



## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

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### **EMPLOYERS REQUIRED TO ENSURE WORKERS UNDERGO ROUTINE TESTING BY 5 SEPTEMBER**

*Workers who have not done so will not be able to return to work*

As part of the safeguards to ensure the safe restart of work, workers staying in dormitories<sup>1</sup>, and workers in the Construction, Marine and Process sectors and personnel who go into the work sites<sup>2</sup>, are required to undergo Rostered Routine Testing (RRT) every 14 days.

2 All workers who are required to undergo RRT will need to have completed a swab test in the past 14 days by 5 September 2020. Workers who have not done so will have their AccessCode Status reflected as Red under the “Health Status”, and will not be able to return to work.

3 To date, around 16,000 employers (82%) have logged into the Health Promotion Board’s [Swab Registration System](#) (SRS) to schedule their workers for RRT. About 102,000 workers who need to undergo RRT have not yet been scheduled (a slight reduction from the 118,000 workers four days ago).

4 Employers are reminded to quickly schedule appointment slots for their workers if they have not done so, to avoid disruption to business operations. They can view the available locations in the SRS when booking appointment dates, comprising 18 Regional Screening Centres and purpose-built dormitories across the island such as Old Police Academy, The Float @ Marina Bay, PPT Lodge 1B, Tampines Dormitory and Sungei Tengah Lodge. The swab capacity is more than sufficient to address the remaining unscheduled workers if employers schedule early.

5 Once workers have been scheduled under the SRS for the first time, they will be automatically assigned new dates for future RRT swabs. Employers should log in to the [SRS](#) regularly to check if there are new workers whom they need to schedule appointments for. We will be continuously adding new workers as their dormitories are cleared, and the workers become due for RRT.

6 The Building and Construction Authority (BCA) has taken action against a group of firms and their workers for failing to undergo RRT despite multiple reminders. BCA

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<sup>1</sup> This includes migrant workers residing in purpose-built dormitories, factory-converted dormitories, Construction Temporary Quarters, Temporary Occupational Licence premises and Temporary Living Quarters.

<sup>2</sup> All migrant workers in the Construction, Marine and Process sectors are required to be tested regularly, unless they are working in company office premises.

has rescinded the approval for about 280 workers to resume work. These workers will be allowed to return to work once they have undergone their RRT.

7 Employers should approach their respective sector leads, should they have queries on the requirements:

<b>Sectors</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Construction sector	<a href="mailto:SRS_Enquiries@bca.gov.sg">SRS_Enquiries@bca.gov.sg</a>
Marine and Process sectors	<a href="mailto:swab@edb.gov.sg">swab@edb.gov.sg</a>
Manufacturing/services workers staying in dormitories	<a href="http://www.mom.gov.sg/feedback">www.mom.gov.sg/feedback</a>

Employers who face issues with using the SRS can write in to [AskSRS@hpb.gov.sg](mailto:AskSRS@hpb.gov.sg).