

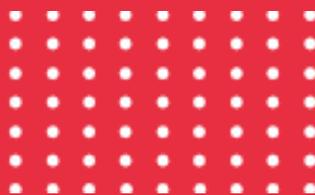


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TVET dapat RM7.9b lahir ramai bakat lokal



KUALA LUMPUR – Peruntukan Pendidikan dan Latihan Teknikal dan Vokasional dinaikkan kepada RM7.9 bilion dalam melahirkan lebih ramai bakat tempatan bagi memenuhi keperluan industri berpertumbuhan tinggi.

Menteri Kewangan, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim berkata, ia adalah ketimbang RM7.5 bilion berbanding sebelum ini dengan HRD Corp memperoleh dana RM3 bilion bagi menawarkan tiga juta peluang latihan terutamanya bagi sektor teknologi tinggi, digital dan peralihan tenaga.

“Sejumlah RM1.3 bilion disalurkan kepada institusi TVET Kementerian Pendidikan (KPM) untuk mendidik 79,000 penuntut TVET. Perbadanan Tabung Pembangunan Kemahiran (PTPK) menyediakan pembiayaan RM650 juta untuk dimanfaatkan lebih 25,000 pelatih terutamanya bidang Pelan Induk Perindustrian Baha-



KERAJAAN giat untuk membangunkan bakat-bakat tempatan dalam bidang TVET. – GAMBAR HIASAN

ru 2030 (NIMP) seperti teknologi kecerdasan (AI), kenderaan elektrik (EV) dan semikonduktor.

“Majlis TVET Negara menerima RM45 juta antaranya bagi menerapkan ilmu teknologi digital dan AI kepada 10,000 pelajar tahfiz dan pondok melalui Program IPT@Komuniti,” katanya

2026 di Dewan Rakyat, di sini semalam.

Ujar Anwar yang juga Perdana Menteri, kemudahan institusi TVET turut dinaik taraf seperti membina hangar baharu di Pusat Latihan Teknologi (ADTEC) Shah Alam.

“Ini untuk penyelenggaraan

kapal terbang dan membina Kompleks Teaching Shipyard TVET Marine di Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) untuk bidang maritim dalam menyokong pembangunan ekonomi biru.

“Di samping itu, sebuah Kolej Vokasional baharu akan dibangunkan di Sabah,” ujarnya.



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The Social Security Organisation has increased the maximum rate for haemodialysis treatment to RM170 from RM150, involving an additional allocation of RM52 million per year. NSTP FILE PIC

Gig workers to get up to RM600 yearly under i-Saraan Plus plan

KUALA LUMPUR: Gig workers, including e-hailing and p-hailing riders, will receive a matching contribution of up to RM600 per year, or RM6,000 over a lifetime, under the new i-Saraan Plus scheme.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, during the tabling of the 2026 Budget yesterday, said the initiative aimed to strengthen social protection and encourage contributions to the Employees Provident Fund.

He said the government would also maintain the existing i-Saraan scheme for other informal and self-employed workers, which offered a matching contribution of up to RM500 per year, or RM5,000 over a lifetime.

"The Gig Workers Act 2025 has made Social Security Organisation (Perkeso) contributions mandatory for gig workers," he said.

Anwar said the government also agreed to bear 70 per cent of the contribution under the Self-Employment Social Security

Scheme for gig workers in sectors where participation was not yet mandatory, and for those registering for the first time.

A 50 per cent contribution incentive will be provided for the second year.

"Job seekers or fresh graduates who receive offers that require relocation will receive a relocation incentive of up to RM1,000 from Perkeso," he said.

He added that Perkeso had also increased the maximum rate for haemodialysis treatment to RM170 from RM150, involving an additional allocation of RM52 million per year.

"Perkeso will also complete the construction of rehabilitation centres in Melaka, Perak, Terengganu and, most recently, in Penang, which will have a capacity of 250 beds."

For mothers, the eligibility age for the i-Suri scheme had been raised to 60, in line with the national minimum retirement age.

By Asila Jalil

Moving made easier with new incentive

RM1,000 relocation benefit for job seekers and fresh grads

PETALING JAYA: Hasnah Mohamed and Siti Aisyah Azman were thrilled to hear news that those seeking employment that requires them to relocate are eligible for an incentive.

While the cousins, who hail from Pendang, Kedah, are ecstatic to be employed, they are worried about the cost of relocation. Their parents are self-employed who do not earn much.

"When it was announced there is a RM1,000 incentive for people like us, we are so happy."

"We may not know the details yet but we hope to get more information soon, especially if we are eligible," said Siti Aisyah.

When tabling Budget 2026, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim announced that job seekers or fresh graduates with job offers which require them to relocate will be given an incentive from PERKESO.

HR Forum co-founder S Arulkuma described the initiative as a "practical move" to ease mobility and reduce unemployment friction.

He also welcomed other initiatives by PERKESO, such as including public transport and cargo drivers in the health screening programme and increasing the maximum rate for haemodialysis treatments.

However, he warned that sustainability remains a key concern

as recurrent matching and subsidy schemes could become long-term fiscal burdens if not planned appropriately.

"Without careful fiscal planning and impact evaluation, well-intended handouts risk turning into structural commitments that strain future budgets."

"It is also important to note the potential financial strain on PERKESO," he said.

The Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) has welcomed the matching contributions for the expanded i-Saraan Plus scheme for gig workers, e-hailing and p-hailing drivers that will see them receive matching contributions of up to RM600 a year or RM6,000 for life.

"However, MEF stresses the importance of maintaining the voluntary nature of such schemes and avoiding measures that may inadvertently increase cost burdens on platform-based companies," it said.

Under the regime, other informal workers or those who are self-employed will continue to receive up to RM500 per year or RM5,000 for life under the existing i-Saraan scheme.

EPF said the newly introduced i-Saraan Plus builds on the success of the i-Saraan programme, and will be tailored for e-hailing and p-hailing drivers.

Gig workers

- To encourage EPF contributions, gig, e-hailing and p-hailing workers will be given an incentive in the form of matching contributions of up to **RM600** per year or **RM6,000** for life under the i-Saraan Plus scheme.
- The government has agreed to cover **70%** of the Self-Employment Social Security Scheme contributions for gig workers in non-mandated sectors who are registering for the first time, and **50%** for the second year.
- Job seekers or fresh graduates who received job offers that requires them to move locations will receive incentives up to **RM1,000** from PERKESO.
- PERKESO will set up rehabilitation centres in Malacca, Perak, Terengganu and Penang with a 250-bed capacity.
- PERKESO will also increase the maximum rate for each haemodialysis treatment from **RM150** to **RM170**, with an additional implication of **RM52mil** per year.

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Stronger social protection for gig workers

PETALING JAYA: The move to enhance retirement savings and skills training is an important step towards building stronger social protection for gig workers.

Malaysia E-Hailing & Delivery Organisation president Masrizal Mahidin said the newly announced i-Saraan Plus scheme, which offers RM600 in annual matching contributions to Employees Provident Fund (EPF) contributors – capped at RM6,000 over a lifetime – will go a long

way in encouraging savings among self-employed Malaysians.

"This is crucial in encouraging savings and strengthening social protection for gig workers, especially those in the e-hailing and p-hailing sectors," he said.

He added that many drivers and riders currently rely on ad-hoc or voluntary contributions to the EPF, making the new matching incentive a timely boost that could motivate more gig workers to participate.