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EXTENSION OF MARITIMESG TOGETHER PACKAGE FOR MARITIME COMPANIES, INDIVIDUALS AND SEAFARERS

MPA had earlier rolled out a series of measures under the Unity, Resilience, Solidarity and Fortitude Budgets and the MaritimeSG Together Package to provide financial support to the maritime industry in the wake of the global COVID-19 outbreak. To continue supporting the more affected sectors in the maritime industry, MPA has announced the extension of the relevant measures, effective from 1 January 2021.

I. Port Dues Concession

2 MPA will extend the port dues concessions set out in Table 1 for another six months from 1 January to 30 June 2021.

Table 1: Extension of Port Dues Concession

Vessel Type	Port Dues Concession	Criteria
Passenger-carrying vessels (all regional ferries and cruise vessels)	50%	Port stay of not more than five days
Passenger-carrying harbour craft and pleasure craft licensed for commercial use	50%	With valid MPA licence
MPA-approved offshore support vessels	50%	For Category 4 ¹ activity from day 91 to 180 (equivalent to \$0.50 per 100GT per day)

3 The concessions in Table 1 will be granted on top of all existing port dues concessions and effected via a reduced bill amount. Companies do not need to take any further action. Please see an illustration in **Annex A**.

4 For companies with passenger-carrying ocean-going vessels covered under the Annual or 6-Month port dues scheme and/or licensed passenger-carrying harbour crafts and pleasure

¹ Category 4 refers to port dues rate for offshore support vessels.

crafts for commercial use, MPA will issue credit note(s) to the companies. Companies do not need to take any further action.

II. Credit Management Measures

5 To ease MPA customers' cash flow pressures, MPA will extend the credit management measures as set out in Table 2 below for another six months from 1 January to 30 June 2021.

Table 2: Credit Management Measures for MPA's Customers

Measure	Process
Extension of credit terms between 1 January and 30 June 2021	Customer to submit request to MPA by email.

III. Manpower and Productivity Support Measures

6 To encourage upskilling and strengthen longer-term capabilities, MPA will extend the measures in Table 3 for another six months from 1 January to 30 June 2021.

Table 3: Manpower and Productivity Measures for Companies and Individuals

Scheme	Details
Maritime Cluster Fund- Internship Reimbursement Scheme	MPA will co-fund 50% of the internship allowance (capped at \$500 per month per intern ²) paid by maritime companies, for up to six months. Please visit the Maritime Cluster Fund site for application details.
Maritime Cluster Fund – Manpower Development (Certifiable Courses)	MPA will increase its co-funding support up to 90%. Please visit the Maritime Cluster Fund site for the list of qualifying courses
Maritime Cluster Fund – Manpower Development (Short Courses) selected courses only	
Maritime Cluster Fund – Productivity	MPA will increase its co-funding support up to 90%. Please visit the Maritime Cluster Fund site for more details.

IV. Initiatives for Local Seafarers

Seafarers Relief Package

7 To continue supporting Singaporean seafarers whose employment have been affected by the global COVID-19 outbreak, MPA, together with the Singapore Maritime Officers' Union (SMOU) and the Singapore Organisation of Seamen (SOS), will extend the Seafarers Relief Package (SRP) for another six months, from 1 January to 30 June 2021. Singaporean seafarers who are unable to secure shipboard employment between 1 January to 30 June 2021 may apply for up to \$700 per month in financial assistance, for a maximum of 6 months. The eligibility criteria are laid out in **Annex B**. Applicants can submit their applications using the online form in this [link](#) from 1 January 2021 onwards.

² Singaporean and Singapore Permanent Resident students from the Institute of Technical Education, polytechnics and publicly funded autonomous local universities

Achievement Award Scheme

8 MPA, the Employment and Employability Institute (e2i), SMOU and SOS, are jointly providing an Achievement Award (AA) scheme for local seafarers who have obtained their Certificate of Competency (CoC) 1. The AA scheme will reward eligible applicants up to \$10,000 for the successful completion of the requirements laid out in **Annex C**. To encourage more locals to attain their CoC 1 and build up their proficiencies to assume key shore roles such as marine and technical superintendents, the scheme will be extended for an additional year from 1 January to 31 December 2021. Applicants can submit their applications using the online form in this [link](#).

9 The list of relief measures that will lapse after 31 December 2020 can be found in **Annex D**.

Contact Info

10 For any queries or clarifications on the above, please call the MPA hotline at 1800 272 7777, visit us at <https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/feedback>, or scan the QR code below.



