

LOOKING AFTER YOUR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT AS YOU VENTURE OVERSEAS

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This information is applicable for children who are **Singapore Citizens (SC)** or **Permanent Residents (PR)**.



Click on the underlined text for more details.

BEFORE YOU GO OVERSEAS

If you are **bringing** your child along for your overseas job posting, and...

Your child has completed Primary 1 registration

OR

Your child is studying in a primary school, secondary school, junior college, or Millennia Institute

Apply for Leave of Absence (LOA)



You may apply or renew LOA for your child via an online application form on his/her school's website.



With LOA, your child will remain as a registered student in the school. He/she can be re-admitted directly upon returning to Singapore.



LOA status to be renewed yearly. Fees apply.

National Service (NS) responsibilities if your son is 13 years old or older, and will be residing overseas for 3 months or longer

He can apply, renew, extend, cancel, or check the status of his Exit Permit through the NS Portal.

If your son is 13 to 16.5 years old, residing overseas for 2 years or longer

OR

If your son is above 16.5 years old and residing overseas for 3 months or longer

He will have to provide a bond amount of \$75,000 or 50% of combined annual gross income of both parents for the preceding year, whichever is higher, in the form of a Banker's Guarantee.



Your son may require a new Exit Permit and/or bond if there is a **change in details** in his departure date, place of study, course and/or institution of study. You may apply for a new Exit Permit on the NS Portal.

Pre-enlistees may be granted deferment to pursue full-time overseas studies up to GCE 'A' Level, polytechnic diploma or their equivalent qualifications. Your son should have his **course details and his latest school letter certifying level and course of study, course commencement and completion dates ready** before he starts his application via the NS Portal.



If you are **not bringing** your child along for your overseas job posting, and...

Your child would like to pursue his/her studies in Singapore while you and your spouse are working or residing overseas

He/she may apply to live in a hostel under the Boarding Award Scheme.

Click here to apply for boarding within 3 months from the intended start date.

(Only applicable for children studying in a mainstream secondary school, junior college or Millennia Institute. The child and at least 1 parent must be a SC.)

WHILE YOU ARE OVERSEAS

If your child is born overseas

Register your child's birth and obtain the birth certificate from the foreign authorities in the country where the child is born.

Submit a Singapore Citizenship application for your child using your Singpass account.

NOTE



If your child is born overseas and has obtained Singapore citizenship by descent or registration, he/she must take the **Oath of Renunciation, Allegiance and Loyalty (ORAL)** to retain his/her Singapore citizenship status.



When?

The oath must be taken in person after your child turns 21 and before his/her 22nd birthday.

Where?

If your child is overseas: Singapore Overseas Mission
If your child is in Singapore: Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA)

When your child is 6 years old (the age for Primary 1 registration)

1

Update the Ministry of Education (MOE) of his/her whereabouts between January and June.

Click [here](#) for the online application and the list of documents for submission.

2

You may register your child under the Primary 1 registration process and apply for LOA if your child is allocated a school place but is unable to return to Singapore before January.

**Refer to Page 1 for details on LOA*

If your child wants to keep in touch with Singapore's education curriculum

Apply for access to the Student Learning Space (SLS)

Child without LOA: Submit this [online form](#) to apply for access to the SLS.

Child on LOA: Request for continued access to the SLS through the school in which your child is registered in.

If your child is coming back to Singapore for a short while and would like to join a school temporarily

He/she may apply for the Immersion programme

It allows your child to attend classes for a specified period to experience school life in Singapore. This will help in easing your child's re-entry to the system.

Approach the school directly to apply for the immersion programme or apply [here](#) within 3 months from the intended date of immersion.

NS responsibilities when your son turns 13 or 16.5 years old

13 years old and above

Your son is required to apply for an Exit Permit and/or Bond* to continue residing overseas for 3 months or longer.

**Refer to page 1 for details on Exit Permit and bond*

16.5 years old and above

Your son will receive a registration notice for National Service.*

1. Follow the instructions to complete his pre-enlistment documentation on the NS Portal.
2. Book a medical screening appointment. He will have to return to Singapore for the medical screening at the Medical Classification Centre.

**Apply for deferment during the registration process if your son is still studying full-time.*

If your son is studying, he will receive letters to complete his pre-enlistment documentation and book a medical screening appointment in Singapore approximately a year before he completes his studies.

Click [here](#) to find out more details on NS Registration and pre-enlistment documentation upon receiving the NS Registration Notice.

RETURNING TO SINGAPORE

Child with LOA

Re-admit to his/her school directly

Child without LOA

Other admission options

There are various options available for admission to the primary, secondary and post-secondary levels. You may contact the Ministry of Education (MOE) for assistance.

Primary School Admission

• Primary 1 Registration



Primary school education is compulsory for all Singapore Citizens (SC).



You may register your child for Primary 1 if he/she is due for Primary 1 registration (6 years old).



For more information, click [here](#).

• Assured School Placement



MOE will guarantee your child a place in a school with vacancies as near your residence as possible, providing you with greater certainty and convenience.



Your child may be required to undergo school-based assessments and/or interview to determine the level and class or course to be placed in.



Apply online by submitting [this application form](#). For more information, click [here](#).

Secondary School / Post-Secondary Admission

• Assured School Placement

(Also applicable for admission into secondary schools)



MOE will guarantee your child a place in a school with vacancies as near your residence as possible, providing you with greater certainty and convenience.



Your child may be required to undergo school-based assessments and/or interview to determine the level and class or course to be placed in.



Apply online by submitting [this application form](#). For more information, click [here](#).

• Centralised Placement

- Direct School Admissions (DSA):

Student is assessed based on his/her talent in sports, co-curricular activities (CCAs) and specific academic areas.

Click on the link(s) below to find out more:

- [Secondary School \(DSA-Sec\)](#)
- [Post-Secondary \(DSA-JC\)](#)

- School Placement Exercise for Returning Singaporeans (SPERS):

This is a centralised merit-based placement exercise. School choices will be based on your child's performance in the tests.

Click on the link(s) below to find out more:

- [Secondary School \(SPERS-Sec\)](#)
- [Junior College/Millennia Institute \(SPERS-JC/MI\)](#)



If your child is unable to return to Singapore for SPERS-Sec, he/she can participate in the [Supplementary Placement Exercise](#).

NS responsibilities if your son, who is holding a valid Exit Permit, is coming back to Singapore

Cancel his Exit Permit

He can cancel his Exit Permit via the [NS Portal](#).

National Service / Placement Exercise

If your son is due for enlistment, he will need to begin his pre-enlistment procedures which includes NS registration, pre-enlistment documentation and medical screening if he has not done so. If he is back for education, please refer to the above information on placement exercise(s).

If your son returns alone and requires support for NS matters - Please contact [CMPB](#) for more information.



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