

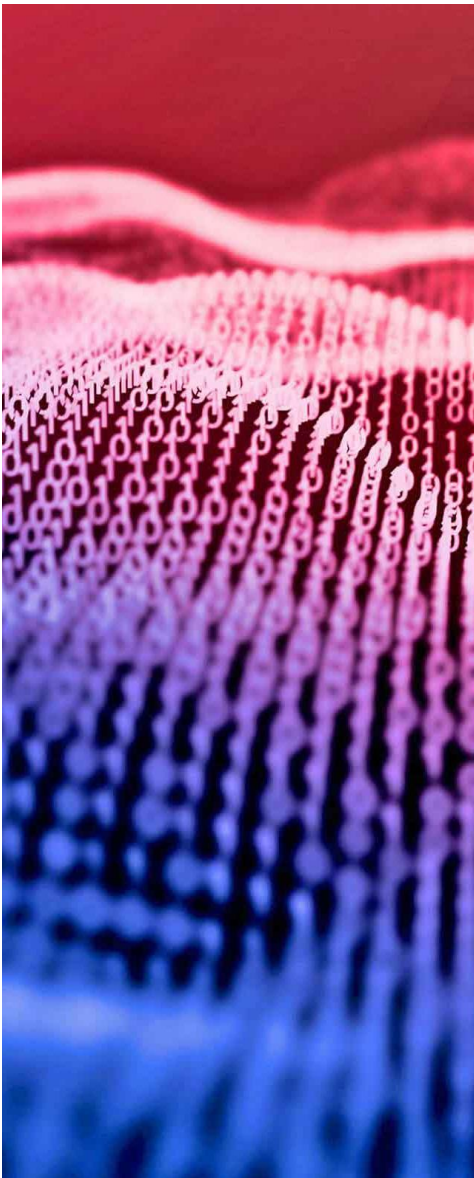
# BUDGET 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

Singapore



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# Accelerate AI Adoption

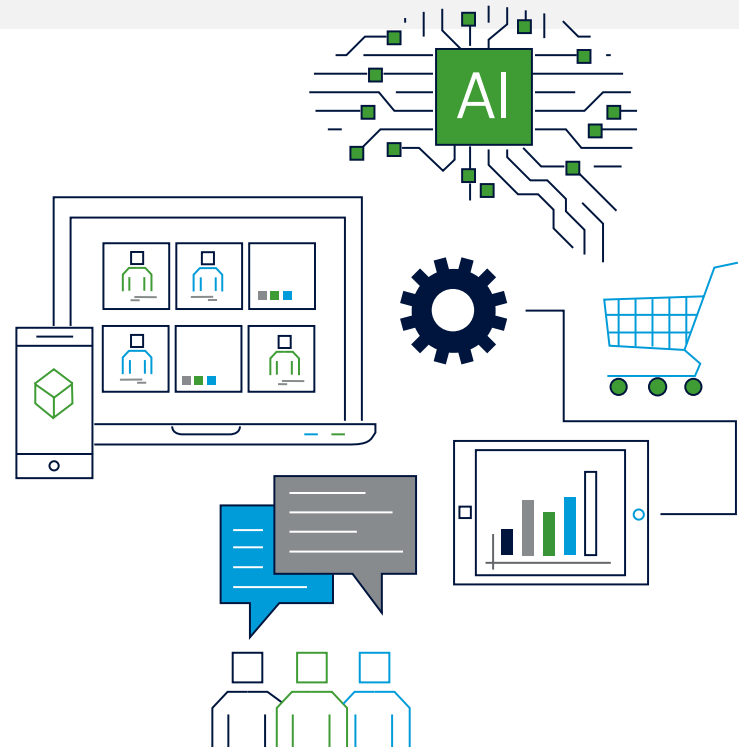


## Enterprise Innovation Scheme (EIS)

- 400% tax deductions/ allowances under the EIS will be expanded to include qualifying AI expenditures incurred in YA 2027 and YA 2028, subject to an expenditure cap of S\$50,000 per YA
- Option to convert these benefits into a non-taxable cash payout will not be available
- The list of partner institutions will be expanded to include the Sectoral AI Centre of Excellence for Manufacturing
- IRAS will release more details on these enhancements by mid-2026

