

MAKING SINGAPORE A GREAT PLACE FOR FAMILIES

2017 Support Measures For Achievable, Enjoyable and Celebrated Parenthood

HOUSING



*A place of
our own*

Faster access to housing

- **NEW** 17,000 Build-To-Order (BTO) flats to launch in 2017
- **NEW** Shorter waiting time of about 2.5 years for some BTO flats, starting with 1,000 units to be launched in 2018
- First-timer married couples with or expecting a child enjoy priority under Parenthood Priority Scheme (PPS)
- Parenthood Provisional Housing Scheme (PPHS) for families awaiting completion of new flats
 - **NEW** Monthly rent reduced by \$200 to \$400, depending on flat type and location

Helping families live closer together

- Proximity Housing Grant (PHG) of \$20,000 for families who buy resale flats close to their parents/married child
- 3Gen flats, Married Child Priority Scheme and Multi-Generation Priority Scheme for those who are buying new flats and wish to live close to family

More affordable home ownership

- **NEW** Higher CPF Housing Grant for first-timer families buying resale flats

Flat type	Before	From 20 Feb 2017
2- to 4-room	\$30,000	\$50,000
5-room and larger	\$30,000	\$40,000

- Support for lower and middle-income households to own their first flat:
 - Up to \$40,000 in Additional CPF Housing Grant (applicable for new and resale flats)
 - Up to \$40,000 Special CPF Housing Grant (applicable for 4-room and smaller new flats in non-mature estates from HDB)
- Higher income ceiling of \$12,000 for families buying a new flat from HDB or resale flat with CPF Housing Grant
- Fresh Start Housing Scheme to help second-timer families with young children living in public rental flats achieve home ownership again

COMMUNITY AND WORKPLACE SUPPORT



*We can
manage
work and
family
successfully*

Parental leave

- **NEW** Additional 4 weeks of unpaid Infant Care Leave for public servants, to be taken in child's first year (*3-year pilot*)
 - Public servants and their spouses guaranteed 6 months of parental leave per couple
- 6 days of unpaid Infant Care Leave for parents with children under 2 years
- 2nd week of paid Paternity Leave from 1 Jan 2017
- 16 weeks of paid Maternity Leave
 - 4 weeks of paid Shared Parental Leave from 1 Jul 2017
- 12 weeks of paid Adoption Leave from 1 Jul 2017
- Paid Childcare Leave:
 - 6 days for parents with children under 7 years
 - 2 days for parents with children 7 - 12 years

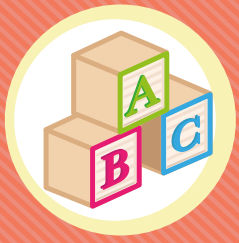
Family Bonding

- ActiveSG's sports programmes
- Family-friendly arts and heritage activities at our national museums and attractions

More recognition for companies which provide Flexible Work Arrangements (FWAs)

- **NEW** New verifiable FWA standards to encourage progressive workplaces (complement Tripartite Advisory on FWAs)
 - Employers recognised through the Jobs Bank and TAFEP website
 - Jobseekers will be able to identify these companies as employers of choice
- Tripartite Committee (TriCom) on Work-Life Strategy to raise awareness, build capabilities, and develop an ecosystem to foster workplace cultures that support and sustain FWAs
- Employers can tap on various resources to implement FWAs
 - Tripartite Advisory on FWAs published by tripartite partners
 - Work-Life Grant encourages companies to implement and sustain FWAs
 - BCA's Accessibility Fund covers up to 40% of construction costs to upgrade private buildings with accessibility features, including nursing rooms

PRE-SCHOOL AND EDUCATION



Care for baby, Peace of Mind for Daddy and Mummy

Expanding childcare/ infant care capacity

- **NEW** Plans to increase the capacity of centre-based infant care to 8,000 places by 2020
- Increased childcare places by over 40% over the last 5 years to about 140,000
- 10,000 new childcare places over the next year
- 18 MOE kindergartens in HDB heartlands by 2018

Making childcare/infant care more affordable

- Basic Subsidy of up to \$600 for infant care and up to \$300 for childcare for working mothers
- Families with non-working mothers are eligible for a Basic Subsidy of up to \$150 per month
- Families with working mothers, and with gross monthly household incomes of \$7,500 and below, are eligible for an Additional Subsidy (lower income families receive more)
- Kindergarten Fee Assistance Scheme: Lower and middle-income families may pay as little as \$1 a month at Anchor Operators or MOE kindergartens

