COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) ACT

RENTAL RELIEF FRAMEWORK GUIDE FOR LANDLORDS



Prior to receiving the IRAS notice of cash grant: Grant rental waivers early

- Grant the rental waivers early, if your tenant is clearly eligible for them.*
- · Moratorium is in place for the tenant-occupier. If the tenant-occupier cannot pay rent, you cannot take enforcement action against them, e.g. terminating the lease, evicting the tenant.
- *If the tenant is found to be ineligible later, contractual terms will apply and can be enforced.



From August 2020: Look out for IRAS notice of cash grant

IRAS will start issuing notices of cash grant to qualifying property owners, and disbursing the cash grant. The notices will be available on IRAS' myTax Portal by mid-August 2020 and will also be sent via hard copy.

When you receive the IRAS notice: Rent is waived

- The applicable rent and any interest payable on it is waived.* Your tenant does not need to pay rent for the period covered.
- · If they already paid rent, you should apply the waivers to the next immediate month(s). If that is not possible, give your
- The moratorium for the tenant-occupier ends, unless the tenant-occupier has filed a Notification for Relief (in which case the moratorium will end on 19 October 2020).
- You may send a written request to the tenant-occupier to share relevant information on their eligibility, e.g. financial statements for the relevant period. The tenant-occupier should do so within 5 working days.
- *You may offset the waivers with any monetary payments or reductions of amounts due under the lease agreement provided from 1 February 2020, including any Property Tax Rebate for Year 2020 already passed down in respect of the property. You can also still charge for maintenance and service fees.

Within 4 working days of receiving IRAS notice: Serve copy of notice on tenant

 Serve a copy of the notice on your immediate tenant in person, via registered post or email. If possible, serve a copy on the end-tenant-occupier directly as well.

Within 10 working days of receiving IRAS notice: Submit application for assessment if necessary

- · If you disagree that your tenant-occupier is eligible for the waivers, you can apply for an independent assessment of their eligibility.
- If you meet all the following criteria, you can apply for an assessment to halve the amount of Additional Rental Relief you have to provide:
 - You are an individual or sole proprietor landlord
 - Aggregate of Annual Value of all your investment properties ≤ \$\$60,000 as at 13 April 2020
 - Rental from the property in question formed ≥ 75% of your gross income in Year of Assessment 2019



From 21 August – 21 October 2020: Apply to IRAS if no notice received

If you have not received the IRAS notice, you/the tenant-occupier can make an application at www.go.gov.sg/ governmentcashgrant.



Before 19 October 2020: Tenant may take up repayment scheme

• If the tenant-occupier qualifies for Additional Rental Relief, they may inform you in writing that they will be taking up the repayment scheme for rental arrears.



By 1 November 2020: First instalment payment due

Tenant on the repayment scheme must pay the first instalment.

