



**Circular No 148/2020  
Dated 8 May 2020**

To Members of the Malaysian Bar

### **Update II | Guidance for Lawyers Applying for the Wage Subsidy Programme**

We refer to [Circular No 093/2020](#) entitled “Clarification on the Expanded Wage Subsidy Programme under the PRIHATIN Stimulus Package” dated 9 Apr 2020, [Circular No 098/2020](#) entitled “Guidance for Lawyers Applying for the Wage Subsidy Programme” dated 11 Apr 2020, and [Circular No 108/2020](#) entitled “Update | Guidance for Lawyers Applying for the Wage Subsidy Programme” dated 15 Apr 2020.

We have now added more questions and answers (“Q&A”) in addition to the list of Q&A in [Circular No 098/2020](#) and [Circular No 108/2020](#).

#### **Period and Duration of Assistance**

**Q1: I did not apply for the Wage Subsidy Programme (“WSP”) in April 2020. Can I still apply for WSP?**

Members **can** still apply for WSP and receive the **three** months of wage subsidy assistance (for employees with monthly income of RM4,000 and below) from the Pertubuhan Keselamatan Sosial (“PERKESO”). The final date of application is **15 Sept 2020**, subject to balance of allocated funds or any decision made by the Government.

**Q2: If I apply for WSP in June 2020, can I receive backdated wage subsidy for the month of April 2020?**

Members will receive wage subsidy **starting from** the month of submitting the application. If Members apply for WSP in June, Members will receive wage subsidy for the month of June, July and August and **not** backdated wage subsidy for the month of April.

Members are reminded that under WSP, employers are required to retain the employees (whose wages are subsidised) without any reduction in salary for **six months** (three months during which wage subsidy is received and the three months thereafter).

We hope that the information provided here is of assistance to Members. We will update Members as and when there are new developments.

Thank you.

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Secretary  
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