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To: All Contractors and Developers

Circular on Time-limited Flexibility to Recruit Workers from People's Republic of China (PRC) Without Enrolling in Overseas Testing Centres (OTCs) for Skills Certification

1. This circular informs all contractors and developers on the temporary scheme to recruit People's Republic of China (PRC) workers without enrolling in Overseas Testing Centres (OTCs).

Temporary Scheme to Recruit PRC workers without Enrolling in OTCs

2. The Building and Construction Authority (BCA) has issued a [press release](#) on 26 April 2021, detailing the additional measures to support the industry during the COVID-19 situation.

3. From 7 May 2021 to 06 Nov 2021, the BCA and Ministry of Manpower (MOM) will introduce a temporary scheme for six months to allow new PRC Work Permit Holders (WPHs) to obtain their skills certification in Singapore. As some OTCs in PRC have not resumed operations, prospective workers have not been able to obtain their skills certification to qualify as basic-skilled construction workers in Singapore.

4. Upon implementation of this temporary scheme, employers will be permitted to bring in PRC WPHs without skills certification, but they must comply with the other prevailing entry approval and work pass requirements such as the completion of required safety courses, Settling-in Programme and medical clearance within 2 weeks of arrival. Please refer to the MOM's website for more information on:

- Entry Approval Requirements
<https://www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19/actions-for-companies-to-bring-pass-holders-into-singapore>
- Work Pass Requirements
<https://www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19/adjustments-to-work-pass-services>

5. The BCA and MOM strongly encourage employers to send their workers for skills certification early. New PRC WPHs hired using Prior Approval (PA) issued by MOM will be placed on a one-year work pass and the levy rate of \$700/month. While the new PRC WPHs have until their pass expiry to obtain their skills certification, the workers' levy rates will be adjusted to \$950/month if they fail to obtain their skills certification within 3 months of their pass issuance date. Upon obtaining their skills certification, workers will be placed on the prevailing levy tier of either \$300/month (higher-skilled) or \$700/month (basic-skilled).

6. Please take note that it is the employers' responsibility to ensure that the workers obtain the skills certification before the expiry of their work pass. The authorities take a serious view and will not

hesitate to take enforcement actions against employers who fail to send their workers for skills certification.

Application Process

7. From 7 May 2021, selected Approved Training and Testing Centres (ATTCs) will be accepting applications from employers to bring in new PRC workers without enrolling them with the OTCs for skills assessment at source. Upon registration, the ATTCs will, within 3 working days, inform Employer that they may prepare for the workers for departure to Singapore. Thereafter, the ATTCs that they have applied with, will inform employers when to submit work permit application (via the Work Permit Online, WPOL) and to apply for entry approval with MOM.

8. Please refer to Annex A for the list of ATTCs accepting employers' application for the temporary scheme and Annex B on the application process. For the latest information, please refer to the following website:

<https://www1.bca.gov.sg/buildsg/manpower/bca-approved-training-and-testing-centres>

Reminder to Remain Vigilant

9. BCA and MOM would like to remind all employers to remain extra vigilant during this period and take the following steps:

- 1) Adhere to Safe Management Measures
- 2) Ensure employees go for Rostered Routine Testing (RRT)
- 3) Ensure that employees who are feeling unwell see the doctor immediately
- 4) Encourage employees to take up vaccination when offered

10. For details of the application process, cost of training and cost of skills certification, please contact the ATTCs listed in Annex A. For other clarifications, please contact BCA at www.bca.gov.sg/feedbackform/. Please visit BCA's COVID-19 webpage (www1.bca.gov.sg/COVID-19) and subscribe to BCA's Telegram channel (<https://t.me/BCASingapore>) for latest updates.

Building and Construction Authority
Ministry of Manpower

Annex A: List of ATTCs accepting application for the temporary scheme

From 7 May 2021, employers can approach the following 5 ATTCs to submit their applications for the temporary scheme. Please refer to the following website for the latest list of ATTCs: <https://www1.bca.gov.sg/buildsg/manpower/bca-approved-training-and-testing-centres>

