

CHANGES TO DEPENDANT PRIVILEGES FOR WORK PASS HOLDERS

As part of periodic updating, MOM has reviewed the qualifying salary criteria for work pass holders to sponsor dependants. This is to ensure that sponsors are able to upkeep their dependants in Singapore.

From **1 September 2015**:

- Work pass holders need to meet a minimum fixed monthly salary of \$5,000 to sponsor the stay of their spouse/ children here (on Dependant's Pass).
- Work pass holders need to meet a minimum fixed monthly salary of \$10,000 to sponsor the stay of their parents here (on Long Term Visit Pass).

New Dependant's Pass (DP) applications for spouse/children and Long Term Visit Pass (LTVP) applications for parents received **before 1 September 2015** will be assessed on pre-1 September 2015 criteria.

Renewal of DPs/ LTVPs will also be based on pre-1 September 2015 criteria provided the main pass holder remains with the same employer.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q1	What are the main changes to the dependant privileges for Employment Pass (EP)/ S Pass holders from 1 Sep 2015?
A1	<p>From 1 Sep 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S Pass and EP holders need to meet a minimum fixed monthly salary of \$5,000 to sponsor their spouse/children (on Dependant's Pass). • S Pass and EP holders need to meet a minimum fixed monthly salary of \$10,000 to sponsor their parents (on Long Term Visit Pass).
Q2	Why is the Government revising dependant privileges for Employment Pass (EP) and S Pass holders?
A2	The Government updates the DP/LTVP qualifying salary from time to time, to ensure that sponsors will be able to upkeep their dependants. We continue to welcome highly skilled foreign professionals who wish to bring their dependants to stay with them.
Q3	Does this apply to all EP and S Pass holders? How will the changes to the dependant privileges affect existing dependants of EP and S Pass holders?
A3	<p>The changes will only apply to new DP/LTVP applications made on or after 1 Sep 2015.</p> <p>To reduce disruption to families already here or who have already made plans to arrive soon, DP/LTVP issued or approved before 1 Sep 2015 will remain valid as long as the main pass holder has a valid EP/S Pass.</p> <p>For pass renewals for dependants taking place on or after 1 Sep 2015, the passes will not be affected, so long as the sponsor holds a valid work pass with the same employer.</p>
Q4	I am an EP/ S Pass holder with dependants. How will my dependants be affected if I change employer?
A4	We treat any change in employer as a new application. If you change employer from 1 Sep 2015, you will have to meet the revised salary criteria to continue sponsoring your dependants.
Q5	What is the rationale for granting dependant privileges to EP/S Pass holders?
A5	Dependant privileges help to enable the stay of highly skilled foreign professionals by allowing their family members to stay with them while they work in Singapore.

Q6	How does MOM decide who qualifies for dependant privileges?
A6	We assess the level of dependant privileges for a work pass holder based on his economic contribution and whether he can finance his dependants' stay in Singapore.
Q7	Will MOM still accept and approve DP applications before 1 Sept 2015?
A7	Yes, MOM will process DP applications as per normal.
Q8	I am employed by an overseas company but am currently holding an Employment Pass which is sponsored by a local entity. Will these changes apply to my dependants?
A8	Yes, the changes apply.
Q9	I am working on an EntrePass/ Personalised Employment Pass. Will these changes apply to my dependants?
A9	No, the changes will not apply. Dependant privileges for EntrePass holders are assessed based on a different set of criteria. The Personalised Employment Pass is for high-earning foreign professionals and the requirements to qualify for this scheme are more stringent.