

## **(1) What are the enhancements to WIS announced at Budget 2019?**

The Government will enhance the Workfare Income Supplement (WIS) Scheme to uplift the incomes and CPF savings of lower-wage workers, as well as to encourage them to work regularly. The enhancements include:

- a) Qualifying income cap raised from \$2,000/month to \$2,300/month
- b) Higher annual WIS payouts of up to \$4,000

## **(2) Who is eligible for the enhanced WIS?**

One will qualify for enhanced WIS for work done from 1 January 2020, if he/she:

- is a Singapore Citizen;
- is aged 35 years and above on 31 December of the work year (all persons with disabilities would qualify for WIS); and
- earns a gross monthly income<sup>1</sup> of not more than \$2,300 for the month worked<sup>2</sup>.

However, one will not qualify for WIS if he/she:

- lives in a property with an annual value<sup>3</sup> of more than \$13,000 assessed as at 31 December of the preceding year;

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<sup>1</sup> Gross monthly income includes basic salary and additional wages such as overtime pay and bonuses.

<sup>2</sup> In addition, one must earn an average gross monthly income of not more than \$2,300 in the past 12 months.

<sup>3</sup> Annual value is the estimated gross annual rent of the property if it were to be rented out, excluding furniture, furnishings and maintenance fees. It is determined based on estimated market rentals of similar or comparable properties.

- owns two or more properties; or
- if married:
  - he/she and his/her spouse together own two or more properties; or
  - the assessable income of his/her spouse for the preceding Year of Assessment exceeds \$70,000.

If one is a Self-Employed Person, he/she must have also declared his/her net trade income for work done in the Work Year and made MediSave contributions.

**(3) When will the WIS enhancements apply?**

The WIS enhancements will apply to work done from 1 January 2020 onwards.

**(4) How much WIS will I get from January 2020?**

You may refer to the table for the maximum annual WIS payout from January 2020.

| Your age in the work year (from 2020) | Maximum annual WIS payout |                          |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                       | If you are employed       | If you are self-employed |
| 35-44                                 | \$1,700                   | \$1,133                  |
| 45-54                                 | \$2,500                   | \$1,667                  |
| 55-59                                 | \$3,300                   | \$2,200                  |
| 60 & above                            | \$4,000                   | \$2,667                  |