Budget 2024 - Overview of Tax Changes

Tax Changes

For Businesses

Tax Change	Summary
Corporate Income Tax ("CIT") Rebate for the Year of Assessment ("YA") 2024, with a CIT Rebate Cash Grant for eligible companies	To help companies manage rising costs, a CIT Rebate of 50% of tax payable will be granted for YA 2024. Companies that have employed at least one local employee in 2023 (referred to as "local employee condition") will receive a minimum benefit of $2,000 in the form of a cash payout (referred to as "CIT Rebate Cash Grant"). Companies that have met the local employee condition will automatically receive the CIT Rebate Cash Grant by 3Q 2024. The CIT Rebate, less any CIT Rebate Cash Grant received, will be automatically incorporated in companies' tax assessments raised after they file their Form C-S/ Form C-S (Lite)/ Form C for YA 2024. For example, Company A hired two local employees in 2023. It has a CIT assessment of $30,000 for YA 2024. Company A will receive a $2,000 CIT Rebate Cash Grant by 3Q 2024. It will receive another $13,000 [(50% * $30,000) - $2,000] in CIT Rebate in its YA 2024 CIT assessment. The maximum total benefits of CIT Rebate and CIT Rebate Cash Grant that a company may receive is $40,000. A company is considered to have met the local employee condition if it has made CPF contributions to at least one local (i.e., Singapore Citizen or Permanent Resident) employee, excluding shareholders who are also directors of the company, in the calendar year 2023.

Enhance the tax deduction for Renovation or Refurbishment ("R&R") expenditure	To ease businesses' compliance burden and improve the relevance of the scheme, MOF will introduce the following enhancements from YA 2025: a) Expand the scope of qualifying expenditure to include designer fees or professional fees; b) Fix the relevant three-year period for the purpose of computing the R&R expenditure cap, with the first three-year period being from YA 2025 to YA 2027. We will transition all businesses to the fixed relevant three-year period; and c) Allow an option to claim R&R deductions in one YA, subject to the prevailing expenditure cap. IRAS will provide further details by 3Q 2024.
Introduce the Refundable Investment Credit ("RIC")	To enhance Singapore's attractiveness for investments, we will introduce the RIC, which will support up to 50% of qualifying expenditures. The credits are to be offset against CIT payable. Any unutilised tax credits will be refunded to the company as cash within four years from when the company satisfies the conditions for receiving the credits. EDB and EnterpriseSG will provide further details by 3Q 2024.
Implement the Income Inclusion Rule ("IIR") and a Domestic Top-up Tax ("DTT") under Pillar Two of the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting ("BEPS") 2.0 initiative	Singapore will implement the IIR and a DTT, which will impose a minimum effective tax rate of 15% on businesses' profits from financial years starting on or after 1 January 2025. This will apply to relevant multinational enterprise ("MNE") groups with annual group revenue of 750 million euros or more in at least two of the four preceding financial years (referred to as "in-scope MNE groups"), in line with the Pillar Two Global Anti-Base Erosion ("GloBE") Model Rules. The IIR will apply to in-scope MNE groups that are parented in Singapore, in respect of the profits of their group entities that are operating outside Singapore. The DTT will apply to in-scope MNE groups in respect of the profits of their group entities that are operating in Singapore.

Extend and revise the tax incentive schemes for funds managed by Singapore-based fund managers (referred to as "Qualifying Funds")	To continue to grow Singapore's asset and wealth management industry, the schemes will be extended till 31 December 2029. In addition, the following key changes will be made: a) The section 13O scheme will be enhanced to include Limited Partnerships registered in Singapore; and b) The economic criteria for Qualifying Funds under the sections 13D, 13O and 13U schemes will be revised. These key changes will take effect from 1 January 2025. MAS will provide further details by 3Q 2024.
Introduce an alternative basis of tax where the qualifying income of shipping entities will be taxed by reference to net tonnage, for the following Maritime Sector Incentive ("MSI") sub-schemes: a) MSI-Shipping Enterprise (Singapore Registry of Ship) ("MSI-SRS") b) MSI-Approved International Shipping	To better align our tax regime for shipping entities with common international practices, an alternative basis of tax where the qualifying income of qualifying shipping entities is taxed by reference to the net tonnage of their ships will be available under the MSI-SRS, MSI-AIS, and MSI-ML(Ship) from YA 2024. The alternative basis of tax will apply to all qualifying ships of MSI entities that are subjected to it. The existing tax treatment under the relevant MSI sub-schemes will continue to apply to MSI entities that are not under the alternative net tonnage basis of tax. MPA will provide further details by 3Q 2024.