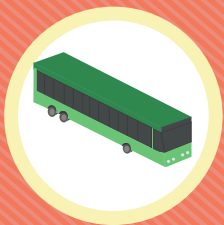
Quality early childhood education

- **NEW** Early Childhood Development Centres Act to be implemented in 2017 to ensure higher and more consistent quality pre-schools
- Extension of FLAiR programme to more pre-school centres to help K2 children who have difficulties in learning English
- KidSTART pilot programme to give 1,000 low income and vulnerable children early access to health, learning and developmental support

Quality national education system

- **NEW** Enhanced bursaries for publicly-funded Post-Secondary Education Institutions (PSEIs); revised income criteria to benefit more students
- Significant education subsidies throughout national education system
- MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) provides additional support for lower income families
- Expansion of after-school care in all primary schools by 2020. Lower income families can receive total subsidies of up to \$285 a month; revised income criteria to benefit more families

ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT



Helping families get around safely and conveniently

More inclusive, family-friendly public transport system

- Family-friendly bus and rail network:
 - **NEW** Open strollers on public buses from 2 Apr 2017
 - **NEW** Priority queues at all train stations and new bus interchanges for less mobile passengers, including expecting mothers and families with strollers by end 2017
 - **NEW** New bus interchanges and integrated transport hubs with nursing rooms, including Bukit Panjang, Outram, Sengkang, Shenton Way and Tampines
 - **NEW** Diaper-changing stations along future Thomson-East Coast Line (TEL) and Circle Line 6 stations

BETTER HEALTH



For all ages

For newborns

- \$4,000 Medisave Grant for Newborns
- MediShield Life coverage from birth
- Medisave Maternity Package - use Medisave to help pay for delivery and pre-delivery care:
 - Up to \$900 for pre-delivery care, from \$450 previously
 - Between \$750 and \$2,150 for delivery medical expenses depending on type of procedure
 - \$450 for each day's stay in hospital

MediShield Life

- For every Singaporean, for life

Enhanced Screen for Life subsidies

- **NEW** A low flat fee for eligible Singaporeans* from Sep 2017 for recommended health screening and the first follow-up consultation, if required, at CHAS GPs:
 - No charge for Pioneer Generation
 - \$2 for CHAS cardholders
 - \$5 for all other Singaporeans

*Eligible Singaporeans who meet the screening criteria will receive a letter of invitation from HPB

Action Plan for Successful Ageing

- Help Singaporeans age well and confidently in caring and enabling communities

NurtureSG

- Foster healthy habits from young; by equipping our children and youth with the skills and knowledge to embrace healthy living and improve their health outcomes

Community Health Assist Scheme (CHAS)

- About 1.3 million Singaporeans (including Pioneers) can receive subsidies for medical and dental care at participating GPs and dental clinics

CARING FOR OUR CHILDREN



Supporting parents in child-raising

Baby Bonus Cash Gift

- \$8,000 per child for 1st and 2nd child, and \$10,000 per child for the 3rd child onwards

Child Development Account (CDA)

- CDA First Step: a \$3,000 contribution to the CDA given without having to save in the CDA first

Birth Order of Child	CDA First Step (Parents' savings not required)	Government Co-savings	Total Government Contribution
1st & 2nd	\$3,000	\$3,000 Parents' Savings \$3,000 Government Co-savings	\$6,000
3rd & 4th	\$3,000	\$9,000 Parents' Savings \$9,000 Government Co-savings	\$12,000
5th & beyond	\$3,000	\$15,000 Parents' Savings \$15,000 Government Co-savings	\$18,000

Parenthood Tax Rebate (PTR)

- Parents can claim the following amount under PTR:

Birth Order of Child	Rebate Amount
1st child	\$5,000
2nd child	\$10,000
3rd & each subsequent child	\$20,000

Working Mother's Child Relief (WMCR)

- A working mother can claim the following amount under WMCR:

Birth Order of Child	Percentage of earned income
1st child	15%
2nd child	20%
3rd & each subsequent child	25%

There will be a personal income tax relief cap of \$80,000, which will apply from YA 2018.

Qualifying Child Relief (QCR) & Handicapped Child Relief (HCR)

- Tax relief of \$4,000 per child under QCR
- Tax relief of \$7,500 per child under HCR

Foreign Domestic Worker Levy Concession

- Concessionary levy of \$60 for families who engage a foreign domestic worker if they have a child below 16 years old