## Productivity Solutions Grant (PSG)

- A wider range of AI-enabled solutions will be made available for businesses under the PSG



*This Budget signals a strong push to make AI accessible and actionable for businesses of all sizes. Companies are encouraged to take proactive steps to leverage the support measures announced by adopting AI, upskilling their workforce and tapping available schemes to enhance productivity, so as to remain competitive and successful in an increasingly AI-enabled business environment.*



# Support for Internationalisation



**Note 1:**

Borrower Group consists of the following:

- Borrower
- Corporate shareholders holding more than 50% at all levels up
- Subsidiaries where the borrower holds more than 50% shareholdings and subsequent subsidiaries at all levels down
- Subsidiaries where the borrower's ultimate parent company holds more than 50% shareholdings and their subsidiaries at all levels down

## Double Tax Deduction for Internationalisation (DTDi) Scheme

- To continue supporting businesses in their internationalisation efforts, the S\$150,000 expenditure cap for claims without prior approval will be raised to S\$400,000 per YA, from YA2027.
- Eligible expenses will be expanded to include those incurred on overseas market development trips and overseas investment study trips, and the following qualifying activities:
  - Investment feasibility/ due diligence studies
  - Master licensing and franchising
  - Market surveys/ feasibility studies
  - Overseas business development
  - Production of corporate brochures for overseas distribution

## Market Readiness Assistance (MRA) Grant

- The MRA grant supports local SMEs with overseas expansion costs of up to 50% (capped at S\$100,000 per new market) until 31 March 2026. The grant support will be increased to 70% of eligible costs, up till 31 March 2029.
- From the second half of 2026, the requirement for companies to be 'new to target overseas market' will be removed, allowing SMEs to also deepen their presence in existing markets

## Enterprise Financing Scheme (EFS)

- EFS will be enhanced from 1 April 2026 with the borrower and borrower group<sup>1</sup> caps for each loan facility lifted, subject to an overall loan exposure limit of S\$50 million per borrower group across all EFS facilities to better support trade and fixed asset financing



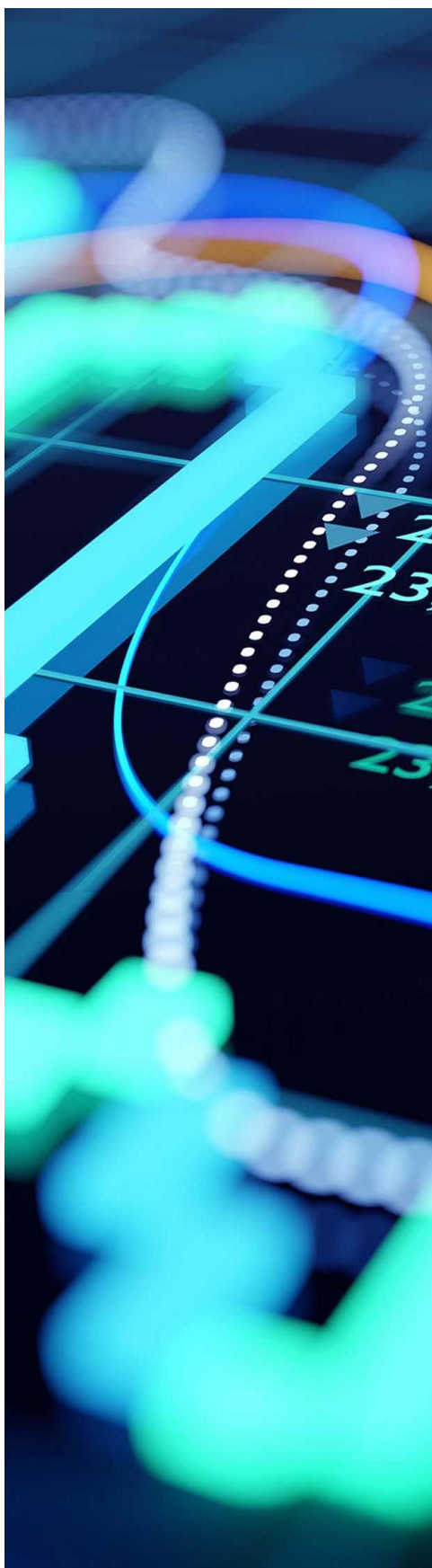
*Budget 2026 reinforces the Government's continuous support for SMEs in their overseas expansion efforts through schemes such as the DTDi and MRA Grant.*

