

# COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Bill

COVID-19 has had unforeseen economic impact. With supply chain disruptions and manpower shortages, it is harder for individuals and businesses to fulfil contractual obligations.

## How am I protected?

The Bill offers temporary relief from legal action, on a just and equitable basis, for **up to 6 months** after the Bill commences.

It will cover obligations to be performed on or after **1 February 2020** which are affected by reason of COVID-19, for contracts entered into before 25 March 2020.

## What contracts are covered and how?

### COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY LEASES



**Tenant**  
unable to pay rental

- Landlord cannot terminate your lease or evict you
- Suspension of rental payment for up to 6 months

### CONSTRUCTION & SUPPLY CONTRACTS



**Contractor**  
unable to meet deadline

- Deferral of contractual obligations
- No liability for non-performance of contract due to COVID-19

### EVENT- & TOURISM- RELATED CONTRACTS



**Event Contract**  
(e.g. conference, wedding, tour)  
unable to proceed

- Deposit cannot be automatically forfeited
- Fair treatment of deposit, taking into account any expenses incurred by service provider

### CERTAIN SECURED LOAN FACILITIES



**Small & Medium Enterprise**  
unable to repay secured loan

- No enforcement of security (i.e. over commercial or industrial property, plant or machinery used for business) located in Singapore
- Court and insolvency proceedings disallowed

## Bankruptcy & Insolvency

The Bill also increases the monetary thresholds and time limits for bankruptcy and insolvency. This will help individuals and businesses in a very difficult environment.

## What do I have to do?

A notification for relief is required. Details on the process to get relief and resolve disputes will be announced in April 2020.