

Educational Requirements for First-time Migrant Domestic Workers

Migrant Domestic Workers (MDWs) must have a minimum of 8 years of formal education and possess the necessary educational certificates as documentary proof of her education. A list of acceptable educational certificates is given below.

When the migrant domestic worker arrives in Singapore, she will have to submit a photocopy of the educational certificates before she is allowed to attend the Settling-In-Programme (SIP). The Ministry of Manpower (MOM) may require MDWs who are unable to produce acceptable educational certificates to be repatriated.

Recognised certificates from the respective countries:

Country	Name Of Certificate
Bangladesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary School Certificate (SSC) • Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC), also called Intermediate Certificate
India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matriculation Certificate • Secondary School Certificate • All India Secondary School Certificate • Indian Certificate of Education • Indian School Certificate (ISC) • Intermediate Certificate • Higher school Certificate • Higher Secondary Certificate • All India Senior School Certificate
Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Sekolah Menengah Umum Tingkat Pertama (STTB SMP), also known as Junior Secondary School Certificate of Completion • Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Sekolah Lanjutan Tingkat Pertama (STTB SLTP) • Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Madrasah Tsanawiyah (STTB MTs) • Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Sekolah Menengah Umum Tingkat Atas (STTB SMA), also known as Senior Secondary School Certificate of Completion • Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Sekolah Menengah Umum (STTB SMU) • Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Sekolah Menengah Kejuruan (STTB SMK) • Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Madrasah Aliyah (STTB MA)
Malaysia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penilaian Menengah Rendah (PMR), also known as Lower Secondary • Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM), also called the Malaysian Certificate of Examination • Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia Vokesyenal (SPMV) also called the Malaysian Vocational Education Certificate
Myanmar	Basic Education High School Examination (Matriculation)
The Philippines	High School Diploma
Sri Lanka	Sri Lankan General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level)
Thailand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maw 3 (M3) Examination • Maw 6 (M6) Examination