

Dear EAs,

The Ministry of Manpower (MOM) will be introducing a new pre-entry process for employers in the Construction, Marine Shipyard and Process (CMP) sectors.

From 19 September 2023, MOM will require employers to provide proof of acceptable accommodation before they are allowed to bring their new non-Malaysian CMP Work Permit Holders into Singapore. This is to ensure that workers have access to proper housing while in Singapore.

EAs placing CMP workers should remind your clients to factor the time needed for the checks into their recruitment plans and fulfil the following requirements before they make arrangements for their non-Malaysian CMP workers to enter Singapore.

1. Ensure the worker has a valid in-principle approval (IPA) **before** submitting proof of acceptable accommodation. Examples of documentary proof include tenancy/rental agreements, contracts with accommodation providers or email correspondences confirming bed reservations.
2. Submit the proof of acceptable accommodation using our [online form](#). Processing time may take up to 6 weeks or longer, depending on the housing types.
3. **Only after employer(s)** receive approval for the housing check, book an [Onboard centre](#) slot for non-Malaysian CMP workers.

The pre-entry housing check is mandatory. Employers who bring in new non-Malaysian CMP workers without obtaining housing check approval may face suspension of their work pass privileges.

More information on the pre-entry housing check can be found on our [website](#).

Yours sincerely,

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