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CHANGES TO DEPENDANT PRIVILEGES FOR WORK PASS HOLDERS

As part of periodic updating, MOM has reviewed the qualifying salary criteria for work pass holders to qualify for dependant privileges. This is to ensure that main pass holders are able to upkeep their dependants in Singapore.

From 1 January 2018:

- Work pass holders need to meet a minimum fixed monthly salary of \$6,000 to bring in their spouse/children (on Dependant's Pass).
- Work pass holders need to meet a minimum fixed monthly salary of \$12,000 to bring in their parents (on Long Term Visit Pass).

New Dependant's Pass (DP) applications for spouse/children and Long Term Visit Pass (LTVP) applications for parents received before 1 January 2018 will be assessed on existing criteria. Renewal DPs/LTVPs approved or issued before 1 January 2018 will also be assessed on existing criteria as long as the main pass holder holds a valid work pass with the same employer.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What are the main changes to the dependant privileges for Employment Pass (EP)/S Pass holders from 1 Jan 2018?

From 1 Jan 2018:

- S Pass and EP holders need to meet a minimum fixed monthly salary of \$6,000 to bring in their spouse/children (on Dependant's Pass).
- S Pass and EP holders need to meet a minimum fixed monthly salary of \$12,000 to bring in their parents (on Long Term Visit Pass).

Why does MOM revise dependant privileges for EP and S Pass holders?

The Government updates the DP/LTVP qualifying salary from time to time, to ensure that the main pass holder will be able to upkeep their dependants.

Does this apply to all EP and S Pass holders? How will the changes to the dependant privileges affect existing dependants of EP and S Pass holders?

The changes will only apply to new DP/LTVP applications made on or after 1 Jan 2018. To reduce disruption to families already here or arriving soon, DP/LTVPs that are issued or approved before 1 Jan 2018 will remain valid as long as the main pass holder has a valid EP/S Pass.

Dependants who renew their passes on or after 1 Jan 2018 will not be affected provided the main pass holder remains with the same employer.

I am an EP/S Pass holder with dependants. How will my dependants be affected if I change employer?

We treat any change in employer as a new application. If you change employer from 1 Jan 2018, you will have to meet the revised salary criteria to retain your dependant privileges.

Why does MOM grant dependant privileges to EP/S Pass holders?

Dependant privileges enable the stay of foreign professionals by allowing their family members to stay with them while they work in Singapore.

How does MOM decide who qualifies for dependant privileges?

We assess the level of dependant privileges for a work pass holder based on his economic contribution and whether he can finance his dependants' stay in Singapore.

Will MOM still accept and approve DP applications before 1 Jan 2018?

Yes, MOM will process DP applications as usual.

I am employed by an overseas company but am currently holding an Employment Pass which is sponsored by a local entity. Will these changes apply to my dependants?

Yes, the changes will apply.

I am holding an Entrepass/Personalised Employment Pass. Will these changes apply to my dependants?

No, the changes will not apply. Dependant privileges for EntrePass holders are assessed based on a different set of criteria. The Personalised Employment Pass has qualifying requirements which are already more stringent than the revised criteria for dependant privileges.