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**AIA Hong Kong** 

## **PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL**

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Dear Customer,

Re: Application of Employment Support Scheme (the "ESS")

# **Background**

In response to the severe blow dealt by the COVID-19 epidemic to economic activities in Hong Kong, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the "HKSARG") has launched the ESS to help the corporations to stay afloat, and assist the economy to recover once the epidemic is contained.

## **ESS's Subsidy**

If you are a self-employed person ("SEP") who has an active SEP MPF account <u>as at 31 March 2020</u>, you may be eligible for applying the HK\$7,500 one-off lump-sum government subsidy.

## How and When to Apply for the subsidy?

The application process is as follows:

**Step 1:** You should have an active SEP MPF account as at 31 March 2020.

Step 2: A HKSARG portal<sup>1</sup> will be set up for online application for ESS which will be in operation from <u>25</u> May 2020 to 14 June 2020. Please submit the ESS application form via the HKSARG portal during the said application period.

Step 3: Upon receipt of your application, ESS processing agent will request us to provide your SEP MPF account information, including but not limited to (i) the date when the SEP MPF account was set up, (ii) date of cessation of self-employment (if applicable), (iii) the SEP MPF account status, and (iv) your full name.

As our valuable customer, you can login to your SEP MPF account at our Interactive Website aia.com.hk to view your SEP MPF account information before submitting your ESS's application.

You can also visit the websites below for details of ESS's application procedures, the latest announcement from the HKSARG as well as ESS related FAQs:

- 1. The Government Anti-Epidemic Fund Website: <a href="https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/anti-epidemic-fund.html">https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/anti-epidemic-fund.html</a>
- 2. The Government News Website: <a href="https://www.news.gov.hk/eng/index.html">https://www.news.gov.hk/eng/index.html</a>

The above information is in accordance with the latest available information provided by the Government to help you with obtaining a preliminary understanding of the ESS's application. We will keep you updated of the news from the Government in due course.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please stay tuned the details of HKSARG portal, subject to the final announcement by the HKSARG.



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Please contact ESS processing agent at 1836122 or enquiry@employmentsupport.hk for the details of ESS application procedures, or our Member Hotline at 2200 6288 for MPF related information.

Yours faithfully, For and on behalf of AIA International Limited

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