

Dear Key Appointment Holders and EA Personnel,

We have earlier informed you of our media statement on 7 May regarding reducing entry approvals for work pass holders entering Singapore in the coming weeks. In that announcement, we stated that most of the Migrant Domestic Workers (MDWs) who have earlier obtained entry approval will be allowed entry as approved, except for a small group who will be rescheduled to arrive on a later date.

2. We regret to inform you that we will be rescheduling the entry of MDWs who have approvals as of 7 May 2021, to enter Singapore from higher risk countries/regions^[1] from **Wednesday 26 May 2021 onwards**. This move is necessary to further reduce the number of imported cases, so that resources can be freed up to handle the current local COVID-19 transmissions. In arriving at this decision, we have also taken into consideration the Ministry of Health's assessment with respect to the global resurgence of cases and the emergence of new virus variants.

3. We will be reaching out to affected employers/ employment agencies regarding the rescheduling of their pass holders' entry. In rescheduling these entries, we will prioritise the entry of MDWs who are caring for the sick and elderly Singaporeans. For the rest of the MDWs, we may only be able to provide the rescheduled dates after the situation has stabilised. This does not include workers with travel history to Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan or Sri Lanka even if they had obtained an entry approval earlier on, as they continue to not be allowed to enter Singapore until further notice.

4. As stated in our 7 May media statement, we will not be accepting new entry applications for MDWs from higher risk countries/regions.

5. Recognising the greater difficulty in securing entry approvals, we will extend the In-Principle Approvals of affected MDWs from higher risk countries/regions. We will inform the affected employers and employment agencies on the extension details later. In the meantime, if the MDWs' IPAs are expiring soon, employers or their employment agency can [request for an extension](#) .

6. As the COVID-19 situation is evolving, there may be further changes with regard to entry restrictions. We will update affected employers and employment agencies of these changes promptly. We seek your and your members' understanding and co-operation during this period, for the various measures to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 importation and avoid overburdening our public health system.

7. If you have any further queries, please feel free to reach out to us. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Ministry of Manpower

[1] As of 21 May 2021, this refers to all countries/regions except Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Hong Kong, Macao, Mainland China and New Zealand. Please refer to the Safe Travel Office Website for updates to the countries/regions identified.