*As companies expand into new markets, they will inevitably face a range of cross-border tax and regulatory considerations, including corporate income tax, withholding tax, transfer pricing, and permanent establishment risks. Companies are encouraged to seek proper advice and put in place appropriate operating and tax structures early to support sustainable growth and avoid unintended tax exposures.*

*The enhanced DTDi and MRA Grant will help alleviate the costs and risks associated with entering and operating in foreign markets.*



# Corporate and Businesses

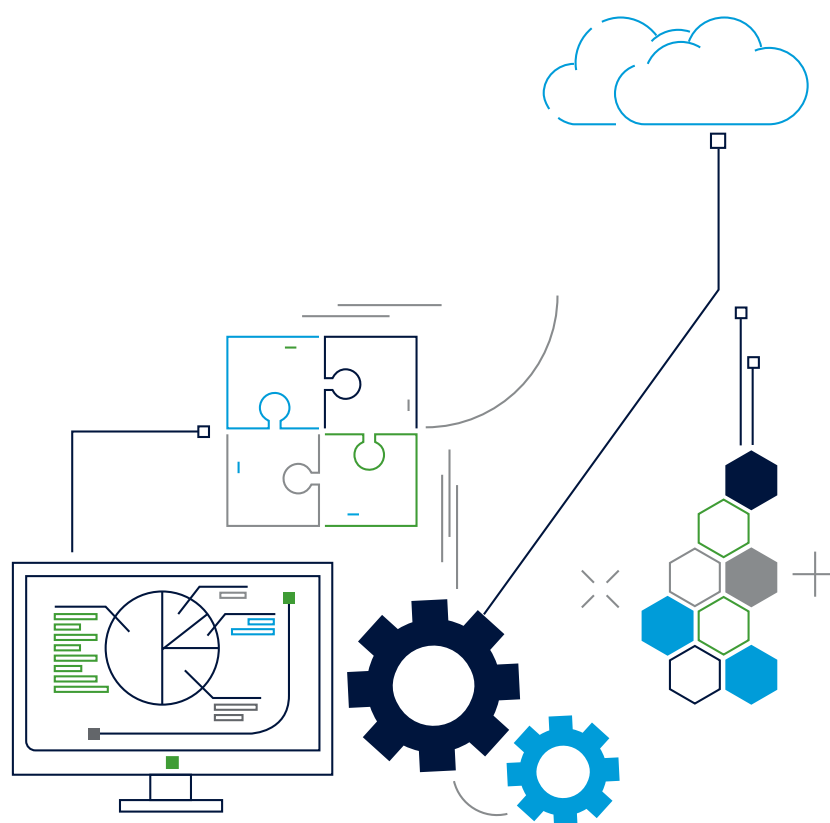


## Corporate Income Tax (CIT) Rebate and Cash Grant

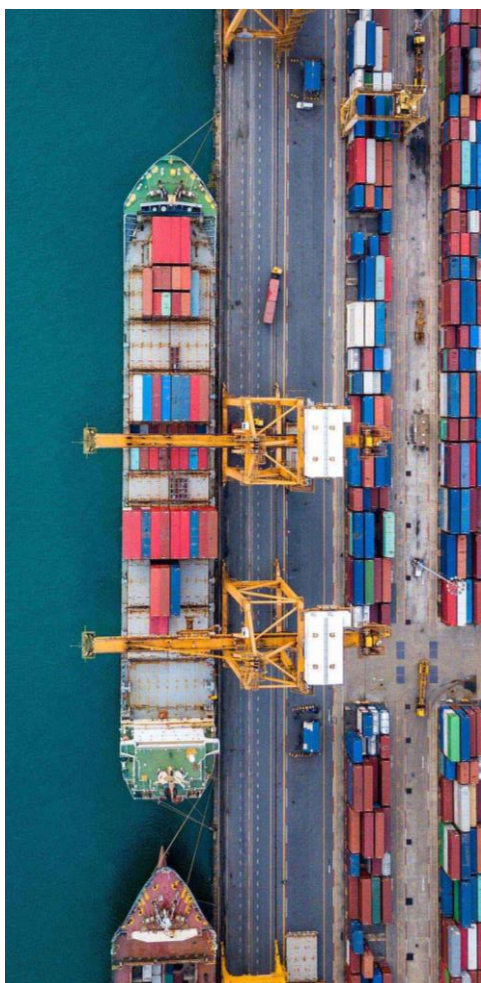
- Eligible businesses will enjoy a 40% CIT rebate in YA2026
- Active companies that employed at least one local employee in 2025 will receive a CIT cash grant of S\$1,500
- Total benefits (CIT rebate and cash grant) are capped at S\$30,000 per company for YA 2026

