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## UPDATE TO RESTART OF RENOVATION WORKS FROM 2 JUNE 2020

1. The Building and Construction Authority (BCA) has streamlined the application process and requirements for a safe restart of renovation works from 2 June, taking into consideration suggestions and feedback received from the renovation industry.

### Updates to Application Requirements

2. The updated application requirements are summarised in Table 1 below.

**Table 1: Updated application requirements**

	Previous Requirements on 27 May 2020	Updated Requirements
<b>COVID-Safe Workforce (Contact Tracing)</b>	Workers must download contact-tracing app TraceTogether by 1 June 2020.  Employers are required to establish a system to track the daily health status of workers, and to manage workers' social interactions on rest days.	Unchanged
<b>COVID-Safe Workforce (Testing)</b>	For personnel who are to start work from 2 June 2020 onwards, their employers must apply to BCA and arrange for them to undergo COVID-19 testing. BCA will only approve the applications if the personnel have been tested negative.  Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and Employment Pass holders do not need to be tested.	<b>Construction Work Permit and S Pass holders not residing in dormitories</b> (for example residing in HDB/ Private Residential Premises) can proceed to work once the application is approved. They will need to be swab tested periodically.  Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and Employment Pass holders do not need to be tested.
<b>COVID-Safe Workforce (Training)</b>	Personnel carrying out renovation activities are required to attend the <b>COVID-Safe Training for Workers</b> to be familiarised with COVID Safe Management measures before being deployed to work.  Companies performing renovation works do not need to attend BCA's Safe Management Officer Course.	Only <b>Construction Work Permit and S Pass holders</b> are required to take the 'COVID-Safe Training for Workers' course within 4 weeks from the date of approval. They may start work while completing the course at their own pace.  Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and Employment Pass holders, do not need to attend the training.

		<b>BCA's Safe Management Officer Course <u>does not apply to renovation companies</u>.</b> There is no need for personnel carrying out renovation work to attend this course.
<b>COVID-Safe Accommodation and Transport</b>	Employers must ensure that their workers do not stay at the same accommodation with other workers performing works at construction projects or supply works.  Provide dedicated transport for their workers between workplaces and places of accommodation.	<i>Unchanged</i>
<b>Approval Documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The address of the workplace (renovation site).</li> <li>• The names and particulars of all employees.</li> <li>• The nature of works being performed.</li> <li>• Contract and photos of on-site renovation works suspended prior to 7 April 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address of the renovation site.</li> <li>• Names, FIN, and address of workers.</li> <li>• Nature of works</li> </ul> <p><b>(The requirements to submit contract and photos of the suspended renovation works have been removed.)</b></p>
<b>Appeals</b>	Companies with compelling reasons can write in to BCA to appeal with the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The reference number of your original submission</li> <li>• The type of works to be carried out</li> <li>• The location of such works</li> <li>• If the works had started and date when works started</li> <li>• Expected date of completion of the works</li> <li>• Reason for the urgency to restart</li> <li>• List of all workers involved, their accommodation addresses and their compliance with COVID-Safe Restart Criteria</li> <li>• Other supporting information and documents.</li> </ul>	If there are appeals with compelling reasons, please provide us with more information by filling in the form at <a href="https://go.gov.sg/bca-reno-appeals">https://go.gov.sg/bca-reno-appeals</a> .

3. The detailed COVID-Safe Restart Criteria may be downloaded from BCA website at <https://go.gov.sg/bca-restart-criteria>. Employers can register their workers for the 'COVID-safe Training for Workers' online course at <https://go.gov.sg/BESafe-Register>. Renovation firms are

reminded to comply with the revised COVID-Safe Restart Criteria in order to safeguard the health of the workforce and the safety of the community at large.

## Approval Process

4. Applications to restart previously suspended renovation works may be submitted via <https://go.gov.sg/bca-reno-construction-accounts>. All applications will be approved within two days if the submission is in order. Renovation applications that were approved by HDB before the Circuit Breaker period do not need to be re-submitted to HDB for approval. However, contractors would need to log in to HDB's Application for Renovation Permit via Electronic Transaction (APEX) system and submit a copy of BCA's approval in order to apply to change the dates of the renovation works, as the dates in their earlier applications would have lapsed. Renovation firms are advised to display a copy of BCA's approval outside the premises undergoing renovations.

5. Renovation firms should submit their manpower details via MTI's GoBusiness portal (<https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg>) within two weeks from the date of resumption of operations or obtaining the relevant approval to restart works.

## Other Types of Works

6. For other types of works listed below, companies performing these works may check MTI's (<https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg>) website to find out if they can resume work on 2 June:

- Air-conditioning and mechanical ventilation systems,
- Fire and alarm protection systems;
- Security and surveillance systems (such as CCTVs);
- Electrical and Extra Low Voltage systems;
- Plumbing and sanitary systems;
- Windows.

If the companies employ workers who are Work Permit or S Pass holders from the "Construction Sector", they will need to seek BCA's approval via <https://go.gov.sg/bca-construction-accounts> before works can resume. Otherwise, BCA's approval is not required.

## Updates and Clarifications

7. There will be regular reviews of measures and requirements as the COVID-19 situation evolves. You are advised to refer to the BCA website (<https://www1.bca.gov.sg/COVID-19>) for updates.

8. Please contact BCA at <https://www.bca.gov.sg/feedbackform/> or 1800-3425222 if you have queries or require clarifications.

Yours faithfully

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