

Revisions to the Budget Meal Initiative

1. New rental coffee shops (under PQM framework)

	Before 10 Jan 2026	With effect from 10 Jan 2026 <i>(if operator chooses to participate in the budget meals initiative after being awarded the tender)¹</i>
Funding support	Operators will not receive any funding support.	Operators will now receive 5% rental discount for the entire new tenancy term. ²
Budget meal requirements	Operators must provide at least six budget meals and two budget drinks.	Operators must provide one economy rice (with two vegetables dishes and one meat), one halal meal and one breakfast item, as well as two budget drinks.

1. From 10 Jan 2026, tenderers are no longer required to propose budget meals as part of PQM tender proposal.
2. For new rental coffee shops tendered before 10 Jan 2026 and are operating in their first tenancy term, operators will not receive the 5% discount for the first tenancy term. This is because the operators have already factored in the cost of providing budget meals in their tender bids. After the first tenancy term, operators will receive the 5% rental discount if they continue to offer budget meals.

2. Existing rental coffee shops

	Before 10 Jan 2026	With effect from 10 Jan 2026 <i>(if they participate in the budget meals initiative)</i>
Funding support	Operators will receive 5% rental discount for one year from tenancy renewal.	Operators will now receive 5% rental discount for the entire tenancy term of three years.
Budget meal requirements	Upon renewal of tenancy, they must provide at least four budget meals and two budget drinks.	For operators that are currently not part of the budget meals scheme, they must provide one economy rice (with two vegetables dishes and one meat), one halal meal and one breakfast item, as well as two budget drinks. For existing budget meal operators, they can choose to provide four budget meals and two budget drinks (i.e. current budget meal requirements) or transit to the revised requirements as indicated above.

3. Privately-owned coffee shops

	Before 10 Jan 2026	With effect from 10 Jan 2026 <i>(if they participate in the budget meals initiative)</i>
Funding support	Operators will not receive any funding support.	Operators will receive a discount on the Temporary Occupation Licence (TOL) for Outdoor Refreshment Area (ORA) that is equivalent to 5% of the assessed market rent of the coffee shop over a 3-year period, capped at 100% of TOL fee.
Budget meal requirements	When sold on the open market or at renewal of ORA TOL, they must provide at least two budget meals and two budget drinks.	Operators must provide one economy rice (with two vegetables dishes and one meat), one halal meal option and a breakfast item, as well as two budget drinks.