## 250% Tax Deduction for Qualifying Donations & Corporate Volunteer Scheme (CVS)

- 250% tax deduction for qualifying donations made to Institutions of a Public Character (IPCs) and other eligible institutions has been extended till 31 December 2029
- 250% tax deduction on qualifying expenditure (such as wages) incurred under the CVS for sending employees to volunteer at, provide services to, or seconding employees to IPCs (capped at S\$250,000 per business per YA and S\$100,000 per IPC per calendar year) has been extended till 31 December 2029



# Tax Incentives



## Global Trader Programme (GTP)

- GTP scheme has been extended till 31 December 2031
- The list of qualifying commodities will be expanded to include Environmental Attribute Certificates from 13 February 2026

## Finance and Treasury Centre (FTC) Incentive

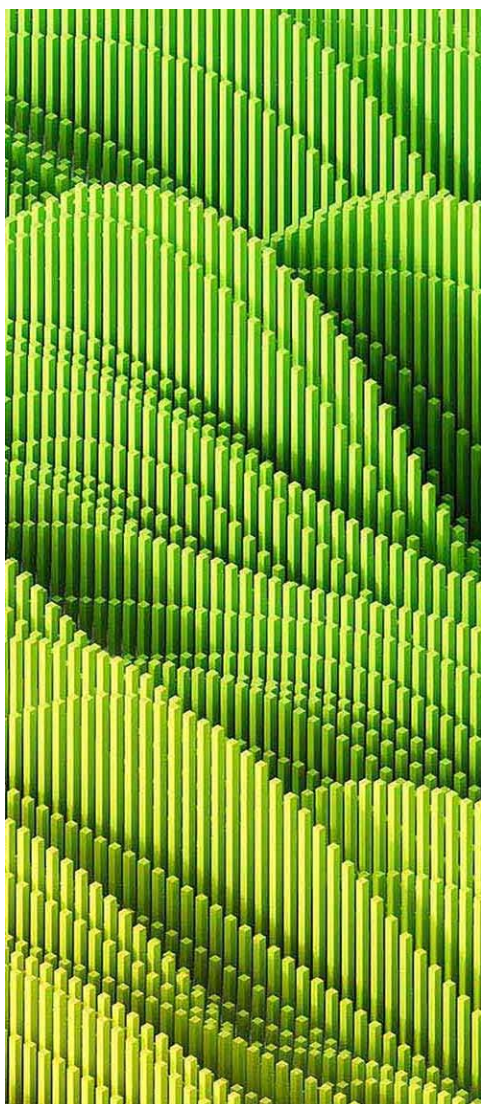
- FTC incentive has been extended till 31 December 2031
- Withholding tax exemptions will be expanded to cover interest-like borrowing costs on qualifying loans from 13 February 2026

