

Dear Key Appointment Holders and EA Personnel

On 23 Oct 2021, the government announced that border measures for travellers from higher-risk countries/regions will be streamlined.

Changes to countries/regions classification

2 From 26 Oct 2021, 2359 hrs, migrant domestic workers (MDWs)/confinement nannies (CNs) who have departed from/visited **Cambodia, Egypt, Hungary, Israel, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Qatar, Rwanda, Samoa, Seychelles, South Africa, Tonga, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Vietnam** in the last 14 days before entering Singapore will be placed in Category III. They are required to serve 10 days of Stay-Home Notice (SHN) at a suitable accommodation of choice.

3 In addition, travellers, including MDWs and CNs, with travel history from India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Pakistan, Sri Lanka will be allowed to enter Singapore. They will be subjected to Cat IV border measures, which include serving 10 days of SHN at a dedicated SHN facility. Please refer to the [SafeTravel website](#) for the full set of prevailing border measures for different categories.

Changes in testing regime

4 All Cat II/ III/ IV travellers will no longer be required to undergo on-arrival polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and Serology tests. Cat III/ IV travellers will also no longer be required to undergo Antigen Rapid Tests (ARTs) on Days 3 and 7 of their arrival. They will be allowed to end their SHN if they have a negative result for their exit PCR test.

5 The requirements for MDWs and CNs arriving from Cat III countries/regions are summarised in the table below.

Requirements the MDW/CN must comply with on arrival	What you must ensure
<p>1. Be fully vaccinated before arrival (from 1 Nov onwards)</p> <p>Refer to the vaccination requirements on the Safe Travel portal.</p>	<p>The MDW/CN must be able to produce the necessary documents as proof of vaccination otherwise she will be denied entry or boarding. You will need to re-apply for entry approval if this happens.</p> <p>To get a temporary vaccination status for up to 30 days, the MDW/CN must present her vaccination certificate(s) to the ICA officer at immigration clearance. This vaccination certificate(s) must clearly state the type of vaccine taken and the date(s) they were taken. The certificate(s) must be translated into English by an embassy, translator, or notary public, if they are not in English.</p> <p>If the MDW/CN was vaccinated overseas, the MDW/CN must take a serology test at a Public Health Preparedness Clinic to confirm their vaccination status within 14 days of completing SHN.</p>
<p>2. Serve a 10-day SHN at a suitable accommodation of choice:</p>	<p>If the MDW is serving SHN at place of residence and the household includes vulnerable individuals, the MDW is strongly encouraged to serve her SHN in isolation in a separate room and minimise contact with these vulnerable household members.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place of residence (Only for MDWs who were already working for their employers before they left Singapore. Not allowed for CNs). • Other self-sourced accommodation, such as hotel (please ensure the hotel can accommodate guests on SHN) 	<p>The MDW/CN is not allowed to serve her SHN at a dormitory. If she is serving her SHN at a hotel, she can share a room (with ensuite toilet) with another MDW/CN with the same travel history. You should ensure that employers of both MDW/CN sharing the same room consent to this arrangement.</p> <p>Arrange for the MDW/CN to travel from the airport to her SHN accommodation using private transport (e.g. own vehicle or take taxis (including street-hail taxi) / private-hire vehicles. Public transport (e.g. public bus/train) is not allowed.</p> <p>Provide the MDW/CN with food and other daily essentials throughout her SHN as she is not allowed to leave the accommodation.</p> <p>If you have paid for the SHN at a SHN Dedicated Facilities (SDF) as part of the MDW/CN's entry approval application, MOM will automatically refund the fees paid within 3 months of her arrival.</p>
<p>3. Take end of SHN exit PCR test on the 10th day of the SHN.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No longer required to take on-arrival PCR and on-arrival serology tests • No longer need to undergo self-administered ARTs on the 3rd and 7th days of her arrival 	<p>By Day 9 of the SHN, check whether the MDW/CN has received an SMS or call on her exit PCR test appointment details at her Singapore-registered mobile number. If not, please <u>call the SafeTravel Enquiries helpline at 68125555</u>.</p> <p>Failure to take the test as scheduled may lead to an extension of SHN period and revocation of work pass.</p> <p>Arrange for the MDW/CN to travel using private transport or taxis/ private-hire vehicles between the SHN accommodation and designated COVID-19 testing facility. Public transport (e.g. public bus/train) is not allowed.</p> <p>She must inform the taxi drivers that she is on SHN when getting into the vehicle and return to her SHN accommodation immediately after the test. She must sit in the rear passenger seat, with windows down and air-conditioning turned off.</p> <p>If you have paid for the on-arrival PCR and serology tests and ARTs as part of the entry approval application, a refund will be made within 3 months of the MDW/CN's arrival.</p>

6 Please take note of the changes and continue to work with us to keep Singapore safe.

Yours sincerely

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