

**CIRCULAR NO. 7**

**EXTENSION OF TIME (EOT) FOR CIRCULATION AND  
LODGEMENT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Dear IEM Members,

Pursuant to the PRIHATIN package announced by the government on April 6, 2020, the Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM) introduced several initiatives to reduce the impact of COVID-19 on business community. One of the initiative introduced is the extension of time (EOT) for circulation and lodgement of financial statement by companies

The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) below relating to the extension of time (EOT) can be found in SSM website.



**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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NO.	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	What is the reason for this initiative?	To enable the company to prepare financial statements and to complete relevant statutory documents as well as to enable audit firms to complete delayed assignments in a more reasonable timeframe.
2.	With reference to "... companies having financial year ending <b>AFTER</b> 31 August 2019 to 31 December 2019" referred to in paragraph 12 (a) and (b) of PD 6/2020, can a company with Financial Year End (FYE) 31 August 2019 apply for an EOT under this initiative?	No, a company with FYE 31 August 2019 (or earlier) is not eligible for this initiative.  Only companies with FYE beginning 1 September 2019 until 31 December 2019 are entitled to apply for the EOT under this initiative.
3.	When can a company begin to apply for an EOT for the circulation and lodgement of its financial statements under this initiative?	Under this initiative, any company with FYE beginning 1 September 2019 until 31 December 2019 can apply for the EOT beginning 9 April 2020 until 30 June 2020.
4.	Will SSM impose any fees for the application of EOT to circulate and lodge financial statements under this initiative?	No, the fees for the EOT application under this initiative is waived.
5.	How is the application for an EOT to circulate and lodge financial statements made? Can the EOT application be made through MBRS or SSM's counter?	An EOT application for the circulation and lodgement of financial statements can only be made by sending the application through email to <a href="mailto:eot@ssm.com.my">eot@ssm.com.my</a> .

		The contents of the email application must follow the email format provided in Appendix A.
6.	Can a private company (Sendirian Berhad) apply for an EOT under this initiative?	Yes, the EOT application under this initiative can be made by both private and public companies.
7.	A company with which FYE can apply for an EOT for the circulation and lodgement of its financial statements under this initiative?	Only companies with FYE beginning 1 September 2019 until 31 December 2019 are entitled to apply for the EOT under this initiative.
8.	How long will the EOT for circulation and lodgement of financial statements be given under this initiative?	The EOT will be for a period of 90 days from the original expiry date of circulation and lodgement of financial statements. Please refer to the example below:-  Example  Financial Year End: 30/9/2019 Expiry date for Financial Statement Circulation: 31/3/2020 Expiry date for Financial Statement Lodgement: 30/4/2020  Covid-19 Initiative with 90 days extension of time - New expiry date for Financial Statement Circulation: 29/6/2020 New expiry date for Financial Statement Lodgement: 29/7/2020
9.	If my company's financial year end was on 30 June 2019 and SSM has approved the EOT application for the circulation and lodgement of financial statements prior to the commencement of the Movement Control Order. Can my company apply for an EOT under this initiative?	If your company's application for an EOT to circulate and lodge financial statements was approved by SSM prior to the commencement of the Movement Control Order and your company's financial year end was within 30 June 2019 to 30 September 2019, your company is eligible to make an EOT application under this initiative.  However, fees paid for EOT application made prior to the commencement of the Movement Control Order are not refundable.

10.	Can the director of the company submit the application?	No. The application should only be made by the company secretary.
11.	What are some of the exercises of the documents or processes involved necessitating the extension of time?	(a) Preparation of financial statements; (b) Preparation of directors' report; (c) The auditing process and preparation of auditor's report; (d) Circulation of financial statements to shareholders; (e) Taking of financial statements at AGM.
12.	Can an email contain many EOT applications?	An email may contain up to a maximum of 10 applications. You may refer to the instruction in Appendix A.
13.	What is the status of my application by email to <a href="mailto:enquiries@ssm.com.my">enquiries@ssm.com.my</a> for extension of time if I do not receive feedback from SSM?	Application for extension of time by email which did not receive any <b>auto reply email from SSM will be considered APPROVED</b> if it meets the <b>Conditions</b> as stated in PD 6/2020 including:  (i) For applications of extension of time and submission of the Financial Statements under Section 259 (2) of the Companies Act 2016, your application is automatically approved for 90 days from original expiry date of circulation and original expiry date of lodgement of the financial statements if your application meets the following requirements: (i) Company with financial year ending after 31 August 2019 to 31 December 2019; or (ii) Company granted approval for extension of date of circulation and lodgement of financial statements for financial year ending 30 June 2019 to 30 September 2019 by SSM prior to the commencement of the Movement Control Order.  (b) For application of extension of time to hold the Annual General Meeting (AGM) under Section 340 of the Companies Act 2016, your application is hereby automatically approved for 90 days from the original expiry date of the AGM that should be held if your application meets the following requirements: (i) Public Companies with financial year ending after 31 August 2019 to 31 December 2019; or (ii) Public Companies that have received approval from SSM to extend the time for holding its AGM prior to the commencement of the Movement Control Order and having the financial year ending 30 June 2019 to 30 September 2019.  Please note that applications that do not meet the requirements set out in PD 6/2020 are <b>NOT APPROVED</b> AND NO EMAIL NOTIFICATION will be sent.  Please keep an email copy of your application extension of time for future SSM reference purposes for eligible applications.

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For more information on this, please click ctrl on the image or visit;

- 1) [https://www.ssm.com.my/Documents/FAQ%20EXTENSION%20OF%20TIME%20\(EOT\)%20FOR%20LODGEMENT%20OF%20FINANCIAL%20STATEMENTS%20final.pdf](https://www.ssm.com.my/Documents/FAQ%20EXTENSION%20OF%20TIME%20(EOT)%20FOR%20LODGEMENT%20OF%20FINANCIAL%20STATEMENTS%20final.pdf)
- 2) <https://www.ssm.com.my/Lists/Press%20Release/DispForm.aspx?ID=179&Source=https%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Essm%2Ecom%2Emy%2FPages%2FHome%2Easpx&ContentTypeId=0x010098952881AC48D34C9D9967E0232CDB0B>

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