

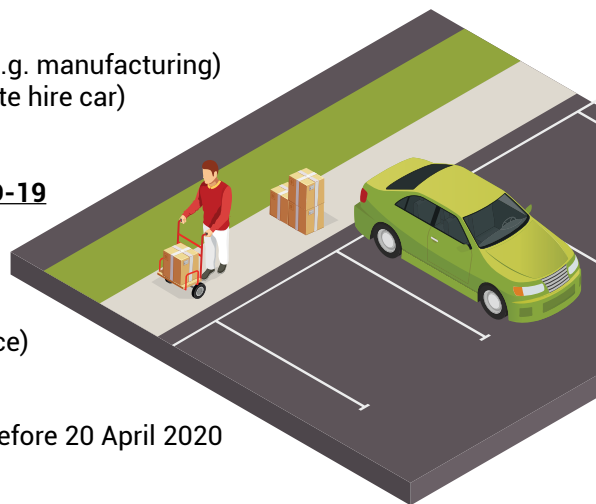
# GUIDE FOR Hirers in hire-purchase or conditional sales agreements

## Do you qualify for relief?

- ✓ Hire-purchase agreement or conditional sales agreement for:
  - Plant or machinery in Singapore used for commercial purposes (e.g. manufacturing)
  - Commercial vehicle (e.g. used as goods vehicle, private bus, private hire car)
- ✓ Entered into contract before 25 March 2020
- ✓ **Unable to pay instalments** from 1 February 2020 or later, **due to COVID-19**

The Act does not apply if your case has any of the following factors:

- ✗ Goods purchased for personal purposes
- ✗ Vehicle rental agreements (approach the rental company for assistance)
- ✗ Inability to pay instalments for reasons unrelated to COVID-19
- ✗ Unpaid instalments before 1 February 2020 and goods repossessed before 20 April 2020



## What does the relief do?

**During the prescribed period:**

- The seller cannot repossess your plant, machinery or vehicle
- The seller cannot start or continue court or insolvency proceedings against you

Take the chance to re-organise your finances and consider if you will still be able to pay the instalments in future.

### Take note

- Instalments and applicable interest continue to accrue, and remain payable
- Instalments are not waived. Discuss with the finance company if you need to reschedule instalments
- If you terminate the agreement, you are still liable for charges and other penalties listed in your agreement
- After the prescribed period, legal and enforcement proceedings may be commenced for arrears

## What is the prescribed period?

The prescribed period is 6 months starting from 20 April 2020 (i.e. until 19 October 2020).

## How to get relief?

Serve a Notification for Relief on the finance company, using the form at [www.mlaw.gov.sg/covid19-relief/notification-for-relief](http://www.mlaw.gov.sg/covid19-relief/notification-for-relief). The relief applies after the Notification is served.

## What if the seller does not agree?

The seller may not agree that relief applies, because you can still pay instalments or you have not been affected by COVID-19. Try to discuss with the seller and reach a compromise.

If you cannot agree, either of you may apply for an Assessor from the Ministry of Law to make a determination. The determination will aim to be fair to both parties. For example, you may have to pay partial or staggered instalments. The determination by the Assessor is binding on the parties, and is not appealable.