

Advisory on year-end travel and application for re-entry into Singapore for International Students (Student's Pass Holders (STPs) and Dependent Pass (DP) holders)

A. Information on Year-End Travel

Can my child return home during the school holidays?

Yes, however you should consider the following:

- Whilst MOE has quota to approve entry for Student's Pass Holders (STPs) into Singapore, it is finite and might be impacted by changes in border measures. You will need to put in your applications for re-entry with your intended re-entry date as early as possible. Applications will be prioritised on a first-come-first-serve basis for each selected arrival date, and approval is subject to available quota for that arrival date.
- We expect that many will apply to re-enter Singapore in mid-to-late December 2020, which is near the end of the school holidays. Hence, if your intended return to Singapore date is when everyone wants to come back, and all the quota we have is used up, then your child may not be able to return before the start of term in January 2021. If your child is in a graduating year in 2021, then it is important for you to factor in this risk.
- When your child re-enters Singapore, your child will need to adhere to Singapore's requirements for entry at that point in time, e.g. Stay Home Notice (you may refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/covid-19/ArrivalSG>). You should also be familiar with the travel requirements in your home country. Note that these requirements may reduce the actual time left for the holidays.
- You will need to pay for Stay Home Notice and swab-test costs when you re-enter Singapore. There will be no subsidies or financial aid.
- In case of COVID-19 infection, you will need to pay for the cost of treatment for your child, unless you have medical insurance that covers the treatment cost.

B. Application Process for International Students seeking Re-entry into Singapore after the Holidays

Who needs to and how to apply for entry into Singapore?

STPs will need to apply for entry into Singapore via their school. Your child should inform the school of the intention to return to Singapore. You should then complete the entry approval form sent to your child by the school. This does not apply:

- If your child is a STP holder and has a parent who is a Singapore Citizen/Singapore Permanent Resident, you should apply for entry through ICA at <https://www.ica.gov.sg/covid-19>. Do not apply via the school.
- If your child is a STP holder travelling with a parent who is a Work Pass Holder, the parent should receive MOM's entry approval for himself/herself first. Thereafter, you can proceed to apply for entry into Singapore for your child via their school. (Note: The school will not be able to process your child's application if the parent has not yet received MOM's entry approval for himself/herself.)

If your child is **enrolling in an MOE school for the first time**, your child should apply for entry approval only after receiving his/her Student's Pass or Student Pass-In Principle Approval (STP-IPA) from ICA. Your child **must ensure that he/she has a valid STP or STP-IPA which covers at least 15 days after the intended date of arrival**, when applying for entry approval.

Dependent Pass holders (DPs) arriving from countries where they will be required to serve 14-day SHN in Singapore should approach their schools for more information. All other DPs should apply for entry approval directly to the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) through their parent's company.

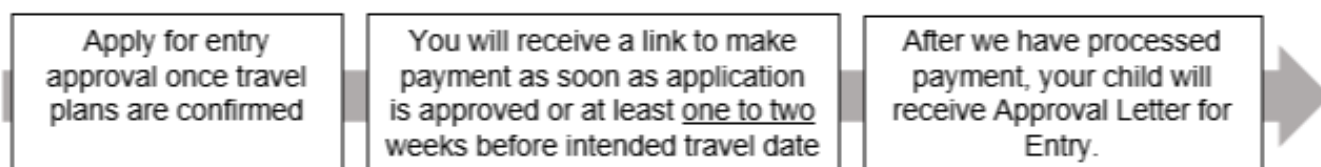
The remaining questions in this section refer to the application process for STPs only.

When should I apply for entry approval into Singapore?

Please apply for entry **at least two weeks** before your intended arrival date. We encourage you to apply once your return travel plans are confirmed. As the volume of applications will be high, your child should consider returning to Singapore in the earlier half of December.

What can I expect after submitting my application for entry?

Your child will receive updates about his or her application as soon as application is processed or at least **one to two weeks before the intended arrival date**. The flowchart below shows an overview of the application process:



Can I enter Singapore together with my child?

Yes, you can apply to MOE through the school of your child. MOE will consider approving at most **one** accompanying adult (whether a Long-Term Visit Pass holder or a short-term visitor) to enter Singapore together with the student. Do inform the school of all accompanying family members intending to travel together.

If you require a visa to enter Singapore, you should submit your visa application after entry approval is granted. You will need to show the MOE approval letter when applying for visa. Please cater for at least three working days for visa approval to be processed before your planned arrival date.

What if there are changes to details after I have submitted the form?

If there are inaccuracies in the application or changes to the travel date, you or your child would need to submit a new application. The previous application will be voided. Your place in the queue for application approval will be based on the new application's submission date and time.

C. Others

What if I have further queries on the entry application process?

If you have any further queries, please contact your school.

Please also stay updated with the latest border measures by visiting the website of the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) at <https://www.ica.gov.sg/covid-19/ArrivalSG> and the Ministry of Health (MOH) at <https://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19>.

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