

# Covid-19 Updates for Businesses

## Work Visas & Work Passes Edition

Singapore

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**Measures and issues for Covid-19 related issues are a fluid and frequently updated state of affairs. Be sure to check back with our [Linkedin page](#) for further updates, and follow latest advisories / informational materials / advisories issued by the Singapore government and various ministries.**

The outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) necessarily presents challenges to all businesses – as they are required to adjust and adapt to the new rules and requirements as they develop.

To help address the needs of our clients and friends, we consolidate and summarise below some key government COVID-19 initiatives and measures presently proposed or in place in Singapore. This edition is in respect of Visas and Work Passes Edition.

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**28/3/2020: [Entry Approval Required For All Long-Term Pass Holders](#)**

From 29 March 2020, all:

- Long-Term Visit Pass (“LTVP”) holders,
- as well as those who have been granted In-Principle Approval (“IPA”) for LTVP,

who are planning to enter or return to Singapore, must obtain ICA’s permission before they commence their journey to Singapore.

Additionally, all existing Student’s Pass (“STP”) holders, and those who have been granted IPA for STP, who are planning to enter or return to Singapore must obtain permission of the Ministry of Education before they commence their journey to Singapore.

This is in addition to the [restrictions](#) that came into effect on 23 March 2020, which mandated that all short-term visitors (from anywhere in the world) will not be allowed to enter or transit through Singapore.

The Ministry of Manpower (“MOM”) will only allow the entry/return of work pass holders, including their dependents, for those providing essential services, such as in healthcare and transport.

See also the following resources pertaining to Visas and Work Passes:

- [MOM Entry Approval and Stay-Home Notice Requirements for Work Pass Holders from Malaysia](#) (MOM, 25/3/2020)
- [All Travellers Arriving In Singapore From 27 March 2020, 0900 Hours, Must Submit Health Declaration Via The SG Arrival Card E-Service](#) (ICA, 23/3/2020)
- [Additional Border Control Measures To Reduce Further Importation Of Covid-19 Cases](#) (MOH, 22/3/2020)

**24/3/2020: [Tighter measures to Minimise Further Spread of COVID-19](#)**

**Update (8/4/2020):** In addition to the above measures, from 9 April 2020, 2359 hours, all Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and Long Term Pass holders entering Singapore will be required to serve a 14-day self-isolation at dedicated Stay-Home Notice (SHN) facilities. More information about the expansion of enhanced stay-home notice requirements to all countries is available [here](#).

From 27 March 2020, 0900 hours, all travellers arriving in Singapore, including

- residents (Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents)
- Long-Term Pass holders (Student's Pass, Dependent's Pass, Work Pass and Long-Term Visit Pass Holders),

must submit a health declaration before proceeding to immigration clearance.

They will have to do so via the [SG Arrival Card \(SGAC\) e-Service](#).

The health declaration will be made available before 27 March 2020 as part of the SGAC eService, so that travellers who are due to arrive in Singapore after 27 March, 0900 hours, can complete it in advance of their arrival.

All travellers can submit their health declaration up to three days prior to arrival in Singapore.

They must re-submit their health declaration if there are changes to their health condition or travel history before arriving in Singapore.

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