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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 18 September 2020 and assented to by the President on 18 September 2020:—

### REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

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**No. 30 of 2020.**

I assent.



HALIMAH YACOB,  
*President.*  
18 September 2020.

An Act to amend the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

**Short title and commencement**

1.—(1) This Act is the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment No. 2) Act 2020 and, except for sections 7 and 11(a), comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

(2) Sections 7 and 11(a) are deemed to have come into operation on 31 July 2020.

**Amendment of section 5A**

2. Section 5A(1) of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020 (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words “the date of commencement of section 5 of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment) Act 2020” in paragraph (b) and substituting the words “1 February 2020”.

**Amendment of section 7A**

3. Section 7A of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “, being a time within the prescribed period” in subsection (1)(b);
- (b) by deleting the words “prescribed rate or amount” in subsection (2) and substituting the words “prescribed rate (as computed in the prescribed manner) or prescribed amount”;
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the words “different rates” in subsection (3), the word “, manners”; and
- (d) by inserting, immediately after subsection (6), the following subsection:

“(7) To avoid doubt, this section applies to a case mentioned in subsection (1) whether *A* served the notification for relief before, on or after 31 July 2020.”.

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**Amendment of section 7B**

**4. Section 7B of the principal Act is amended —**

(a) by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsection:

“(2A) For the purposes of subsection (2), different amounts may be prescribed for different circumstances, and a zero amount may be prescribed.”; and

(b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (5), the following subsection:

“(6) To avoid doubt, this section applies to a case mentioned in subsection (1) whether *A* served the notification for relief before, on or after 31 July 2020.”.

**Amendment of section 12**

**5. Section 12 of the principal Act is amended —**

(a) by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsections:

“(2A) The Registrar may, for the purposes of deciding whether to appoint an assessor to determine an application, request the applicant to provide further information within the time specified by the Registrar.

(2B) The Registrar may reject an application if —

(a) the application is incomplete or otherwise not made in accordance with subsection (1);

(b) the application is not made within the period prescribed by regulations under section 19 for this purpose;

(c) the applicant fails to satisfy the Registrar that subsection (2) is complied with;

- (d) the applicant fails to comply with the Registrar's request under subsection (2A);
- (e) any part of the application is inconsistent with any information contained in the notification for relief served by the applicant under section 9(1), if applicable;
- (f) the Registrar reasonably suspects that any information provided by the applicant to the Registrar is false or misleading in a material particular; or
- (g) it appears to the Registrar, from the application or any information provided by the applicant under subsection (2A), that —
  - (i) the contract in question is not a scheduled contract;
  - (ii) the contract in question is a contract described in section 4(1)(a) or (b);
  - (iii) the obligation or right in the contract in question is to be performed or exercised before 1 February 2020; or
  - (iv) the application is frivolous or an abuse of process.”; and
- (b) by deleting the words “If the Registrar is satisfied that the application is made and served in accordance with subsections (1) and (2),” in subsection (3) and substituting the words “Unless the Registrar rejects an application under subsection (2B),”.

### **Amendment of section 13**

**6.** Section 13(1) of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “section 5” in paragraph (a), the words “or 5A (as the case may be)”.

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**Amendment of section 19J**

7. Section 19J of the principal Act is amended —
- (a) by deleting the words “an additional prescribed period” in subsection (1)(a) and substituting the words “a prescribed period”; and
  - (b) by deleting the words “the additional prescribed period” in subsection (2)(a) and (b) and substituting in each case the words “the prescribed period”.

**Repeal and re-enactment of section 19M**

8. Section 19M of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

**“Application for determination**

**19M.**—(1) This section applies when the owner of a prescribed property receives a notice of cash grant pertaining to a tenant that is purportedly a PTO of that property (called in this Division the subject tenant).

(2) Any landlord (including the owner) or tenant of the property in the PTO chain (called in this Division the applicant) may, within the prescribed time, apply in the prescribed form and manner to the Registrar to appoint a rental relief assessor to make any of the determinations mentioned in subsection (3) or (4), as applicable.

- (3) If the applicant is a landlord, the determinations are —
- (a) whether the subject tenant satisfies the prescribed criteria for a PTO;
  - (b) whether the subject tenant (being a PTO) satisfies the prescribed additional criteria for the additional rental relief; and
  - (c) whether the applicant satisfies the prescribed criteria for a reduction of the additional rental relief.

(4) If the applicant is either a landlord or tenant, the determinations are —