



Dear Key Appointment Holders and EA Personnel,

1. On 16 Feb 2022, the Government announced the [updated border measures](#).

Streamlining of Country/Region Classification

2. The country/region classification will be streamlined as follows:

- a) Travellers from Category I countries will continue to be eligible for quarantine-free travel arrangements;
- b) Categories II, III and IV will be combined into a single **General Travel** category. Within this General Travel category, there are Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL) arrangements with certain countries. Fully vaccinated travellers arriving via VTL will continue to be eligible for quarantine-free travel arrangements, while non-VTL arrivals will be subjected to Stay-Home Notice (SHN); and
- c) A new **Restricted** category for countries/regions with developing COVID-19 situations that warrant stricter border measures imposed on arrivals. Currently, there are no Restricted countries/regions.

Simplifying Border Measures

3. From 21 Feb 2022, 2359 hours, border measures for travellers, including migrant domestic workers (MDWs)/confinement nannies (CNs) will be simplified:

- a) Travel history requirement reduced from 14 to 7 days;
- b) SHN duration standardised to 7 days; and
- c) VTL and Category I travellers no longer need to perform an on-arrival Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test. Instead, they will have to take a supervised self-swab (SSS) Antigen Rapid test (ART)[1] at any testing centre within 24 hours from their entry into Singapore. Please ensure that your MDW/CN self-isolates prior to receiving the on-arrival test result. At any time they are feeling unwell, medical advice (tele-consult/visit a clinic via private transport) is to be sought.

4. For MDWs and CNs, a Vaccinated Travel Pass (VTP) will be required if arriving via the VTL. If they are arriving via the Work Pass Holder General Lane, an entry approval will be required.

Restoring and Expanding VTL

5. To further facilitate vaccinated travel, the VTL (Air) quotas have been fully restored. The VTL (Land) quotas will be fully restored from 22 Feb 2022, with sales for additional bus tickets commencing since 16 Feb 2022.

6. VTLs will also be launched with the following countries:

- a) VTL (Air) with Hong Kong, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE); and
- b) VTL (Sea) with Bintan and Batam.

7. Applications to obtain a VTP will open on 22 Feb 2022, 1000 hours for flights and ferry trips arriving from 25 Feb 2022 onwards. For more information, please refer to the Press Releases issued by the [Ministry of Trade and Industry](#), [Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore](#) and the [Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore](#).

8. The updated classification and associated border requirements can be found [here](#) and on the [SafeTravel website](#).

Reminder on Requirements for Vaccinated and Recently Recovered Travellers

9. Since 24 Jan 2022, all travellers, including MDWs, who are fully vaccinated and recently recovered (i.e. certified positive for COVID-19 between 7-90 days before departure for Singapore) can be exempted from all testing and SHN requirements if they meet [these requirements](#). They include documentary proof of vaccination, COVID-19 medical infection and declaration on pre-trip health and travel history via the SG Arrival Card. This declaration includes an indication that they had been “diagnosed or suspected to have had a COVID-19 infection in the past 90 days”. Fully vaccinated and recently recovered travellers must complete these requirements to be assessed as Vaccinated-Recovered persons during the immigration clearance process. Otherwise, they will not be exempted from the testing and SHN requirements.

10. Please take note of the above updates and do comply with the prevailing requirements on entry and testing. Please also update the MDW/CN and their employers accordingly.

Yours sincerely

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[1] Travellers should visit Quick Test Centres (QTCs) or Combined Test Centres (CTCs) for their OAT SSS ART. The weblink to book these tests will be provided in the Testing Notice issued to travellers upon their entry into Singapore.