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## Singapore – immigration update – tightened measures

The Ministry of Manpower (MOM) announced on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021 that the Government is reducing entry approvals for work pass holders entering Singapore.

From Tuesday 11 May onwards,

- work pass holders who obtained approval to enter prior to 5 July **will not be allowed to enter**. The MOM will inform employers on when to re-apply for entry when the situation has stabilised and will prioritise them for entry approval then;
- the Government **will not be accepting new entry applications** from higher risk countries/regions with immediate effect, except for workers needed for key strategic projects and infrastructural works who will be allowed entry.

Higher-risk countries and regions refer to all places except Australia, Brunei, mainland China, New Zealand, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau.

As of now, the MOM has not announced when they government will resume accepting new applications and issuing entry approvals but delays should be expected as a result of this temporary suspension and the new 21-day quarantine requirement reducing dedicated facilities capacity.

As such, any travel of work pass holders outside Singapore **is strongly discouraged** for the time being.

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