## **Suspension of Busking Activities till Further Notice**

As announced by the Multi-Ministry Taskforce on 19 May 2020, Singapore will exit the circuit breaker period and embark on a three-phased approach to resume activities safely from 2 June 2020. Within Phase 1, social, economic and entertainment activities that carry high risk of transmission remain closed. In view of this, busking activities continue to be suspended at designated and trial locations.

Please do not engage in any busking activities till further notice; buskers who are found in breach will have their busking cards revoked immediately.

To allay buskers' concerns on the expiry of busking cards, NAC will automatically extend the validity of busking cards according to the table below, further extending the expiry dates published on 28 April 2020.

Busking card expiring on	Revised Busking Card expiry date
22 May 2020	22 November 2020
25 May 2020	25 November 2020
31 August 2020	28 February 2021
29 November 2020	29 May 2021
5 December 2020	5 June 2021
14 December 2020	14 June 2021
22 February 2021	22 August 2021
11 March 2021	11 September 2021
22 May 2021	22 November 2021
31 August 2021	28 February 2022
29 November 2021	29 May 2022
5 December 2021	5 June 2022
11 March 2022	11 September 2022

NAC will continue to monitor the situation, and review the busking card validity accordingly.

Meanwhile, we encourage artists and buskers to reach out to your audiences through digital means and engage in online training. For instance, young buskers who are keen to explore e-Busking can do so by registering their interest with <u>\*SCAPE</u>. Eligible arts freelancers can tap on NAC <u>Capability Development Scheme for the Arts</u> (CDSA) for relevant training programmes till 31 December 2020.

The Ministry of Finance has introduced the <u>Fortitude budget</u> on 26 May 2020 that offers more job opportunities as well as assistance such as COVID-19 Support Grant and Solidarity Utilities Credit for individuals and households. If you need help understanding the different schemes, do reach out to the nearest Community Centres or Social Service Office for information.

Updated as of 29 May 2020