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Work Permit for MDW: apply under a special scheme

Employers' income is one of the main ways we assess Work Permit applications for migrant domestic workers (MDWs). Married couples can combine their incomes in the application. Alternatively, employers can apply under the Joint Income or Sponsorship Scheme.

Joint Income Scheme

Under the Joint Income Scheme, you can combine your income with a family member who is staying with you, other than your spouse. Only **1 extra income** can be included.

To qualify for the Joint Income Scheme, you must meet **all of these conditions**:

- Are a Singapore citizen or permanent resident.
- Are 21 years old and above.
- Not an undischarged bankrupt.
- Have a family member (who is not your spouse) staying at the same address as you to combine income with. The family member can be your sibling, parent, child or relative.
- Receive a higher salary than the family member you are combining income with.
- Have the mental capacity to fully understand and discharge your **responsibilities as an employer**.

Note: You should not be diagnosed with any medical condition that would impair your ability to exercise supervision and control over the well-being of the helper. Examples of such medical conditions include Alzheimer, dementia and schizophrenia which can cause symptoms such as severe memory lapses, confusion, emotional instability, progressive loss of mental ability and paranoia.

Sponsorship Scheme

If you are a senior citizen, the Sponsorship Scheme lets you apply for a Work Permit based on the income of **up to 2 sponsors**.

To qualify for the Sponsorship Scheme, you must meet **all of these conditions**:

- Are a Singapore citizen or permanent resident.
- Are 60 years old and above.
- Not earning an income.
- Not staying with any working adults.
- Have the mental capacity to fully understand and discharge your **responsibilities as an employer**.

Note: You should not be diagnosed with any medical condition that would impair your ability to exercise supervision and control over the well-being of the helper. Examples of such medical conditions include Alzheimer, dementia and

schizophrenia which can cause symptoms such as severe memory lapses, confusion, emotional instability, progressive loss of mental ability and paranoia.

The following family members can be your sponsor:

- Your children or children's spouse
- Your grandchildren or grandchildren's spouse
- Your siblings

Your application will be assessed based on the combined income of up to 2 sponsors.




Understand your responsibilities

As a sponsor or joint applicant, your role is similar to that of the employer:

- You are responsible for the upkeep, maintenance and well-being of the helper.
- You must ensure that the monthly levy is paid on time.

How to apply

You can either:

-  **Apply online through eService** (fastest method)
- Apply manually by submitting the relevant form:
 - **Work Permit Application Form under the Joint Income Scheme** 
 - **Work Permit Application Form under the Sponsorship Scheme** 

Find out more about the **application process for a Work Permit**.



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