

Relief for contracts affected by construction delays

Contracts for rental of construction goods

Do you qualify for relief?

- ✓ You entered into a contract before 25 March 2020 for the rental of goods used for construction work¹
- ✓ The contract is in force at any time between 1 February 2020 and 31 March 2021
- ✓ You are liable for additional rental expenses due to a delay or breach in another construction or supply (or related) contract
- ✓ The delay or breach is materially caused by COVID-19 and occurs between 1 February 2020 and 31 March 2021
- ✓ You were unable to reasonably avoid liability for the additional rental expenses

Relief is not available if:

- ✗ Your liability for additional rental expenses is due to reasons other than a delay or breach in a construction or supply (or related) contract
- ✗ Court or arbitral proceedings on the same matter have commenced against you



What does the relief do?

If you submit an Application for relief under Part 8, an Assessor may adjust the following contractual terms, if it is just and equitable in the circumstances:

- The date by which you are required to return the rented goods
- The rental rate for the duration that you hold possession of the rented goods

After you have served the Application on the other party to the contract, there will be a moratorium on the commencement of other proceedings. The other party to the contract cannot start court, arbitral or SOPA proceedings against you in relation to the subject of your Application. This moratorium will end on the earlier of the:

- Withdrawal or rejection of your Application; or
- Issuance of the Assessor's determination

Take note

- The final amount that you are liable for to your supplier may vary, depending on other factors that fall outside the scope of the Assessor's determination.

How to apply for relief?

Submit an Application to the Registrar, using the form at www.go.gov.sg/part8application, by **31 May 2021**. We are unable to accept Applications submitted after that date.

¹ This means a contract for the rental of plant or materials for use in connection with the carrying out of construction work.