

Fact Sheet

Support Measures to Provide Relief for Singaporean Households, Businesses, and Affected Workers from Impact of Middle East Situation

1. In light of the developing situation in the Middle East, the Government announced measures to provide targeted support to those who are most heavily and directly affected, and broad-based support for businesses and households.

Support Measures

2. On 7 April 2026, Acting Minister for Transport and Senior Minister of State for Finance Jeffrey Siow announced in the Ministerial Statement on the Impact of the Middle East Situation on Singapore, that the Government is providing close to \$1 billion in additional support to help Singaporeans manage cost pressures and support those who are most affected. This is on top of the measures announced at Budget 2026.

- a. Cash Relief for Platform Workers and Taxi Drivers: Active platform workers and taxi drivers will receive a **cash relief of \$200** from end-April 2026. Refer to Annex A for the details of the scheme.
- b. Support for Essential Transport Services: The Government will provide temporary assistance to **co-fund cost increases for certain essential transport services** for school students, seniors, and persons with disabilities, to enable them to continue operating without disruption. These include regular transport services to primary schools, Special Education schools, disability services, and health and long-term care services. MOE, MOH and MSF will provide more details at a later stage.
- c. Corporate Income Tax (CIT) Rebate and Cash Grant: The CIT rebate for the Year of Assessment 2026 announced at Budget 2026 will be **increased from 40% to 50%**. The cash grant component for eligible companies will be **raised from \$1,500 to \$2,000**, and the total benefits cap for each company will be **raised from \$30,000 to \$40,000**. Eligible companies will receive the enhanced support from end-April 2026.
- d. Energy Efficiency Grant (EEG): The EEG supports businesses in six sectors by co-funding investments in energy-efficient equipment. To support more companies to adopt energy-efficient equipment, the EEG Base Tier will be **expanded to all sectors and extended to 31 March 2028**. MTI will provide more details later this year.
- e. Government Procurement: As a responsible buyer, the Government is prepared to **share the cost increases directly arising from fuel price increases for critical Government contracts**, where any delay or stoppages would clearly affect the public interest. This will mostly relate to major government infrastructure projects.

- f. Community Development Council (CDC) Vouchers: The Government is bringing forward the disbursement of the CDC Vouchers announced at Budget 2026. All Singaporean households will **receive \$500 in CDC Vouchers** in June 2026 instead of January 2027. The CDC Vouchers 2026 (June) will be valid until 31 December 2027.
- g. Cost-of-Living (COL) Special Payment: The Budget 2026 COL Special Payment will be **enhanced by \$200** for about 2.4 million eligible Singaporeans. Eligible adult Singaporeans with Assessable Income of up to \$100,000 and who do not own more than one property will receive between \$400 and \$600 in cash in September 2026. Refer to Annex B for the details of the scheme.

3. At Budget 2026, PM Lawrence Wong also announced enhanced U-Save rebates to help households with their utilities expenses. Eligible Singaporean HDB households will receive 1.5 times the regular amount of U-Save rebates, or up to \$570, in Financial Year 2026. In April 2026, more than 1 million Singaporean HDB households will **receive up to \$190 worth of U-Save rebates** which will help to defray the increase in utility bills from April to June 2026. **Eligible households will also receive up to \$190 worth of U-Save rebates in July 2026.** These rebates will help to defray the much sharper increase in households' utility bills expected from July to September 2026.

Continued Efforts to Support Singaporeans

4. The Government is prepared to do more to support Singaporeans. We will continue to monitor the situation and roll out more support measures when needed.

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Annex A: Cash Relief for Platform Workers and Taxi Drivers

1. The following are eligible for the \$200 cash relief:
 - a) Platform workers who have net earnings¹ from platform work of more than \$500/month (excluding employment income) across all platform operators, for each month in the three-month period from Dec 2025 to Feb 2026.
 - b) All taxi drivers who were in an agreement with a Taxi Operator to hire a taxi throughout the three-month period from Dec 2025 to Feb 2026.
2. CPF Board will automatically disburse the cash payout to platform workers who meet the criteria in 1(a) based on the net earnings declared by their platform operator when making CPF contributions.
 - a) The cash payout will be disbursed via PayNow-NRIC by 30 April 2026. Those without PayNow-NRIC linked bank accounts but have a DBS/POSB, OCBC or UOB bank account registered with the govbenefits website will receive the payout via GIRO by 11 May 2026. Those who are not on PayNow-NRIC and/or do not have a valid bank account will receive the payout via GovCash² by 18 May 2026.
 - b) Those on GovCash may withdraw their payout at any OCBC ATMs island-wide by 1) entering their Payment Reference Number (PRN), which can be retrieved by logging into the govbenefits website with their Singpass, 2) entering their NRIC, and 3) passing the facial verification. They do not require an OCBC bank account to withdraw their payment at the OCBC ATMs.
3. LTA will automatically disburse the cash payout to taxi drivers who meet the criteria in 1(b) and do not receive the payout from CPF Board. This will be disbursed through taxi operators by mid-May.
4. For enquiries, please call the hotline at 1800-2222-888.

¹ Net earnings = Gross earnings minus the Fixed Expense Deduction Amount.

² GovCash is a payment mode that allows recipients to withdraw their Government benefits in cash from over 500 OCBC ATMS located across Singapore. Those who prefer to seek assistance with their GovCash withdrawals can visit the ATMs located within OCBC's branches during operating hours, where OCBC Digital Ambassadors will be present to guide them. In addition, GovCash also allows recipients to use the scan-and-pay function and PayNow transfer option through the LifeSG mobile app.

Annex B: Enhanced Budget 2026 COL Special Payment

Singaporeans Aged 21 Years and Above in 2026 Who Own No More Than One Property	Annual Value (AV) of Place of Residence		
	Assessable Income (AI)	AV up to \$15,000	AV more than \$15,000 and up to \$31,000
AI up to \$22,000	\$400 + \$200	\$300 + \$200	\$200 + \$200
AI more than \$22,000 and up to \$39,000	\$300 + \$200	\$300 + \$200	\$200 + \$200
AI more than \$39,000 and up to \$100,000	\$200 + \$200	\$200 + \$200	\$200 + \$200

Note: AI will be based on Year of Assessment (“YA”) 2025, i.e., income earned in 2024.