Enterprise (“MSI-AIS”) c) MSI-Maritime Leasing (Ship) (“MSI-ML(Ship)”)	
Introduce an additional concessionary tax rate (“CTR”) tier of 10% for the Finance and Treasury Centre (“FTC”) incentive	As part of our periodic review to ensure that our tax incentives remain relevant and competitive, an additional CTR tier of 10% will be introduced under the FTC incentive with effect from 17 February 2024. EDB will provide further details by 2Q 2024.
Introduce an additional CTR tier of 10% for the Aircraft Leasing Scheme (“ALS”)	As part of our periodic review to ensure that our tax incentives remain relevant and competitive, an additional CTR tier of 10% will be introduced under the ALS for approved aircraft lessors with effect from 17 February 2024. EDB will provide further details by 2Q 2024.
Introduce an additional CTR tier of 15% for the Development and Expansion Incentive (“DEI”)	As part of our periodic review to ensure that our tax incentives remain relevant and competitive, an additional CTR tier of 15% will be introduced under the DEI with effect from 17 February 2024. EDB will provide further details by 2Q 2024.
Introduce an additional CTR tier of 15% for the Intellectual Property Development Incentive (“IDI”)	As part of our periodic review to ensure that our tax incentives remain relevant and competitive, an additional CTR tier of 15% will be introduced under the IDI with effect from 17 February 2024. EDB will provide further details by 2Q 2024.

Introduce an additional CTR tier of 15% for the Global Trader Programme ("GTP")	As part of our periodic review to ensure that our tax incentives remain relevant and competitive, an additional CTR tier of 15% will be introduced under the GTP with effect from 17 February 2024. EnterpriseSG will provide further details by 2Q 2024.
Revisions to Additional Buyer's Stamp Duty ("ABSD") remission clawback rates for housing developers ("HDs")	To ensure that the housing supply is released promptly while providing some flexibility for HDs to address the difficulties they may face in selling all units within the prescribed timelines, with effect from 16 February 2024, projects with at least 90% of units sold at the five-year sale timeline will be subjected to a lower ABSD remission clawback rate, if the commencement and completion of works criteria are also fulfilled. This applies for projects where the residential land was acquired on or after 6 July 2018. The ABSD remission clawed back will be reduced by 1 percentage point to 10 percentage points, depending on the proportion of units sold at the five-year mark.

For Individuals

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Personal Income Tax ("PIT") Rebate for YA 2024	In view of cost-of-living concerns, a PIT Rebate of 50% of tax payable will be granted to all tax resident individuals for YA 2024. The rebate will be capped at $200 per taxpayer.
Raise dependant's or caregiver's income threshold for dependant-related reliefs to $8,000	To allow more taxpayers who are providing for dependant family members to enjoy these reliefs, while giving family members the flexibility to do some work, the income threshold of $4,000 will be increased to $8,000 with effect from YA 2025. The dependant-related reliefs are: a) Spouse Relief; b) Parent Relief;

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<tr><td></td><td>c) Qualifying Child Relief;
d) Working Mother’s Child Relief;
e) CPF Cash Top-up Relief for top-up to the CPF account of spouse or siblings;
f) Grandparent Caregiver Relief</td></tr>
<tr><td>Revision of Annual Value (“AV”) bands for owner-occupier residential Property Tax (“PT”) rates from 1 January 2025 (i.e. from 2025 PT bills)</td><td>In view of the sharp rise in AVs over the last two years, the AV bands of the owner-occupier residential PT rates will be adjusted as follows from 1 January 2025:
<table>
<tr><th rowspan="2">Marginal PT Rate</th><th colspan="2">Portion of AV</th></tr>
<tr><th>From 1 Jan 2024 to 31 Dec 2024</th><th>From 1 Jan 2025 (i.e., from 2025 PT bills)</th></tr>
<tr><td>0%</td><td>$0 - $8,000</td><td>$0 - $12,000</td></tr>
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<tr><td>6%</td><td>>$30,000 - $40,000</td><td>>$40,000 - $50,000</td></tr>
<tr><td>10%</td><td>>$40,000 - $55,000</td><td>>$50,000 - $75,000</td></tr>
<tr><td>14%</td><td>>$55,000 - $70,000</td><td>>$75,000 - $85,000</td></tr>
<tr><td>20%</td><td>>$70,000 - $85,000</td><td>>$85,000 - $100,000</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Extended GIRO Scheme for Residential Property (Retirees) (“EGS - Residential Property (Retirees)”)</td><td>To better support retirees, the 12-month interest-free GIRO instalment plan offered by IRAS will be extended to up to 24 months, effective from PT bill 2024, for retirees who meet the following criteria:
a) All owners of the property are aged 65 and above;
b) The applicant must owner-occupy the residential property (i.e., live in the property they own); and
c) The applicant’s Assessable Income must not exceed $34,000 (based on latest tax assessment available).

