

Changes in foreign domestic worker levy

Dear Employers,

As announced in February 2018, the Ministry of Manpower will be making changes to levy rates to regulate the demand of foreign domestic workers (FDWs) in households without caregiving needs.

From 1 April 2019,

- a) The levy rate for the first FDW employed, not on concession, will be raised from \$265 to \$300 per month;
- b) The levy rate for subsequent FDW(s) employed, not on concession, will be raised to \$450 per month; and
- c) The qualifying age for levy concession under the aged person scheme will be raised from 65 to 67 years. Households which had already qualified for levy concession under the aged person scheme before 1 April 2019 will continue to enjoy the concessionary levy rate of \$60.

For more information on FDW levy concession schemes, please refer to MOM's website at www.mom.gov.sg/fdw-concession.

Scenario

Levy payable before
1 April 2019

Levy payable on and
after 1 April 2019

1. Household has two eligible persons under levy concession scheme.



Employs 1 FDW

\$60

\$60 (no change)



Employs 2 FDWs

\$60 + \$60 = \$120

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2. Household has one eligible person under levy concession scheme.



Employs 1 FDW

\$60

\$60 (no change)



Employs 2 FDWs

\$60 + \$265 = \$325

\$60 + \$300 = \$360

3. Household has no person eligible for levy concession.



Employs 1 FDW

\$265

\$300



Employs 2 FDWs

\$265 + \$265 = \$530

\$300 + \$450 = \$750