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**MARITIMESG TOGETHER PACKAGE FOR MARITIME COMPANIES, INDIVIDUALS AND SEAFARERS**

To further assist the industry, MPA has announced the MaritimeSG Together Package, effective from 1 May 2020.

**I. Additional Port Dues Concession**

2 MPA will grant the additional port dues concessions set out in Table 1. This is on top of all existing port dues concessions:

Table 1: Additional Port Dues Concession

Vessel Type	Port Dues Concession	Criteria	Period
Ocean-going cargo vessels	30%	Port stay of not more than 5 days, for Category 1, 2 and 3 activities	1 May to 31 December 2020
Non passenger-carrying harbour craft	30%	With valid MPA licence	

3 In addition, MPA-approved offshore vessels will enjoy 50% discount for Category 4 activity from day 91 to day 180 (equivalent to \$0.50 per 100GT per day).

4 The concessions in paragraphs 3 and 4 will be granted via a reduced bill amount. Companies do not need to take any further action. Please see an illustration in **Annex A**.

5 For companies with licensed non passenger-carrying harbour craft, and/or vessels covered under the Annual or 6-Month port dues scheme as at 1 May 2020, MPA will issue credit note(s) to the companies. Companies do not need to take any further action.

## II. Credit Management Measures

6 To ease MPA customers' cash flow pressures, MPA will provide credit management measures as set out in Table 2 below:

Table 2: Credit Management Measures for MPA's Customers

Measures	Process
Freeze in amount for securities furnished to MPA, which are due for renewal between 1 May and 31 December 2020	MPA will inform its customers on the security amount and validity period.
Extension of credit terms between 1 May and 31 December 2020	Customer to submit request to MPA by email. MPA will assess the eligibility based on the customer's payment mode, payment history and security placed with MPA.

## III. Manpower and Productivity Support Measures

7 To encourage upskilling and strengthen longer-term capabilities, MPA will introduce the following measures:

Table 3: Manpower and Productivity Measures for Companies and Individuals

Scheme	Details	Period
Maritime Cluster Fund- Internship Reimbursement Scheme	MPA will co-fund 50% of the internship allowance (capped at \$500 per month per intern <sup>1</sup> ) paid by maritime companies, for up to six months	1 May to 31 December 2020
Maritime Cluster Fund – Manpower Development (Certifiable Courses)	MPA will increase its co-funding support to 90%. Please refer to <a href="http://www.mpa.gov.sg">www.mpa.gov.sg</a> for the list of qualifying courses	
Maritime Cluster Fund – Manpower Development (Short Courses) <b>selected courses only</b>		
Maritime Cluster Fund – Productivity	MPA will increase its co-funding support up to 90%	

<sup>1</sup> Singaporean and Singapore Permanent Resident students from the Institute of Technical Education, polytechnics and publicly funded autonomous local universities

#### **IV. Initiatives for Local Seafarers**

##### **Seafarers Relief Package**

8 To assist Singaporean seafarers whose employment has been affected by border control measures and crew change restrictions, MPA and the Singapore Maritime Officers' Union (SMOU) are jointly providing the Seafarers Relief Package. Singaporean seafarers who are unable to secure shipboard employment between 1 May to 31 July 2020 may apply for up to \$800 per month in financial assistance. The eligibility criteria are laid out in **Annex B**. Applicants can submit their applications using the online form in this [Link](#).

##### **Achievement Award Scheme**

9 MPA, the Employment and Employability Institute (e2i), SMOU and the Singapore Organisation of Seamen (SOS) are jointly providing a revised Achievement Award (AA) scheme. This revised AA scheme supersedes the existing AA scheme detailed in [shipping circular 26 of 2015](#). The other schemes supporting a Singaporean seafarer in shipping circular 26 of 2015 continue unaffected.

