

Pilots for reopening selected nightlife businesses and support measures to pivot or exit the industry

The government is working with the nightlife industry to pilot a limited number of nightlife establishments to reopen with **stringent safe management measures (SMMs)** in place.

There will also be support available to help nightlife establishments pivot to other business activities or exit the industry.



For enquiries on the pivoting process and support packages available, please contact SNBA at helpdesk@snba.org.sg.

Pilot reopening of selected nightlife establishments



- The pilot for **pubs and bars** is expected to start by December and last for two months. The pilot for **karaoke lounges and nightclubs** will start by January and last for three months.
- Stringent SMMs which must be adopted include:
 - i. Mandatory wearing of **masks**
 - ii. No sale and consumption of alcohol **past 10.30pm**
 - iii. Ensuring customers entering karaoke lounges and nightclubs have **tested negative for COVID-19 within a 24-hour timeframe** prior to the end of the session
 - iv. Deployment of **CCTVs** at activity areas
- The SMMs will be refined and confirmed closer to the pilot commencement.
- Breaches will lead to penalties under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020.

Support for nightlife establishments to move to approved activities



- Simplified application process for changing to F&B operations.
- Expedited assessment for those changing to alternative commercial uses such as offices or gyms.
- From now till 31 March 2021, firms may **apply for a grant from Enterprise Singapore (ESG) through the Singapore Nightlife Business Association (SNBA)** to defray costs incurred during pivoting, such as equipment and third-party consultancy costs.

Support for nightlife establishments exiting the industry



- From now till 31 March 2021, **one-off ex-gratia payment of \$30,000** to defray costs associated with closure of business. Firms can apply to ESG via SNBA.
- **One month of retrenchment benefits** to be paid to local employees, capped at the nightlife industry **median monthly wage of \$3,000**.

Other available support



- MinLaw's Simplified Insolvency Programme for simpler, faster and lower-cost proceedings to restructure debts or wind up company in an orderly manner.



Sole Proprietors and Partnerships (SPP) Scheme to restructure business debts.



Re-Align Framework under COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act to renegotiate certain prescribed contracts with counterparties.