Eligible retirees can apply for EGS Residential Property (Retirees) via myTax Portal from 19 Feb 2024 onwards.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>New Additional Buyer’s Stamp Duty (“ABSD concession for single Singapore Citizen (“SC”) seniors</td><td>To better support single SC seniors who wish to right-size their residential property (“RP”), the ABSD concession will be extended to single SC seniors aged 55 and above. For purchases on or after 16 February 2024, single SC seniors aged 55 and above can claim a refund of ABSD paid on the replacement private RP if they meet the following conditions:
a) ABSD has been paid on the replacement RP;
b) Each first RP is solely owned by a single SC aged 55 and above, or with single SCs aged 55 and above who are immediate family members[1];
c) The owners of each first RP need to be the owners of the replacement RP. Any additional owners purchasing the replacement RP with the owners of each first RP must also be single SCs aged 55 and above who are immediate family members. There should be no change of ownership in the replacement RP at the time of the sale of each first RP;
d) The buyer(s) do not own more than one RP each at the point of purchasing the replacement RP, and have not purchased or acquired any other RP since the purchase of the replacement RP;
e) The value of the replacement RP is less than the value of each of the first RP(s) sold[2];
f) The buyer(s) dispose the first RP(s) (whether co-owned or separately owned) within six months after the date of purchase of a completed RP, or the issue date of the TOP or CSC of an uncompleted RP, whichever is earlier; and
g) The application for the refund of ABSD is made within six months after the date of sale of the first RP(s).</td></tr>
<tr><td>Lapse Course Fees Relief (“CFR”)</td><td>With the introduction of more targeted direct subsidies to support lifelong learning and upskilling over the years, the CFR will be lapsed with effect from YA 2026.

Individuals can continue to receive support for upskilling, reskilling, and career transitions through other existing Government initiatives, for example, course fee subsidies for SkillsFuture Singapore-funded courses, SkillsFuture Credit, SkillsFuture Career Transition Programme, and Career Conversion Programmes.</td></tr>
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[1] Immediate family members refer to one’s parent, child, or sibling.

[2] The value refers to the higher of the purchase price or market value of the RP purchased/sold. The value of the replacement RP is that as at the date of purchase of the replacement RP, while the value of the first RP is that as at the date of sale of the first RP.

Remove CPF Cash Top-Up Relief for cash top-ups that attract matching grant from the Government under the Matched Retirement Savings Scheme ("MRSS")	As the MRSS matching grant is already a significant benefit extended by the Government, cash top-ups made on or after 1 January 2025 to the Retirement Account of a MRSS-eligible CPF member that attract the MRSS matching grant will no longer entitle the giver to the CPF Cash Top-Up Relief from YA 2026. A giver may continue to enjoy tax relief of up to $16,000 a year for eligible CPF cash top-ups that do not attract the MRSS matching grant. The maximum amount of CPF Cash Top-Up Relief is $8,000 per year for cash top-ups to the giver's own Special Account, Retirement Account or MediSave Account, and another $8,000 per year for cash top-ups to such accounts of the giver's loved ones. This change will be accompanied by enhancements to the MRSS.

Other Tax Changes

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<tr><td>Introduce an Overseas Humanitarian Assistance Tax Deduction Scheme ("OHAS")</td><td>To encourage giving towards overseas emergency humanitarian assistance causes, the OHAS will be piloted for four years from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2028.

The OHAS will provide individual and corporate donors with 100% tax deduction for qualifying overseas cash donations made through a designated charity and towards a fundraiser for emergency humanitarian assistance with a valid Fund-Raising for Foreign Charitable Purposes permit from the Commissioner of Charities.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Withdraw income tax concession on royalty income accorded to authors, composers, and choreographers</td><td>To ensure parity in the treatment of royalty income, the current tax concession of taxing only 10% of gross royalties will be withdrawn in phases with effect from YA 2027.

For YA 2027 and YA 2028, eligible taxpayers may continue to claim the tax concession and report their taxable royalty income based on the lower of (i) the net amount of royalties (i.e., gross amount of royalties, less allowable deductions and capital allowances), and (ii) a specified rate applied on the gross amount of royalties. The specified rate will be as follows:

<table><tr><th>YA</th><th>Concessionary tax treatment</th></tr><tr><td>2027</td><td>40% of gross royalty</td></tr><tr><td>2028</td><td>70% of gross royalty</td></tr></table>
The tax concession will be lapsed after YA 2028. From YA 2029, taxpayers should report the net amount of royalties.</td></tr>
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