S/N	Company	Contact	SEC(K) / Validation Offered	Address
1	Fonda Global Engineering Pte Ltd	<u>General Enquiries/ Enrolment</u> Vivien/ Maggie/ Jays/ Kelly/ Iris/ Adeline/ Patricia/ Mary/ Ivy Hotline: 6515 5775 Email: coretrade@fondaglobal.com Website: www.fondacoretrade.com.sg <u>Specific Enquiries</u> CET – Kelly/ Mary/ Ivy/ Adeline WTU Funding – Jays	Aluminium Formwork (Enhanced)	45 Sungei Kadut Loop, Singapore 729495
			Doors and Windows Installation (Aluminium)	
			Doors and Windows Installation (Timber)	
			Electrical Wiring Installation	
			Interior Drywall Installation	
			Joinery	
			Plumbing and Pipefitting	
			Steel Reinforcement Work	
			Suspended Ceiling Installation (Acoustical)	
			Suspended Ceiling Installation (Fibrous Plaster)	
			Tiling	
			Timber Formwork (Enhanced)	
2	Santarli Construction Pte Ltd	Ms Chloe & Ms Jennie Tel: 6755 6676 www.santarli-attc.com <u>CoreTrade</u> coretrade@santarli.com	Aluminium Formwork (Enhanced)	531 Yishun Industrial Park A, Singapore 768739
			Electrical Wiring Installation	
			Plumbing and Pipefitting	
			Steel Reinforcement Work	
			Tiling	

		<u>CET</u> cet@santarli.com		
3	Singapore Engineering & Construction Pte Ltd <i>(previously known as Singapore Piling & Civil Engineering Pte Ltd)</i>	Ms Alice Tiong 6546 5292 alicetiong@bbr.com.sg Ms Jannete Guarina 6235 6492 jannete.guarina@singaporepiling.com.sg	Aluminium Formwork (Enhanced) Interior Drywall Installation Steel Reinforcement Work Suspended Ceiling Installation (Acoustical) Suspended Ceiling Installation (Fibrous Plaster)	50 Changi South Street 1, BBR building, Singapore 486126
4	Teambuild Engineering & Construction Pte Ltd	Ms Yvonne Heng Tel: 6362 4092; Fax: 6362 4039; HP: 9109 6153 Email: info@teambuildattc.com.sg Website: http://www.teambuildattc.com.sg/contact-us/	Structural Steel Fitting Doors and Windows Installation (Timber)	32 Sungei Kadut Way, #01-01 Teambuild Industrial Building, Singapore 728787
5	Tiong Aik Construction Pte Ltd	<u>Senior Manager</u> Mr Lee Szer Chin szerchin@tiongaik.com.sg; Tel: 9873 8065 <u>Administration</u> Ms Yap Khim Miew khimmiew@tiongaik.com.sg; Tel: 8407 8556 Office Line 1: 6269 5542 / Line 2: 6269 9875 / Line 3: 6269 9575 / Line 4: 6269 9802	Ducting Installation for Air-Con & Ventilation (Duckwork) Plastering Plumbing and Pipefitting Thermal Insulation (Pipework) Tiling	83 Sungei Kadut Drive, Singapore 729566

Annex B: Application process and workflow to bring workers into Singapore

Step	Item
1	<p><u>Registration with ATTCs</u> Employers are to approach the ATTCs (listed in Annex A) on how to submit the following details and documents. No administration fees will be charged for registration.</p> <p>a) <u>Key information to be submitted for each worker</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employer's Company Name 2. Company's UEN No. 3. PA Reference No. 4. MYE No. 5. Date of Application with ATTC 6. Name of worker-to-be (<i>pls translate the name of worker-to-be using "Han Yu Pin Yin". If there are 3 characters in name, 2nd and 3rd characters should be merged</i>) 7. IC No. 8. Passport No. (if available) 9. Date of Birth 10. Nationality 11. Province 12. Educational/ Vocational Level 13. Years of experience in Construction in PRC 14. Test level to take SEC(K) 15. Trade to take in SEC(K) 16. Last drawn salary in PRC (in SGD) 17. Occupation in PRC <p>b) <u>Documents to be submitted to ATTCs for verification:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Copy of Worker's IC 2. Copy of Worker's passport (if available) 3. Copy of PA Quota <p>If the details provided are in order, the ATTC will inform the Employer within 3 working days to prepare the workers for departure into Singapore.</p>
2	<p><u>Application of In-Principle Approval and entry approval with MOM</u> ATTCs will notify Employers when to apply for In-Principle Approval (IPA) via the Work Permit Online, WPOL and subsequently entry-approval with MOM. This will take about 14-21 days upon the successful registration to ATTCs in Step 1. Employers should not submit the work pass application and entry approval before receiving a confirmation from the ATTC, as it will be rejected.</p>
3	<p><u>Arrival of workers in Singapore</u> Employers are to apply e-issuance in WPOL. The workers need not attend identity verification at BCA Braddell Campus.</p> <p>Employers are also reminded that their workers are required to complete the required safety courses, Settling-in Programme and medical clearance within 2 weeks of arrival.</p>

Employers are encouraged to update ATTCs once their workers arrive in Singapore and proceed with enrolment for skills certification. Employers are to check with ATTCs on the latest cost of training and skills certification.
