



National Day Rally 2026: Everything Families Need To Know, From \$62,000 Per Child To Bigger BTO Chances

Description

The National Day Rally 2026 is done, and if you have kids, are planning a family, or are eyeing a BTO, this one lands right in your lap. Prime Minister Lawrence Wong delivered his National Day Rally 2026 speech on 23 August 2026 at the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) Headquarters, speaking in Malay, Mandarin and English. The headline lobang: a brand-new SG Child Support Package worth up to \$62,000 per child, more childcare leave, cheaper preschool and better housing odds for growing families.

He was candid about the backdrop too, from a fast-changing world to rising cost-of-living pressures at home. “A burden shared is a burden halved. We will overcome challenges together,” he said in his Malay speech. Here is everything you need to know, minus the jargon. Bookmark this one, because the numbers are worth remembering.

National Day Rally 2026: Up To \$62,000 Per Child

The biggest move is money for families. The current Baby Bonus Scheme and Large Families Scheme will be replaced by a new SG Child Support Package. Every Singapore Citizen child gets the same support, regardless of birth order, which is a real shift from the old tiered system.

Here is what each child receives, up to \$62,000 in total:

- **\$10,000 Baby Gift** in cash, paid in two tranches within the first 12 months.
- **\$32,000 Child Credits**, at \$2,000 in cash a year from age 1 to 16.
- **\$5,000 CDA First Step Grant**, plus up to \$5,000 in Government co-matching (the CDA now runs to age 16).
- **\$10,000 top-up** to the Post-Secondary Education Account when the child turns 17.

Add in the existing \$5,000 MediSave Grant for Newborns and annual Edusave top-ups, and each child receives around \$70,000 in direct support from birth to age 17. The new package kicks in from 1 April

2027, with transition top-ups for those already on the Baby Bonus. Children turning 1 to 16 in 2026 will get their 2026 Child Credits by 30 April 2027.

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MORE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Every eligible Singapore Citizen child receive **around \$70,000** of direct financial support from birth to age 17 regardless of birth order.

Age	0	1-16	17
SG Child Support Package*	Baby Gift (at birth, in 2 tranches) \$10,000	Child Credits \$32,000 (\$2,000/year)	Post-Secondary Education Account (PSEA) top-up \$10,000
	Child Development Account (CDA): First Step Grant (FSG) + Government co-matching Up to \$10,000		

MediSave Grant for Newborns
\$5,000

Annual Edusave contributions across primary and secondary school
About \$2,500

Source: MadeForFamilies, Government of Singapore

More Childcare Leave, And Bosses Get Reimbursed

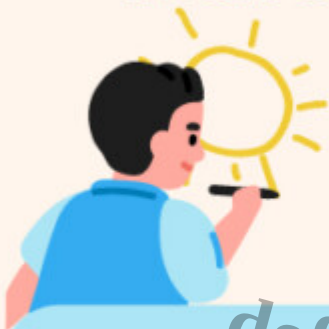
Time, not just money, was a big theme. Childcare Leave and Extended Childcare Leave will be merged into one scheme for parents with children aged 12 and below. The number of days now scales with how many children you have, not the age of your youngest.

- **One child** aged 12 and below: **8 days** per working parent.
- **Two children**: **10 days** per working parent.
- **Three or more children**: **12 days** per working parent.

There is good news for employers too. The Government will reimburse the full cost of all child-related leave, up to the reimbursement cap, including maternity, paternity, adoption and shared parental leave. That should make it easier for parents to actually take the leave they are entitled to. Start dates will be announced later.

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MORE CHILDCARE LEAVE

Number of Children aged 12 years and below		CCL Days Per Working Parent Per Year	CCL Bonus Days
	1 child	8 days	16
	2 children	10 days	20
	3 or more children	12 days	24

This is an increase from 6 days (youngest child aged 0–6) and 2 days (youngest child aged 7–12).

All child-related leave will be fully paid for by the Government going forward.



Source: MadeForFamilies, Government of Singapore

Cheaper Preschool: Fees Down To \$150 A Month

Preschool costs are getting a serious trim. Full-day childcare and infant care fees at Government-supported centres will drop to \$150 and \$300 a month respectively, before means-testing. That is less than half of today's fees.

- Reductions roll out progressively from 2028, hitting target levels by 2030.
- Full subsidies extend to families with SC children, regardless of the applicant's working status.
- The network of Government-supported preschools will keep expanding.

More Help For Large Families

Have three or more kids? You will naturally get more, since the baseline support now applies to every child. On top of the package, large families keep the \$5,000 Large Family MediSave Grant, with extra help coming for transport and housing. The Ministries of Transport and National Development will share details later.

Housing: Extra BTO Ballot Chances For Parents

Growing families get a leg up in the flat hunt. From the February 2027 sales exercise, first-timer families with or expecting children get one extra ballot chance for each Singapore Citizen child aged 18 and below. This applies to BTO and Sale of Balance Flat applications.

The income ceiling is also going up. For eligible families applying for an HFE letter from 24 August, the ceiling rises from \$14,000 to \$16,000. That covers new HDB flats, resale flats, CPF Housing Grants and HDB housing loans. If a BTO is on your radar, read our [October 2026 BTO and HFE guide](#) before you ballot.

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MARRIAGE & PARENTHOOD RESET WORKGROUP



These enhancements are the first set of recommendations from the Marriage & Parenthood Reset Workgroup. More details to come.



The Workgroup will release a full report in early 2027.



Source: MadeForFamilies, Government of Singapore

Preserving Culture: Dialect Films Get The Green Light

For the aunties, uncles and dialect lovers, this is shiok news. From September 2026, the Ministry of Digital Development and Information (MDDI) will ease restrictions on Chinese dialects in cinemas and pay TV. Films that are fully or mostly in dialect can be screened, with no cap on the number of screenings.

- Mandarin subtitles must be shown, and a Mandarin-dubbed version made available.
- Dialect limits on subscription TV, like one art-house dialect movie a week, will be removed.
- Mandarin stays the mainstay for free-to-air Chinese TV and radio.

Social Media: Minimum Age Could Go Beyond 13

PM Wong also flagged concerns about children and teens on social media. Right now users generally must be 13 to sign up, but enforcement largely relies on users declaring their own age. If platform safeguards stay inadequate, the Government will consider tougher rules, including raising the minimum age beyond 13. Parents, watch this space.

Growing Bigger: A Mega Western Island And A Tekong Tunnel

Looking further ahead, the Government wants to merge several islands south of Jurong Island, including Semakau, Bukom and Sudong, into one larger Western Island. It would support new industries and power infrastructure, with space set aside for the SAF. Think of it as the next chapter of the Jurong Island story.

The Government is also studying undersea tunnels to link Pulau Tekong to the mainland. It will be a major undertaking. But if we can do it, it will bring our outer islands much closer to the rest of Singapore, PM Wong said. NS recruits, one day your journey to Tekong might get a whole lot easier.

National Day Rally 2026: What It Means For You

If you are raising kids, the maths just got friendlier, with around \$70,000 per child, more leave and cheaper preschool. If you are house-hunting, the extra BTO chances and higher income ceiling could be the nudge you needed. And if you simply love a good dialect film, the wait is nearly over.

For related reading, see our takes on [Shared Parental Leave](#) and household cost-savers like [the 2026 Climate Vouchers](#). We will update this guide as the Ministries release more details.

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