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EXTENSION OF ASSISTANCE TO SINGAPOREAN SEAFARERS UNDER THE SEAFARERS RELIEF PACKAGE

1. The Seafarers Relief Package (SRP) is part of the MaritimeSG Together Package to provide further financial support to the maritime industry in the wake of the global COVID-19 outbreak. Our seafarers are frontline workers who keep essential goods flowing, and they make invaluable contributions to Singapore's maritime sector. Since 1 May 2020, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), together with Singapore Maritime Officers' Union (SMOU) and Singapore Organisation of Seamen (SOS), have provided up to \$800 per month in financial assistance to each Singaporean seafarer who was unable to secure shipboard employment between 1 May 2020 to 31 July 2020, due to border control measures and crew change restrictions.

2. To continue supporting Singaporean seafarers whose employment have been affected by the global COVID-19 outbreak, MPA, SMOU and SOS will;

- (i) **extend the SRP by 3 months** (i.e. the maximum support provided to an eligible Singaporean seafarer would be increased from 3 months to 6 months); and
- (ii) **extend the eligibility period for the SRP to cover 1 August 2020 to 31 December 2020.**

3. Eligible Singaporean seafarers who are unable to secure shipboard employment between 1 May to 31 Dec 2020 may apply for up to \$4,800 (i.e. \$800 x 6) in financial assistance. The eligibility criteria are laid out in **Annex A**. Applicants can submit their applications using the online form in this [Link](#).


4. MPA, SMOU and SOS will continue to work with industry partners to support Singaporean seafarers during this COVID-19 pandemic period.

Contact Info

5. For any queries or clarifications on the extension of the SRP, please call the MPA hotline at 1800 272 7777 (select Option 9, then 3) or email mcf@mpa.gov.sg.

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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 recently deployed on board ships for the period from 1 Nov 2019 onwards; and • Awaiting assignment or on standby for employment onboard foreign-going vessel for 30 days or more between 1 May 2020 to 31 December 2020 (i.e. not paid seafaring allowance). • Exclude individuals who have benefited from the COVID-19 Support Grant administered by the Ministry of Social and Family Development and the Self-Employed Income Relief Scheme administered by the Ministry of Manpower and NTUC Income. 																				
Support Grant	<p>MPA, SMOU and SOS will provide support as follow:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="500 764 1349 1245"> <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>\$500</td> <td>\$300</td> <td>-</td> <td>\$800</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cadet trainees who are working adults in place-and-train programs for eventual full employment with their companies</td> <td>\$200</td> <td>\$300</td> <td>-</td> <td>\$500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ratings (Seamen registered with MPA):</td> <td>\$500</td> <td>-</td> <td>\$300</td> <td>\$800</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)	\$500	\$300	-	\$800	Cadet trainees who are working adults in place-and-train programs for eventual full employment with their companies	\$200	\$300	-	\$500	Ratings (Seamen registered with MPA):	\$500	-	\$300	\$800
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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 https://form.gov.sg/5ea4fe5696f87100114f79e4 or scanning the following QR Code:</p>  <p>Application is open till 31 March 2021.</p>																				