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Higher-skilled worker levy

Upgrading your worker to higher-skilled status will reduce your levy bill. The exact levy rate depends on your sector.

You pay a **lower levy** for workers with higher-skilled status.

Criteria for higher-skilled worker levy by sector

The requirements your worker must meet to be on the higher-skilled levy rate are different for each sector:

- [Construction](#)
- [Manufacturing](#)
- [Marine shipyard](#)
- [Process](#)
- [Services](#)

Apply for higher-skilled worker levy


For construction sector

Your worker can get higher-skilled status by completing [one of the four upgrading pathways](#).

For process sector

Your worker can get higher-skilled status through [one of the three upgrading pathways](#).

For manufacturing, marine shipyard or services sector

You need to  [apply to convert your worker to higher-skilled levy](#), and upload a copy of the worker's educational or trade test certificates.

For **diploma or higher qualifications**, you need to upload these additional documents:

If worker has diploma or higher qualifications from	Additional documents needed
China	<p>Certificate of graduation and verification proof from one of these sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Center for Student Services and Development (CSSD)</u>, formerly known as China Higher Education Student Information (CHSI), for the below qualifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diploma: Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate • Degree and above: Online Verification Report of Higher Education Degree Certificate • <u>Background screening companies</u> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The verification proof must confirm that the qualifications are genuine and were awarded by accredited institutions. • Educational certificates certified by a notary public are not accepted as a form of verification proof.
Other countries/regions	Transcript or letter from the institution stating the course duration.

Harbour craft industry









For harbour craft industry, you need to  **apply to convert your worker to higher-skilled levy** and upload a copy of the trade certificate.

Note

For non-English documents, you must submit a copy of the original document and an English translation. The translation can be done by a translation service provider.

Welding trade test for marine shipyard sectors

To meet the trade test component of the higher-skilled worker levy criteria, your worker's welding trade test must be endorsed by any of these institutions:

- **American Bureau of Shipping** 
- **Bureau Veritas Singapore Pte Ltd** 
- **DNV GL** 
- **Lloyd's Register of Shipping** 
- **Nippon Kaiji Kyokai** 
- **Singapore Test Services** 
- **Setsco Services** 
- **Common Welder Qualification Scheme conducted by the Singapore Welding Society** 



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