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EA Alert: Resumption of Processing of New Work Permit and S Pass Applications

Dear Key Appointment Holders and EA Personnel,

As a result of the stable COVID-19 situation in Singapore, and the strong public health measures and testing capacity that have been put in place, there is now more room to accommodate the entry of work pass holders to ease manpower shortages.

Accordingly, the Ministry of Manpower (MOM), in consultation with the Ministry of Health, Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Trade and Industry, will adjust its processing of new Work Permit and S Pass applications of workers across all sectors to better support businesses.

Applicants and employers must continue to meet all prevailing work pass conditions, such as quotas and qualifications criteria, to be considered. All new or returning Work Permit and S Pass holders must also comply with the prevailing border measures, including obtaining entry approvals from the relevant government agencies, undergoing pre-departure tests (PDT) and being subject to Stay-Home Notices (SHN) upon arrival in Singapore.

Employers and employment agencies acting on behalf of employers, are advised to familiarise themselves with the [additional requirements and responsibilities to bring pass holders into Singapore](#) before [seeking entry approval from MOM](#). More details about the entry approval for foreign employees and SHN requirements can be found in the [list of frequently asked questions](#).

Yours sincerely

Ministry of Manpower