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EMPLOYER'S CIRCULAR NO. 2/2024

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM LATIHAN MADANI BY HRD CORP UTILISING THE 15 PER CENT FROM THE REMAINING UNUSED LEVY BALANCE FOR THE YEAR 2023

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this circular is to inform HRD Corp registered employers on the implementation of **Program Latihan MADANI** by HRD Corp, which will entail the collection of 15 per cent from the remaining unused levy balance for the year 2023 **for employers who fulfil the criteria specified only.**

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim, the Prime Minister of Malaysia announced the implementation of Program Latihan MADANI in his tabling of Budget 2024, on 13 October 2023. The announcement mandated HRD Corp to allocate 15 per cent from the unused levy balance of registered employers in the HRD Fund, for 2023, as a Special Fund to support skills development programmes for micro-SMEs (MSMEs) and underserved communities which include B40 individuals, formerly incarcerated individuals, persons with disabilities (PWDs), senior citizens and retirees.

3.0 OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 To encourage registered employers to effectively utilise levy for training and development of their employees.
- 3.2 To support the Government's efforts of developing a highly skilled workforce by expanding training and development opportunities for underserve communities, thereby improving their chances to secure income generation or employment opportunities.
- 3.2 To help employers especially Micro-SMEs that do not have sufficient levy balance to fund the employees' training programmes continuously.

4.0 MECHANISM

- 4.1 Employers who meet the following two (2) criteria shall be subjected to a 15 per cent levy deduction from their unused levy in 2023.
 - a. Levy balance of RM 50,000 and above for **2023 only**; and
 - b. Levy utilisation rate of less than 50% from the employer's contribution from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

5.0 EFFECTIVE DATE AND GRACE PERIOD

- 5.1 The implementation of the above-mentioned deduction for **Program Latihan MADANI** is 15 per cent from the remaining unused levy balance for the year 2023 effective **1 January 2024**.
- 5.2 However, a **six (6) months grace period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024** has been granted, to provide employers with more time to utilise their levy for training purposes.
- 5.3 The 15 per cent deduction will commence on **1 July 2024**, for all affected employers.

6.0 CLOSING

6.1 For further clarification and assistance, kindly contact our Support Centre via <https://supportcentre.hrdcorp.gov.my/portal/en/home>.

Thank you.

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"Malaysia MADANI"

Yours sincerely,



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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is Program Latihan Madani (PLM)?

PLM is an initiative aimed at empowering the country's micro-SMEs and communities in need through training and development opportunities. The programme, announced by the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim, as part of Budget 2024, seeks to expand access to training and development for employees within micro-SMEs, persons with disabilities (PWDs), senior citizens, retirees, current and formerly incarcerated persons and B40 communities.

2. Who will be impacted by the PLM deduction?

All employers from all industries, or sectors registered with HRD Corp who meets the criteria for the PLM deduction as per FAQ No. 3.

3. What are the criteria for deductions to fund *Program Latihan Madani (PLM)*?

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- a. Levy balance of RM 50,000 and above for the year 2023 only; and**
- b. Levy utilisation rate of less than 50% from the employer's contribution from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.**

4. What is the purpose of grace period?

The grace period is from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024. It is geared at providing sufficient time for affected employers to utilise their unused levy before the 15 per cent deduction comes into effect.

5. What happens if the employer utilises more than 50% of their levy balance by end of the grace period?

The employer will not be affected by the 15 per cent PLM deduction since one of the criteria is not fulfilled.

6. How is the 15 per cent PLM deduction calculated?

The formula for calculating the deduction is as follows:

$(\text{Levy Collection in 2023} - \text{Levy Utilisation in 2023}) \times 15\%$

Please see the example below for further clarification:

Scenario 1: FULFILS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 15 PER CENT PLM DEDUCTION

01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023

Levy Collection RM 1,000,000

Levy Utilisation (RM 400,000) *

Levy Balance RM 600,000 *

**Please refer to outcome in the table below.*

PLM Criteria	*Outcome	
Levy balance of RM 50,000 and above	RM 600,000	✓
Levy utilisation rate of less than 50%	40%	✓

The employer that falls under Scenario 1 **FULFILS BOTH THE CRITERIA** and is **AFFECTED by the PLM Deduction** as per below:

PLM Deduction	RM 600,000 x 15% = RM90,000
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Scenario 2: DOES NOT FULFIL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 15 PER CENT PLM DEDUCTION

01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023

Levy Collection	RM 50,000
Levy Utilisation	(RM 10,000) *
Levy Balance	RM 40,000 *

*Please refer to outcome in the table below.

