

Dear EAs,

The Ministry of Manpower (MOM) introduced the pre-entry process for employers in the Construction, Marine Shipyard and Process (CMP) sectors on 19 September 2023. Employers are required 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.

In our EA advisory dated 4 October 23, we have advised EAs placing CMP workers to 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.

We have found some employment agencies assisting in the recruitment of CMP workers had failed to help the clients seek approval for the pre-entry housing checks, resulting in the clients flouting this requirement and penalised by MOM.

We would like to remind all employment agencies to adhere to the abovementioned procedures and remind your clients not to book any flights and bookings at the onboard centre for the foreign workers until they have obtained the pre-entry housing check approval letters from MOM.

For more information on pre-entry housing check, please refer to our website via this [link](#).

Thank you.  
Ministry of Manpower