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A new Unit has been set up under the Public Service Division, Ministry of Finance to help new immigrants overcome the initial problems of relocation and make it easier for them to settle in. The Social Integration Management Service (SIMS) will assist new immigrants in such areas as housing, education, employment opportunities, immigration matters and social services. Its broad objective is to facilitate the social integration and assimilation of new immigrants.

Single permanent residents or immigrant families where both the husband and wife are new immigrants, who have been granted permanent residence from 1 Jul 89 under the new liberalised immigration policy, can register with SIMS from 1 Sep 89. SIMS will also register all those who have been granted approval in principle for permanent residence when they are ready to relocate to Singapore. SIMS will monitor and give follow-up assistance to the new immigrants for a period of two years.

Other new immigrants who have been granted permanent residence from 1 Jan 89 and those granted PR in 1988 can register with SIMS in Nov and Dec 1989 respectively if they need any assistance, provided they have not been living or working in Singapore for more than two years.

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