

ECONOMIC RELIEF MEASURES

in Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak

Phase 1 (Approved by Thai cabinet on 10 March 2020)

Target:
SMEs which would be most affected
by the economic impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak

Monetary Measures



Low interest soft loans

at 2% interest for a period of 2 years, not over 20 million Baht per customer in the total amount of 150 billion Baht

Pause in principal payments

including reducing the interest rate for the debts of the Government Saving Bank & Government Housing Bank

Easing the rules (BOT)

for granting commercial bank loans

Providing a credit line

The Social Security Fund (SSF) will provide a credit line at 3%, for a period of 3 years in the amount of 30 billion Baht

Fiscal Measures



Reducing withholding tax

from 3% to 1.5% from Apr. to Sep. 2020

Tax deduction for interest expenses

of up to 1.5 times for SMEs participating in low-interest credit measures, between 1 Apr. and 31 Dec. 2020

Tax deduction allowances for salary expenses

of up to 3 times for SMEs, between Apr. and Jul. 2020

Expediting VAT refunds

to domestic entrepreneurs within 15 days after filing the online form and within 45 days for physical form submission at the Revenue Department

Capital Market Measures



Tax deduction on the purchase of investment units in SSF

The general public can deduct the purchasing investment units in SSF, which has a policy to invest in securities listed on the SET at least 65% of the net asset value but not over 200,000 Baht

Other Measures



Refunding of electricity meter deposits

for businesses affected by the outbreak

Reducing rental fees

for state properties of government agencies

Phase 2 (Approved by Thai cabinet on 24 March 2020)

Targets:
Temporary & informal workers and business operators
affected by the economic impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak

Measures for temporary and informal workers



Cash handouts

of 5,000 Baht per month for three months for some 3 million workers not covered by the SSF

Emergency loan

of 10,000-Baht per person at 0.1% monthly interest with no collateral for loans of up to 2 years and 6 months

Special loan

of 50,000-Baht per person at 0.35% monthly interest with collateral for loans of up to 3 years

Lowering the interest rate

of state-owned pawnshops of 0.125% a month for 2 years

Training and skills enhancement

for workers affected by the COVID-19 outbreak

Extension of personal income tax filing

deadline from 30 Jun. to 31 Aug. 2020

Increasing deduction of health insurance

from 15,000 Baht to 25,000 Baht starting from the 2020 tax year

Tax exemption of risk allowances for medical professionals in the frontline of combating the COVID-19 outbreak

Measures for business operators



Tax filing deadline extension on the following:



1. Corporate income tax



3. Excise tax for oil products operators



2. Other taxes for affected operators



4. Tax refund and tax payment for affected operators

A special credit line

of up to 3 million Baht for SMEs at a 3% interest rate in the first 2 years for loans of up to 5 years

Exemption of import duty

for products related to the prevention and treatment of COVID-19 until 30 Sep. 2020

Exemption of taxes and fee cuts

for debt restructuring with non-financial institution creditors