

Dear Key Appointment Holder and EA Personnel

1. Previously, due to the COVID-19 situation, the in-principle approval (IPA) for migrant domestic workers (MDWs) was valid for 5 months. This was to give employers enough time to bring them in.
2. As the [COVID-19 situation has improved](#), the validity of an MDW's IPA will be revised back to **3 months** for work permit applications made **from 1 Jun 2022**. If you require additional time to bring an MDW in, do request for a one-off IPA extension of 1 month using the [FDW eService](#).

Yours sincerely

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