



**PRESS RELEASE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMY**

SKIM TABUNGAN ANAK DAMIT

1. The Ministry of Finance and Economy is pleased to announce the introduction of a new scheme, the Skim Tabungan Anak Damit, effective from **1 March 2026**. This scheme is a social assistance benefit for newborn children with certain citizenship status. It also aims to cultivate a culture of savings within the community from an early age.
2. Skim Tabungan Anak Damit involves a financial contribution through the opening of Akaun Si Manja Khas at Perbadanan Tabung Amanah Islam Brunei (TAIB). A one-time payment of **B\$240.00 will be provided for each birth**, based on the following criteria:
 - 2.1 Eligibility is determined by the child's citizenship status at birth, as specified in the Eligibility Matrix in **APPENDIX 1**, summarised as follows:
 - i. **The child is a Brunei citizen** (born locally or abroad);
 - ii. **The child is a permanent resident with no other citizenship (stateless)** (born locally only); or
 - iii. **The child is a foreign national, whose mother is a Brunei citizen or a holder of a purple identity card** (stateless and born locally only).
 - 2.2 The Scheme can be claimed by parents or guardians until the child reaches **1 year of age only**.
 - 2.3 Perbadanan TAIB will credit the contribution of **B\$240.00** into the Akaun Si Manja Khas. Withdrawals can be made to purchase basic infant necessities, such as diapers, milk and other essentials. However, a minimum balance of **B\$20.00** must be maintained to ensure the account remains active and continues to function as a savings incentive. Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to continue saving for their children through this account. The account may only be closed after a period of **5 years**.
 - 2.4 No dormant fees or initial deposits will be imposed on Akaun Si Manja Khas.
 - 2.5 Parents or guardians will manage the account until the child reaches **18 years of age**. Upon turning 18, the account will automatically be converted into an individual savings account under the child's sole name.
- 3 The application process is as follows:
 - 3.1 Parents or guardians are required to provide documents including the original birth certificate of the child and the original identity cards of the parents or guardians.
 - 3.2 The documents must be presented at any nearby Perbadanan TAIB counter.

- 3.3 The financial contribution will be credited into the child's account once the internal verification process has been completed.
- 4 The Disposable Diapers and Breastfeeding Aid Assistance Scheme will be discontinued effective **1 March 2026**. However, any births prior to the effective date of this new scheme will continue to receive diapers and breastfeeding aids until completion.
- 5 Further information may be obtained through:
- i. The official website of the Ministry of Finance and Economy and the website of Perbadanan TAIB;
 - ii. Official social media platforms – Instagram – mofebrunei; Facebook – Ministry of Finance and Economy Brunei Darussalam; or
 - iii. Contacting the Treasury Department, Ministry of Finance and Economy at 7419444 or via email at ppp@treasury.gov.bn

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APPENDIX 1

ELIGIBILITY MATRIX FOR SKIM TABUNGAN ANAK DAMIT

FOR NORMAL BIRTHS			
ID CARD COLOUR		CHILD'S CITIZENSHIP AT BIRTH	ELIGIBILITY
FATHER	MOTHER		
YELLOW	YELLOW	BRUNEI CITIZEN	ELIGIBLE
YELLOW	PURPLE (STATELESS)	BRUNEI CITIZEN	ELIGIBLE
YELLOW	PURPLE (FOREIGN NATIONAL)	BRUNEI CITIZEN	ELIGIBLE
YELLOW	GREEN	BRUNEI CITIZEN	ELIGIBLE
PURPLE (STATELESS)	YELLOW	STATELESS	ELIGIBLE
PURPLE (STATELESS)	PURPLE (STATELESS)	STATELESS	ELIGIBLE
PURPLE (STATELESS)	PURPLE (FOREIGN NATIONAL)	STATELESS	ELIGIBLE
PURPLE (STATELESS)	GREEN	STATELESS	ELIGIBLE
PURPLE (STATELESS)	YELLOW	FOREIGN CITIZEN	ELIGIBLE*
PURPLE (STATELESS)	PURPLE (STATELESS)	FOREIGN CITIZEN	ELIGIBLE*
PURPLE (STATELESS)	PURPLE (STATELESS)	FOREIGN CITIZEN	NOT ELIGIBLE
PURPLE (STATELESS)	GREEN	FOREIGN CITIZEN	NOT ELIGIBLE
GREEN	YELLOW	FOREIGN CITIZEN	ELIGIBLE*
GREEN	PURPLE (STATELESS)	FOREIGN CITIZEN	ELIGIBLE*
GREEN	PURPLE (STATELESS)	FOREIGN CITIZEN	NOT ELIGIBLE
GREEN	PURPLE (STATELESS)	FOREIGN CITIZEN	NOT ELIGIBLE

Note:

*Eligible as the mother is a Brunei citizen or Stateless.

Identity Card Colour Codes:

- **Yellow** – Brunei Citizen
- **Purple (Stateless)** – Permanent Resident of Brunei (Stateless)
- **Purple (Foreign National)** – Permanent Resident of Brunei (Foreign Citizen)
- **Green** – Foreign Citizen

CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK CATEGORY			
ID CARD COLOUR		CHILD'S STATUS AT BIRTH	ELIGIBILITY
FATHER	MOTHER		
FOUNDLING (LAQIITH) – (PARENTS UNKNOWN)			
FATHER'S FIELD BLANK	MOTHER'S FIELD BLANK	STATELESS	ELIGIBLE
CHILD NOT LEGITIMISED (BORN BEFORE MARRIAGE)			
FATHER'S FIELD BLANK	YELLOW	STATELESS	ELIGIBLE
FATHER'S FIELD BLANK	PURPLE (STATELESS)	STATELESS	ELIGIBLE
FATHER'S FIELD BLANK	PURPLE (FOREIGN NATIONAL)	FOREIGN CITIZEN	NOT ELIGIBLE
FATHER'S FIELD BLANK	GREEN	FOREIGN CITIZEN	NOT ELIGIBLE
CHILD BORN LESS THAN 180 DAYS AFTER MARRIAGE			
FATHER'S FIELD BLANK	KUNING	If the husband is a Brunei citizen, the child may be claimed as a Brunei citizen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible if father is Yellow or Purple (Stateless) • Eligible if mother is Yellow or Purple (Stateless)
FATHER'S FIELD BLANK	PURPLE (STATELESS)		
FATHER'S FIELD BLANK	PURPLE (FOREIGN NATIONAL)		
FATHER'S FIELD BLANK	GREEN		

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