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Singapore – Extension of the circuit breaker till 1 June 2020

The Prime Minister announced on 21 April 2020 that the circuit breaker measures will be extended until 1st June 2020 (instead of 4th May 2020).

In a [Press Release](#), the Government has tightened the list of essential services and measures to be taken by employers of business remaining open during the circuit breaker.

In view of the extension, the Government will extend the 75% Jobs Support Scheme (JSS) **across all sectors for another month, i.e. in the month of May 2020.**

Similar to the arrangement for April, the 75% subsidy for May 2020 will first be computed and disbursed based on November 2019 wages, thereby ensuring speedy disbursement. Subsequently, the Government will adjust future JSS payouts to account for actual wages paid in May 2020, relative to November 2019.

The Government also announced that the JSS payout will now also **cover wages of employees of a company who are also shareholders and directors of the company** (shareholder-directors). This support will only apply to companies that were registered on or before 20 April 2020, and for the wages of shareholder-directors with Assessable Income of \$100,000 or less for Year of Assessment 2019.

This is expected to benefit about 50,000 shareholder-directors. The May 2020 and subsequent JSS payouts will include support for qualifying shareholder-directors. The May 2020 payout will also include back-payment for companies with qualifying shareholder-directors whose wages were excluded from the first JSS payout in April 2020.

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.

Previously announced Support and Relief Measures will continue to apply.

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