Event and tourism-related contracts

Do you qualify for relief?

- Event or tourism-related contract (e.g. venue or catering for wedding; tour or cruise package)
- ✓ Entered into contract before 25 March 2020 (e.g. made booking before 25 March 2020)
- ✓ Event/tour held or scheduled to be held on or after 1 February 2020
- Unable to proceed with event/tour due to COVID-19

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

- Inability to proceed with event/tour for reasons unrelated to COVID-19
- 🗶 Contracts not governed by Singapore law (e.g. with overseas tour agency or photographer)
- X Contracts for air travel such as airline tickets

What does the relief do?

- The vendor cannot automatically forfeit the client's deposit
- The deposit will be treated fairly, taking into account any expenses incurred by the vendor and alternative arrangements for the booking
- The client cannot be made to pay cancellation fees (if provided in the contract) if the event/tour was to occur between 1 February 2020 to 19 October 2020 (dates inclusive)

The COVID-19 situation was unforeseeable, and has taken a toll on both businesses and consumers. Take this time to work out a mutually acceptable arrangement with your vendor or client to reschedule the event/tour if possible.

Take note

- · Consumers are not automatically entitled to cancel the contract or receive a full refund
- Vendors may be allowed to set-off any expenses from the deposit
- If a consumer has already cancelled the event/tour, and agreed with the vendor to forfeit the deposit (or a part of it) or to pay cancellation fees, the money will <u>not</u> be refunded

How to get relief?

Serve a Notification for Relief on your vendor or client, using the form at www.mlaw.gov.sg/covid19-relief/notification-for-relief. The relief applies after the Notification is served.

What if my vendor/client does not agree?

Your vendor or client may not agree that the relief applies. Please discuss with them and try to reach a mutually acceptable 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. It is binding on the parties, and is not appealable. Possible outcomes may include:

- · Postponement of the event or tour, with the vendor continuing to hold the deposit
- Partial refund of deposit to the consumer, taking into account expenses incurred by the vendor
- · Termination of contract, with full or partial refund of deposit



