><b>(IV) Scale-up SG/ Productivity Solutions Grant (PSG)/ Market Readiness Assistance (MRA)/ Enterprise Development Grant (EDG)</b> Extend the enhanced support levels of up to 80% from end-Sep 2021 to end-Mar 2022</p>
<p>Support for LARGE LOCAL ENTERPRISES (LLEs)</p>	<p>Co-invest <b>S\$500 million</b> with Temasek in a S\$1 billion <b>LOCAL ENTERPRISES FUNDING PLATFORM</b>, to help LLEs enter their next bound of growth.</p>
<p>Support for BUILT ENVIRONMENT SECTOR [GROWTH AND TRANSFORMATION SCHEME]</p>	<p>The scheme aims to bring developers, consultants, contractors, and suppliers together as an ecosystem to transform and innovate, as the sector recovers</p>
<p>CREATING PLATFORMS FOR NUTURING CREATIVE IDEAS</p>	<p><b>(I) Corporate Venture Launchpad (CVL)</b> To provide co-funding for corporates to build new ventures</p> <p><b>(II) Open Innovation Platform (OIP)</b> The OIP is enhanced to match problems faced by companies and public agencies with solution providers, with co-funding for prototyping and deployment of solutions.</p>

	<p><b>(III) Global Innovation Alliance (GIA)</b></p> <p>Enhanced to catalyse cross-border collaboration between Singapore and major global innovation hubs. Aims to expand from 15 city links today to more than 25 cities around the globe over the next 5 years</p> <p><b>(IV) Singapore Intellectual Property Strategy 2030</b></p> <p>Will equip businesses with tools to value and commercialize their intellectual property (IP), and intangible assets (IA), and train skilled professionals in these fields.</p>
<p>Support for <b>HOUSEHOLD (General)</b></p>	<p>(1) <b>S\$200 additional one-off GST Voucher</b> for all eligible Singaporeans</p> <p>(2) <b>GST Voucher – U-SAVE</b> – S\$120 to S\$200 Special Payment for eligible HDB households</p> <p>(3) <b>Service and Conservancy Charges Rebate</b></p> <p>Extended for all eligible households for another year, to offset between 1.5 to 3.5 months of charges</p> <p>(4) <b>CDA/Edusave/PSEA One-off Top-Up</b></p> <p>S\$200 additional one-off top-up per Singaporean Child for families with children below the age of 21</p> <p>(5) <b>Community Development Council (CDC) Vouchers</b></p> <p>S\$100 in vouchers for each Singaporean household, to be used at participating heartland shops and hawker centres.</p>
<p>Support for <b>LOWER-INCOME FAMILIES</b></p>	<p>Expand <b>COMLINK</b> to a nationwide programme to eventually cover 14,000 families with children over the next 2 years to provide holistic support for low-income families staying in rental housing</p>
<p>Support for <b>CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS</b></p>	<p>Pilot <b>INCLUSIVE SUPPORT PROGRAMME</b> to allow more children with developmental needs to be more meaningfully engaged alongside other children</p>



<p><b>CHARITIES</b></p>	<p><b>(I) 250% Tax-Deduction</b> Extend the 250% tax-deduction for donations to IPCs for another two years, until end-2023.</p> <p><b>(II) Tote Board’s Enhanced Fund-Raising Programme</b> Extend by one-year with dollar-for-dollar matching on eligible donations</p> <p><b>(III) ComChest’s SHARE as One</b> Extend to FY2023</p>
<p><b>VOLUNTEERISM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extend <b>Business and IPC Partnership Scheme</b> for two years, until the end of 2023. To support corporate volunteerism;</li> <li>- <b>CDC’s S\$50 million Care and Innovation Fund</b> to support bottom-up, innovative initiatives which address the needs of the community</li> </ul>
<p><b>SINGAPORE GREEN PLAN 2030</b></p>	<p><b>(1) S\$60 million Agri-Food Cluster Transformation Fund</b> Supporting tech adoption in the agri-food sector</p> <p><b>(2) Electric Vehicle (EV)-related Initiatives</b> S\$30 million set aside over the next five years for EV-related initiatives, such as improving charging provision at private premises</p> <p><b>(3) Narrow the Cost differential: EV vs ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) cars</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) <b>Lower Additional Registration Fee</b> floor to zero for EV, from Jan-2022 to Dec-2023;</li> <li>(ii) <b>Adjust road tax bands</b> so that mass-market EV will have comparable road tax to an ICE equivalent</li> </ul> <p><b>(4) GREEN FINANCING</b> <b>Government Green Bonds</b> – Issued by Government on select public infrastructure projects. Catalyse flow of capital towards sustainable development in Singapore and Asia with identified up to S\$19 billion of public sector projects as a start.</p>

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