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# ANWAR PAYS FULL PRICE FOR RON95

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**D**ATUK Seri Anwar Ibrahim said he still pays the full price of RM2.60 a litre for RON95 petrol even though he is eligible for the RM1.99 per litre subsidy under the Budi Madani RON95 (Budi95) programme.

The prime minister said this reflected the government's approach of ensuring subsidies were distributed fairly and targeted to those who genuinely need them.

He said maintaining the RM1.99 subsidy for citizens, while charging foreigners RM2.60 for RON95 demonstrated the government's commitment to social fairness and effective fiscal management.

The government, he said, was careful with subsidy rationalisation to avoid public confusion or anger, citing past examples of electricity and chicken subsidy restructuring.

Speaking at the Finance Ministry's monthly assembly yesterday, Anwar said the decision to withdraw the chicken subsidy saved the government RM1 billion annually, without affecting market price stability.

"We want to increase revenue, but if the people are burdened, what's the point? This is not economic theory in the clouds.

"This is an economy that impacts people's real lives."

He said the targeted subsidy policy not only ensured low-income citizens were protected, it also made the country's financial system more sustainable and with higher integrity.

Meanwhile, Transport Minister Anthony Loke said Budi95 would be extended to citizens with Malaysian-registered vehicles who work in Singapore.

Application is open today at [budi951esensg.jpj.gov.my](http://budi951esensg.jpj.gov.my).

He said applicants must be citizens, hold a valid Singapore driving licence and have a valid employment permit in Singapore.

"Under driver licensing regulations in Malaysia and Singapore, an individual is only permitted to hold one driving licence, either Malaysian or Singaporean.

"Malaysian citizens working in Singapore, especially in driving-related sectors, need to surrender their Malaysian driving licence to obtain a Singaporean one, even

though they remain Malaysian citizens, reside in Malaysia and own Malaysia-registered vehicles used domestically.

"To help the Finance Ministry evaluate applications from this group, the ministry, through the Road Transport Department, has developed a website for these individuals to register for Budi95.

"All applications will be forwarded to the Finance Ministry for further review and eligibility assessment," he told reporters at the Parliament lobby yesterday.

Loke said applicants can check their eligibility on the Budi95 website 14 days from the date of submission.

The Finance Ministry, he said, would make the final decision on each application, based on conditions stipulated for Budi95.

"The regulation stating that Budi95 applies only to vehicles registered in Malaysia remains unchanged.

"The ministry hopes this measure will help Malaysians working in Singapore, ensuring they are given due consideration under the national fuel subsidy programme."

For Malaysians who hold a Singaporean licence but no longer work in the republic, he said they could reapply for a Malaysian driving licence, but they must first cancel their Singaporean one. **Additional reporting by Nor Ain Mohamed Radhi**