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Dear Sir / Madam

## **MANDATORY ROSTERED ROUTINE TESTING (RRT) FOR ANYONE ENTERING THE WORKSITE**

### **Objective**

1. This circular informs and reminds the built environment sector of the following: –
  - (a) Mandatory RRT for **ALL** visitors, foreign and local workers entering worksites with immediate effect; and
  - (b) Reverting to 7 or 14 days RRT frequency for vaccinated individuals from 14 or 28 days respectively.

### **Testing of Workers who enter Worksites**

2. In view of the heightened alert and recent COVID-19 infection cases in the community, **measures must be implemented at all worksites to ensure that all visitors and personnel entering the worksite have undergone at least 1 swab test and tested negative for COVID-19 within 14 days before the day of deployment at site with immediate effect.** More information on RRT requirements for various job roles is available on the BCA website for further clarification (**Annex A**).
3. RRT will now apply strictly to the following groups of workers with immediate effect:
  - i. All personnel working at worksites
  - ii. All short-term visitors such as developers'/ consultants' representative who are SC/PR/EP holders, inspectors who are stationed on-site or off-site and delivery personnel entering worksites.

4. The appointments for RRT can be made through the online Swab Registration System (SRS) at <https://swab.hpb.gov.sg/ext/login.aspx>. Please be reminded that workers who missed their RRT will have their AccessCode status turned red and cannot be deployed to work.

### **Reverting of RRT Frequency for Vaccinated Personnel**

5. In alignment with MOH's direction, BCA will be temporarily removing the RRT concessions for vaccinated individuals to allow early detection of any vaccine breakthrough cases. **Vaccinated individuals who were previously allowed to go on a "step-down" RRT frequency of 14 or 28 days, will be reverted to 7 or 14 days respectively similar to unvaccinated individuals.**

### **Enforcement Action**

6. BCA takes a serious view of any breach in COVID-19 regulations as it affects our ability to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission at worksites. We will take action against firms and their workers for failing to undergo RRT and also worksites with any breaches in COVID-19 regulations. Employers need to take responsibility for tracking and scheduling their workers for RRT in order not to cause any disruption to the worksite progress.

### **Working Together and Keeping Safe**

7. All site personnel must continue to adopt good hygiene practices and see a doctor immediately if feeling unwell. As advised by MOH, vaccination remains a key enabler to reduce the risks of community transmission and we therefore encourage all to be vaccinated when it is offered to you and your employees.

8. In this period of heightened alert, we seek the cooperation of the industry to keep tighter control over the worksite Safe Management Measures to minimise the risk of transmission and resurgence of COVID-19 cases which can disrupt work progress.

## Clarification

9. Please disseminate the contents of this circular to your members. If you need any clarification, please submit your enquiry through BCA's Online Feedback Form at <https://www.bca.gov.sg/feedbackform/>. Thank you.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Lim', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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## Annex A

**Table 1: Summary on Swab Test Requirements [Updated on 17 May 2021]**

**Approval to restart:** , To meet the COVID-Safe restart criteria (<https://go.gov.sg/bca-restart-criteria>), the Main Contractors and Supply Work Owners need to include all personnel, construction and non-construction workers who are working /visiting construction sites<sup>1</sup> and supply premises, via <https://go.gov.sg/bca-construction-supply> to BCA for approval.

**Swab test:** Employers are required to make appointments for their workers' Rostered Routine Test (RRT) to resume work. When submitting details of personnel who are working /visiting construction sites<sup>1</sup> and supply premises to BCA for approval, employers can at the same time make appointments for these personnel to attend RRT through the online Swab Registration System (SRS) at <https://swab.hpb.gov.sg/ext/login.aspx>. **Workers who missed their RRT will have their AccessCode status turned red and cannot be deployed to work.**

Workforce	Activities		
	Working at/visiting construction sites <sup>1</sup> (includes personnel doing site maintenance, site safety, vector control, instrumentation & monitoring (I&M), inspectors, etc.)	Not working at construction sites <sup>1</sup> (Construction Account Workers doing renovation works, facilities management and Lift & Escalator works, etc.)	Company Corporate Office Premises
(A) Singapore Citizens/ Permanent Residents/ Employment Pass holders	<b><u>RRT is required</u></b>	Not required to undergo RRT	Not required to undergo RRT
(B), S Pass, Work Pass holders <u>residing in non-dormitories</u> , (e.g. HDB, private residential premises, etc)	<b><u>RRT is required</u></b>	<b><u>RRT is required</u></b>	
(C) Employment Pass holders, S Pass, Work Pass holders <u>residing in dormitories</u> (e.g. purpose-built dorms, factory converted dorms, construction temporary quarters, temporary living quarters, etc.)	<b><u>RRT is required</u></b>		

<sup>1</sup> Construction sites includes "Construction Projects" and "Supply Works" as listed under Table 1 of BCA's advisory dated 25 May 2020, and building works for landed properties and insignificant building works (IBW) within a Construction Project.



## **Table 2: Clarity on RRT Requirements [Updated on 17 May 2021]**

The table below provides clarity on the various job roles that was earlier exempted from RRT but with immediate effect they would be required to undergo RRT if they enter worksites. Please note that builders/companies will still need to meet the COVID-Safe restart criteria and observe Safe Management Measures.

S/N	Job role with examples
1	Developers' / Consultants' Rep who are SC/PR/EP holders not stationed on-site or visitors to the construction site. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management level reps of developers and consultants not stationed on-site</li> <li>• Homeowners of residential landed properties</li> <li>• Foreign delegates</li> </ul>
2	Drivers who are SC/PR/EP/non-construction account foreign workers and are not staying in dormitories and transporting non-construction material supplies. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waste refuse collectors (excluding sanitary waste disposal personnel)</li> <li>• F&amp;B drivers</li> </ul>
3	Drivers (SC/PR/EP/non-construction account foreign workers) who are not staying in dormitories and transporting construction material supplies, sanitary waste and foreign workers. Examples of construction material supplies are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ready-mixed concrete</li> <li>• Steel reinforcements</li> <li>• Precast components</li> </ul>
4	Inspectors who are stationed on-site or off-site. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspectors from government agencies</li> <li>• Assessors (e.g. QC / ISO) / Resident Engineers (REs) / Resident Technical Officers (RTOs)</li> <li>• Safety officers</li> </ul>
5	Other on-site personnel. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security personnel</li> <li>• Full time on-site cleaners</li> <li>• Full time on-site canteen operators</li> <li>• Site admin clerks</li> <li>• Maintenance crew (e.g. pest control)</li> <li>• Plant operators</li> </ul>