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ADDITIONAL PORT DUES CONCESSION ILLUSTRATION

A cruise ship (100,000GT) in port for 2 days with passenger activity

		Unit	Rate	Amount
1	Current Port Dues - Normal	1,000	8.00/100T (Z)	8,000.00
*** LESS PORT DUES CONCESSION				
2	20% Rebate for Passenger Cruise Ships (6 calls within 6 months)	20%	-8,000.00 (Z)	-1,600.00
3	50% Additional Port Dues Concession	50%	-6,400.00 (Z)	-3,200.00
			TOTAL (SGD)	----- 3,200.00 -----

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE SEAFARER RELIEF PACKAGE (SRP)

Eligibility of Applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singaporean who is an active seafarer and has been deployed on board ships for the period from 1 Nov 2019 onwards, before losing his shipboard employment due to the COVID-19 situation; • Awaiting assignment or on standby for employment onboard foreign-going vessel between 1 January to 30 June 2021 (i.e. not paid seafaring allowance). Applicant must demonstrate that he has not been deployed for at least 3 consecutive months; and • Exclude individuals who have benefited from other Government cash support grants for unemployment or income loss due to the impact of the COVID-19 situation, for the same period. 																				
Support Grant	<p>MPA, SMOU and SOS will provide support as follow:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="461 801 1377 1317"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>MPA</th> <th>SMOU*</th> <th>SOS**</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Eligible seafaring officers (i.e. holds a valid CoC)</td> <td>\$450</td> <td>\$250</td> <td></td> <td>\$700</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cadet trainees who are working adults in place-and-train programs for eventual full employment with their companies</td> <td>\$150</td> <td>\$250</td> <td></td> <td>\$400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ratings (Seamen registered with MPA):</td> <td>\$450</td> <td>-</td> <td>\$250</td> <td>\$700</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*For eligible members of SMOU ** For eligible members of SOS</p> <p>The total support period is capped at 6 months.</p>		MPA	SMOU*	SOS**	Total	Eligible seafaring officers (i.e. holds a valid CoC)	\$450	\$250		\$700	Cadet trainees who are working adults in place-and-train programs for eventual full employment with their companies	\$150	\$250		\$400	Ratings (Seamen registered with MPA):	\$450	-	\$250	\$700
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Application period and form for submission	<p>Applicants can apply by submitting their applications and supporting documents using the online form at link from 1 January 2021 onwards or scanning the following QR Code:</p>  <p>Application is open till 30 September 2021.</p>																				

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (AA)

1. Applicant must fulfil the following criteria in order to qualify for the award:
 - a. be a Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent resident;
 - b. attain a Singapore issued Certificate of Competency Class 1 (“**CoC 1**”) anytime between 1 October 2018 and 31 December 2021 inclusive;

Thereafter, accumulating at least six (6) months of working experience on board vessels from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2021 inclusive; in the capacity of

- i. at least a Chief Officer in the case of a deck officer; or
 - ii. at least a Second Engineer in the case of a marine engineer.
2. TMSS scholars are not eligible for this Achievement Award.
3. Applicants are to submit their applications and supporting documents using the online form via the following URL link ([link](#)) or scanning the following QR Code.



4. Applicant who has received an Achievement Award under the previous set of schemes that were introduced in 22 Oct 2015 via [Shipping Circular 26 of 2015](#) will receive a pro-rated sum as per the appended table.

Types of Applicants	Quantum Eligible For
1. Applicant had not received any award under the previous AA scheme.	\$10,000
2. Applicant received \$2,000 under the previous AA scheme for attaining CoC 3 or CoC 5.	\$8,000
3. Applicant received \$3,000 under the previous AA scheme for attaining CoC 2 or CoC 1.	\$7,000
4. Applicant received a total of \$5,000 under the previous AA scheme for attaining: (a) CoC 3 or Coc 5; and (b) CoC 2 or CoC 1.	\$5,000
5. Applicant received a total of \$6,000 under the previous AA scheme for attaining: (a) CoC 2; and (b) CoC 1.	\$4,000
6. Applicant received a total of \$8,000 under the previous AA scheme for attaining: (a) CoC 3 or CoC 5; (b) CoC 2; and (c) CoC 1.	\$2,000

LIST OF RELIEF MEASURES THAT WILL LAPSE AFTER 31 DECEMBER 2020

No.	Measure	Period
Port Dues Concession		
1.	30% port dues concession for ocean-going cargo vessels	1 May to 31 December 2020
2.	30% port dues concession for non passenger-carrying harbour craft	1 May to 31 December 2020
Credit Management Measures		
3.	Freeze in amount for securities furnished to MPA, which are due for renewal between 1 May and 31 December 2020	1 May to 31 December 2020