

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE RM15B PERMAI ASSISTANCE PACKAGE (Announced on 18 Jan 2021)

1.0 Combating Covid-19 Outbreak

1.1	Medical and other front liners	<u>One-off payments to be paid in 1st Qtr 2021</u> Medical front liners – RM500 / Other front liners - RM300 (in addition to existing special monthly allowances)
1.2	RM150m allocation	For recruitment of 3,500 healthcare workers
1.3	RM3b allocation (Vaccination Program)	For the Covid-19 National Immunisation Program 3 agreements signed with vaccine producers with the 1 st vaccine batch to arrive in Feb 2021
1.4	RM100m allocation	To Private Hospitals to treat Covid-19 and non-Covid-19 patients to alleviate strain on public hospitals
1.5	SOCSSO Covid-19 Screening in RED zones	Screening of registered foreign workers in RED zones borne fully by SOCSSO

2.0 Safeguarding Rakyat's Welfare

2.1	RM2.38b allocation for BPN 2.0	Disbursements to 11.1m Bantuan Prihatin Nasional recipients to start from Jan 2021
2.2	EPF i-Sinar facility	EPF to provide advance of up to RM1,000 from amounts applied under i-Sinar Category 2 facility
2.3	RM50m allocation (under JKM)	Food basket programme to provide essential food items worth RM100 for each eligible household
2.4	RM25m allocation (under GLIC/GLC Disaster Relief Network)	For provision of community assistance, to the elderly, homeless, the disabled and flood victims

3.0 Support Specifically for Individuals

3.1	Tax relief for IT and mobiles	Tax relief of RM2,500 for computers, handphones, and tablets extended until 31 Dec 2021
3.2	Internet access	Free 1-GB data initiative extended until the end of Apr 2021.
3.3	One-off financial assistance of RM500 (RM66m allocation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14,000 tourist guides 118,000 drivers of taxis, school buses, tour buses, rental cars and e-hailing vehicles
3.4	Employment Insurance System (SIP Prihatin) (<i>Assistance of 30% of mthly salary for 3 mths</i>)	Conditions for SIP Prihatin relaxed for individuals who suffered loss of employment during MCO enforcement. Eligibility extended to employees who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> do not meet the minimum contribution conditions; or whose contract was not extended after having been renewed for at least 3 times previously
3.5	Moratorium for PTPTN borrowers	3-month PTPTN loan repayment moratorium for borrowers affected by the pandemic or flood (Appln before 31 Mar 2021)
3.6	RM24m allocation (under SOCSSO) for Delivery Riders	To fund the full contributions under SOCSSO Self-Employment Social Security Scheme for delivery riders

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4.0 Support for Businesses and Individuals		
4.1	Moratorium on loan repayments	Extension of the moratorium and restructuring of loan repayment will continue to be offered by banks
4.2	Wage subsidy 3.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All employers operating in the MCO states will be eligible to apply, irrespective of sector. Wage subsidy for each employer will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increased from 200 to 500 employees for a period of one month RM600 for each employee earning less than RM4,000.
4.3	Tax relief for Covid-19 screening	Tax relief for full health screening expenses to include Covid-19 screening
4.4	Prihatin Special Grant Plus Assistance	<p><u>Expanded to cover:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 500,000 SMEs in the 7 MCO states 300,000 SMEs in the other states <p><u>Assistance of</u> RM1,000 each RM500 each</p>
4.5	Bus and Taxi HP Rehabilitation Scheme (RM1b allocation)	50% guarantee on financing from HP and leasing companies provided for selected buses (eg. sightseeing buses) and taxis
4.6	Companies providing $\geq 30\%$ rent reduction	<p>Special deduction extended to non-SMEs</p> <p>Deduction period extended to 30 Jun 2021</p> <p><i>(Nb. The rules to legislate the above special deduction has not been gazetted to-date)</i></p>
4.7	Danajamin Guarantee Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased from RM500m to RM1b Scope extended to cover working capital with guarantee period of up to 10 years Foreign-owned companies eligible if workforce is $\geq 75\%$ Malaysian
4.8	HRDF levy exemption	Employer levies exempted for companies that are not able to operate during MCO/CMCO periods
4.9	10% discount on TNB bills from Jan-Mar 2021	<p><u>For 6 business sectors nationwide:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotel operators Theme parks Convention centers Shopping malls Local airline offices Travel and tour agencies
4.10	TNB rebates for all TNB users (domestic and non-domestic) from Jan-Jun 2021	Rebate of 2 sen per kilowatt-hour (equivalent to a reduction in electricity bills of up to 9%)
4.11	Sales tax exemption on Passenger Cars	100% sales tax exemption for locally assembled and 50% sales tax exemption for imported passenger vehicles extended to 30 Jun 2021
4.12	Contractual obligations	Effective period of inability to perform contractual obligations extended to 31 Mar 2021 under the Temporary Measures for Reducing the Impact of Covid-19 Act, 2020