

## **UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION**

### **FAQ ON THE WIDENED SCOPES OF SOCSO'S PRIHATIN [DEDICATED] SCREENING PROGRAM [PSP]**

#### **1. WHAT IS PSP?**

PSP SOCSO which was launched on April 27, 2020 is a COVID-19 screening program conducted for foreign workers in the construction and security services sector and is subject to the guidelines provided by SOCSO.

#### **2. WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF PSP?**

PSP SOCSO aims to help the Government control the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak in industries that began operating during or after the Movement Control Order (PKP).

#### **3. WHO IS QUALIFIED TO UNDERGO COVID-19 SCREENING UNDER PSP?**

PSP SOCSO is dedicated to foreign workers who contributes to SOCSO and working in the construction and security services sector in Selangor and the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur only. The screening is focused on both sectors based on the higher risk of COVID-19 infection in these sectors and in line with the Government's directive to conduct targeted screening.

#### **4. WHAT SHOULD BE DONE IF A FOREIGN WORKER HAS NOT REGISTERED OR CONTRIBUTED TO SOCSO?**

Employers must register their employees in the ASSIST SOCSO Portal at <https://assist.perkeso.gov.my> before being eligible for the COVID-19 screening test under PSP SOCSO.

#### **5. IS PSP LIMITED TO THE CERTAIN AGES OF EMPLOYEES?**

There is no age limit for this screening.

#### **6. WHAT IS THE TYPE OF COVID-19 SCREENING TEST USED FOR PSP?**

The COVID-19 screening test offered under PSP uses the Reverse Transcriptase-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) method as recommended by the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH).

#### **7. ARE THE RESULTS OF PSP CONFIDENTIAL?**

The screening results are CONFIDENTIAL and are known only to employees, clinics or hospitals.

#### **8. HOW CAN THE EMPLOYERS IN THE BUILDING AND SERVICE SERVICES SECTORS CAN GET COVID-19 SCREENING?**

Employers in the construction and security services sectors in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur should contact their own clinic or hospital offering COVID-19 screening services approved by the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH). The

employers must bear the cost of the screening first and then make a subsidy claim to SOCSO once the screening process is completed.

#### **9. CAN THE SCREENING BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE EMPLOYER'S PREMISES?**

The employer can discuss with the clinic / hospital that offers screening to determine if the screening can be done at workplace. This facility depends on the capacity and suitability of the clinic / hospital.

#### **10. HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO OBTAIN THE SCREENING RESULTS?**

The duration of obtaining results depends on the capacity and capabilities of the laboratory used by the clinic / hospital. The employer should contact the clinic / hospital providing screening services to determine the duration of obtaining the results.

#### **11. WHAT DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE BORNE BY THE EMPLOYEES DURING PSP SCREENING?**

Employees must bring their identification documents (passports) for the purpose of verification by the clinic / hospital.

#### **12. WHAT ARE THE SUBSIDIES TO BE PAID BY SOCSO FOR THE SCREENING OF AN EMPLOYEE UNDERGOING PSP?**

SOCSO will pay a subsidy of up to RM150 for every foreign worker in the construction and security services sector in Selangor and the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur. If the screening costs undertaken by the employer together with the clinic / hospital exceed the subsidies provided by SOCSO, the employer must bear the surplus.

#### **13. CAN EMPLOYERS IN OTHER SECTORS OTHER THAN FROM THE BUILDING AND SERVICE SAFETY SERVICES IN SELANGOR AND KUALA LAUNCH CONDUCT COVID-19 SCREENING?**

Employers in sectors not listed under the PSP may conduct COVID-19 screening for their employees but the cost of the screening is entirely at the expense of the employer.

#### **14. HOW ARE SUBSIDIES PAID TO QUALIFIED EMPLOYERS?**

The employer must conduct the screening using the clinic / hospital services authorized by the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the cost of such screening must be borne by the employer beforehand. Employers can then make claims for subsidies by submitting a receipt issued by the clinic / hospital that runs the screening with a list of screened workers. The guidelines can be found on the [psp.perkeso.gov.my](http://psp.perkeso.gov.my) website which will be updated from time to time.

#### **15. IS IT POSSIBLE TO MAKE CLAIMS FOR SUBSIDIES FOR SCREENINGS CONDUCTED PRIOR TO JUNE 1 JUNE 2020?**

SOCSO will only provide subsidies for screening conducted through the clinic / hospital beginning June 1, 2020.

**16. WHEN WILL PSP SOCSO END?**

SOCSO reserves the right to terminate the PSP at any time without having to issue any prior notice or give any reason for such decision. If you have further questions, please contact SOCSO at 03-42645555 / 03-80915100 / 1-300-22-8000.