

# **Statutory Change Alert**

Singapore - Changes to CPF Ordinary Wage Ceiling and Contribution Rates - 1 January 2025



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# Changes in CPF Ordinary Wage Ceiling and Contribution Rates

### 1. Increase in CPF Ordinary Wage (OW) Ceiling

Effective from 1 January 2025, the CPF Ordinary Wage ceiling, which sets the monthly limit on Ordinary Wages attracting CPF contributions, will be increased from \$ 6,800 to \$8,000 per month in line with the transitional table.

The CPF annual salary ceiling remains unchanged at \$102,000, encompassing contributions from both Ordinary Wages and Additional Wages in a calendar year.

The table below outlines the CPF OW and annual salary ceilings for the transition period:

Period	CPF OW Ceiling Amount	CPF Annual Salary Ceiling
1 Jan 2016 - 31 Aug 2023	\$6,000	\$102,000
1 Sept 2023 - 31 Dec 2023	\$6,300 (+\$300)	
1 Jan 2024 - 31 Dec 2024	\$6,800 (+\$500)	
1 Jan 2025 - 31 Dec 2025	\$7,400 (+\$600)	
1 Jan 2026	\$8,000 (+\$800)	

Note: Figures in brackets indicate the increase in ceiling amount.

#### 2. Increase in CPF Contribution Rates

From 1 January 2025, CPF contribution rates for employees aged **above 55 to 65** will increase to enhance retirement savings.



These rates will apply to wages earned from this date for employees earning monthly wages above \$750:

Employee's Age (Years)	2024 CPF Rate (% of Wage)	2025 CPF Rate (% of Wage)	By Employer (% of Wage)	By Employee (% of Wage)
55 and below	37	37	17	20
Above 55 to 60	31	32.5 (+1.5)	15.5 (+0.5)	17 (+1)
Above 50 to 65	22	23.5 (+1.5)	12 (+0.5)	11.5 (+1)
Above 65 to 70	16.5	16.5	9	7.5
Above 70	12.5	12.5	7.5	5

Note: Figures in brackets indicate the increase in contribution rates.

For employees earning monthly wages between **\$500 and \$750**, employee contribution rates will continue to be gradually phased in.

No changes will be made to the graduated CPF contribution rates for first- and second-year Singapore Permanent Residents (SPRs).

Please contact your Mercans' services delivery team for any additional information regarding the implications of the above change.



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