## Not-for-Profit Organisation Tax Incentive (NPOTI)

- NPOTI has been extended till 31 December 2032



# Manpower Costs



## Revision of Minimum Salary for Employment Pass (EP) and S Pass Holders

- The minimum qualifying salary for EP applications will increase from S\$5,600 to S\$6,000, with higher salary level for Financial Services sector, from S\$6,200 to S\$6,600
- For S Pass applications, the minimum qualifying salary will increase from S\$3,300 to S\$3,600, with higher salary level for Financial Services sector, from S\$3,800 to S\$4,000

## Foreign Worker Levy (FWL) Rates

- Levies for basic-skilled workers in the Marine Shipyard and Process Sectors will be raised by S\$100 and S\$150 respectively
- The current tiered levy structure for the Manufacturing and Services Sectors will be simplified
- These changes will take effect from 2028

## Progressive Wage Credit Scheme (PWCS)

- PWCS co-funding support has been enhanced from 20% to 30% for wage increases in year 2026
- PWCS co-funding support will be extended to year 2027(30%) and year 2028 (20%)
- Minimum qualifying wage increase under PWCS to be raised from S\$100 (for qualifying year 2026) to S\$200 (for qualifying years 2027 and 2028)



*The minimum qualifying salaries for EP and S Pass holders continue to rise, reinforcing Singapore's focus on workforce quality while inevitably increasing the cost of doing business.*

*To manage these rising costs, companies should accelerate AI adoption to improve productivity and enable a shift towards higher value-added roles. In addition, businesses should look beyond Singapore by expanding into overseas markets to access wider talent pools and new growth opportunities.*

*Together, technology adoption and internationalisation will be key to managing rising costs and sustaining long-term competitiveness.*



# Our Tax Services

## INTERNATIONAL, CORPORATE & PERSONAL TAX PLANNING AND ADVISORY

- Outbound and inbound investment and business structuring
- Group restructuring and rationalisation and pre-IPO advisory
- M&A advisory, due diligence reviews and stamp duty relief applications
- Identify tax incentive opportunities and tax incentive applications
- Intellectual property strategy and planning and global supply chain management
- Investment fund structuring and MAS tax incentive applications
- Tax audit, tax investigation and dispute resolution services
- Global mobility services, personal tax planning, FATCA and CRS advisory and reporting
- Review of Tax Governance Framework and Tax Risk Management and Control Framework for Corporate Income Tax initiatives



## TRANSFER PRICING (TP)

- Comprehensive TP compliance services including preparation of TP documentation
- Operational TP support including policy development and implementation of governance and operational processes
- TP health-check and risk assessment including preparation of audit defence documentation
- TP audit management, address controversies and support dispute resolution
- Advance Pricing Arrangements and rulings
- Country-by-Country Reporting



## GOODS & SERVICES TAX (GST)

### GST compliance and filing

- Preparation and e-filing of GST returns
- Rectify errors in past filings and volunteer to report them under IRAS Voluntary Disclosure Programme

### Consulting services and specialised support

- Advice on complex cross-border transactions and digital economy services
- Due diligence reviews for M&A transactions
- Dispute resolution support and representation in GST audit and investigation
- Health-check reviews of processes and accounting records to identify risks and rectify errors
- Support for businesses which adopt the nationwide InvoiceNow initiative
- Develop customised training programmes and conduct GST training and workshops

### IRAS Schemes and Programmes

- GST Schemes certifications including the Major Exporter Scheme
- Assisted Self-Help Kit (ASK) and Assisted Compliance Assurance Programme (ACAP) reviews



## PRIVATE CLIENT | FAMILY OFFICE | WEALTH PLANNING

- Establish a robust succession plan and governance structure which aligns with the family's wishes and facilitates a smooth transfer of wealth across generations
- Implement an efficient structure to safeguard family assets against litigation, creditor exposure and political or market instability
- Advice on an optimal family office structure (including tax incentive application), putting in place a family constitution and governance framework to manage and resolve potential family conflicts
- Business exit planning including M&A support, IPO readiness and business sale negotiations



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