10 The revised AA scheme complements and builds on the momentum provided by the current schemes for both the employers and employees. It will reward eligible applicants up to \$10,000 for the successful completion of the requirements laid out in **Annex C**. The revised AA encourages the building of technical experience as senior officers on board to develop proficiencies that are necessary to assume key shore roles such as marine and technical superintendents. Applicants can submit their applications using the online form in this [Link](#).

##### **Alternative Arrangements for Seafarers Qualification**

11 The conduct of Certificate of Competency (CoC) oral examinations in-person has been temporarily suspended during the Circuit Breaker period. To avoid delaying eligible candidates from completing their oral examination and qualify for their CoCs, MPA will conduct CoC oral examinations through online video-conferencing tools. Applications for CoC oral examinations can be made by sending an email request to [coc@mpa.gov.sg](mailto:coc@mpa.gov.sg).

12 The Singapore Maritime Academy (SMA) has made available alternative arrangements for students who are pursuing their CoCs despite disruptions to their shipboard training. The alternative arrangements include rescheduling classroom training to online classroom trainings, to take place prior to the resumption of shipboard training.

#### **V. Initiatives for Seafarers in General (More assistance to Seafarer Missions)**

13 MPA has been partnering with seafarer missions to provide for the needs of seafarers onboard ships calling at Singapore. MPA will provide a one-off additional \$50,000 to its annual grant of \$150,000 to the seafarer missions in Singapore. The annual grant supports a wide range of welfare services for seafarers including free counselling services and pastoral care, which the seafarer missions have also made available online. Please refer to the details of the seafarer missions here [Link](#).

14 MPA will continue to work with industry partners to support seafarers during this COVID-19 period.

## Contact Info

15 For any queries or clarifications on the MaritimeSG Together Package, 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 pre-registered Green Port Programme (GPP) container ship (30,000GT) in port for 4 days with cargo activity and eligible for GPP concession

		<b>Unit</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	Current Port Dues - Normal	300	9.00/100T (Z)	2,700.00
<b>*** LESS PORT DUES CONCESSION</b>				
2	GPP Concession	25%	-2,700.00 (Z)	-675.00
3	20% Port Dues Concession for Container Ship	20%	-2,025.00 (Z)	-405.00
4	30% Additional Port Dues Concession	30%	-1,620.00 (Z)	-486.00
			TOTAL (SGD)	----- 1,134.00 -----

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE SEAFARER RELIEF PACKAGE (SRP)

Eligibility of Applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Singaporean who is an active seafarer and has been recently deployed on board ships for the period from 1 Nov 2019 onwards; and</li> <li>• Awaiting assignment or on standby for employment onboard foreign-going vessel from 1 May to 31 July 2020 (i.e. not paid seafaring allowance)</li> <li>• Exclude individuals who have benefited from the COVID-19 Support Grant administered by the Ministry of Social and Family Development.</li> <li>• For non-SMOU member, applicant is only eligible for MPA's portion of the relief.</li> <li>• For SMOU member, membership must be paid up to date prior to approval of application.</li> </ul>
Support Grant	<p>SMOU and MPA will provide support as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligible seafaring officers (i.e. holds a valid CoC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$500 from MPA and \$300 from SMOU (for eligible members of SMOU)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cadet trainees who are working adults in place-and-train programs for eventual full employment with their companies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$200 from MPA and \$300 from SMOU (for eligible members of SMOU)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ratings (Seamen registered with MPA): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$500 from MPA</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Period	Unable to secure shipboard employment for 30 days or more during 1 May to 31 Jul 2020
Application period and form for submission	<p>Application open from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020 by submitting their applications and supporting documents using the online form via the following URL link (<a href="#">Link</a>) or scanning the following QR Code:</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 Certificate of Competency Class 1 (“**CoC 1**”) anytime between 1 October 2018 and 31 December 2020 inclusive;
 

accumulate at least six (6) months of working experience on board vessels from 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020 inclusive; in the capacity of

    - i. at least a Chief Officer in the case of a deck officer,
    - ii. at least a Second Engineer in the case of a marine engineer; or
2. 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.



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