PLM Criteria	*Outcome	
Levy balance of RM 50,000 and above	RM 40,000	X
Levy utilisation rate of less than 50%	20%	√

The employer that falls under Scenario 2 **DOES NOT FULFIL THE CRITERIA ON LEVY BALANCE OF RM50,000 AND ABOVE** and **WILL NOT BE AFFECTED** by the **PLM Deduction**.

Scenario 3: DOES NOT FULFIL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 15 PER CENT PLM DEDUCTION

01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023

Levy Collection	RM 1,000,000
Levy Utilisation	(RM 600,000) *
Levy Balance	RM 400,000 *

*Please refer to outcome in the table below.

PLM Criteria	*Outcome	
Levy balance of RM 50,000 and above	RM 400,000	√
Levy utilisation rate of less than 50%	60%	X

The employer that falls under Scenario 3 **DOES NOT FULFIL THE CRITERIA ON LEVY UTILISATION RATE OF LESS THAN 50%** and hence, is **NOT AFFECTED** for the **PLM Deduction**.

Scenario 4: DOES NOT FULFIL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 15 PER CENT PLM DEDUCTION (AFTER GRACE PERIOD)

01/01/2023 – 30/06/2024

Levy Collection 2023 RM 1,000,000

Levy Collection 2024 RM 522,000

Total Collection RM 1,522,000

Levy Utilisation 2023 (RM 400,000) *

Levy Utilisation 2024 (RM 406,000) *

Total Utilisation (RM 806,000)

Levy Balance RM 716,000 *

**Please refer to outcome in the table below.*

PLM Criteria	*Outcome	
Levy balance of RM 50,000 and above	NOT APPLICABLE	
Levy utilisation rate of less than 50%	52.96%	X

The employer that falls under Scenario 4 **DOES NOT FULFIL THE CRITERIA ON LEVY UTILISATION RATE OF LESS THAN 50% and WILL NOT AFFECTED** for the PLM Deduction after the grace period.

7. When will the PLM deduction come into effect?

The 15 per cent PLM deduction will be effective on **1 July 2024**, after the six-month grace period.

8. How will the affected employers be notified of the implementation of 15 per cent of the PLM deduction?

Affected employers will receive email reminders from HRD Corp on **a bi-weekly basis from April 2024 to June 2024** via their registered email.

9. How can the employers view the information on their levy balance, levy utilisation and PLM deduction?

The employers may view the information by following the steps below:

- a. Log in to eTris.
- b. Navigate to the "Application" section.
- c. Select "Levy" from the available options.
- d. Choose "Levy Statement" to access your statement.
- e. Click on "View Levy Statement" to see the updated information.
- f. For Levy Balance and Levy Utilisation, please select statement date 1/1/2023 until 31/12/2023 and click search.
- g. For PLM deduction, please view the latest Levy Statement.

10. Can the affected employers appeal against the PLM deduction?

Appeals are not permissible for employers that fulfil the criteria outlined above.

11. Are newly registered employers affected?

Yes, if the newly registered employers meet the two (2) criteria in FAQ No. 3.

12. Is this PLM deduction a one-off or yearly deduction?

The PLM deduction is a one-off as per announcement of Budget 2024. Any further deduction is subject to the government's announcement.

13. Will planned or booked training sessions be considered as levy utilised?

The deduction is based on actual utilisation only. Therefore, planned or booked training sessions are not taken into consideration.

14. How do I obtain more information on this matter?

Employers may visit <https://hrdcorp.gov.my/> or alternatively contact HRD Corp's support team via support@hrdcorp.gov.my or toll-free Call Centre at 1800-88-4800 for further enquiries.