

PRESS RELEASE

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REGISTRATION OF PUPILS FOR ADMISSION TO PRIMARY I IN 1977

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- 1 Registration of pupils for admission to Primary I in 1977 will be carried out at all Government and Government-Aided Schools from Monday, 26 July to Friday 27 August, 1976. Each phase of registration will consist of a period for receiving applications from children of a particular category, followed by a period for the allocation of places. Up-to-date vacancy position will be displayed prominently at the school concerned. The number of vacancies still available in each school after each phase of registration will also be announced in the press before the next phase begins.
- 2 Parents who are unsuccessful in securing a place for their children in the school of their first choice will be so informed by the school in time for them to apply direct to other schools in which vacancies exist during the appropriate subsequent phase. However, if they have no special preference for a second choice of school, they may leave their applications with the school of their first choice. All children of such applicants will be posted to other schools by the Ministry on the completion of the registration exercise.
- 3 The age of admission will be restricted to 6 and 6+ in 1977. Parents with children who will be 6 or 6+ on 1.1.77 are requested to register their children in accordance with the dates for receipt of applications as given below. Children who are born in 1969 but are not yet in school will be overaged and will therefore not be considered for admission in 1977. Parents of such children are advised to apply direct to the school desired for admission this year without further delay.
- 4 It is the Singapore Government's policy to allow parents a free choice of the language of instruction for their children. Parents may therefore register their children at any school according to the language medium desired.

5 Children need not be brought to school for registration, but parents should produce for inspection all necessary documentary evidence. Parents are particularly requested to register their children at only one centre as registration at more than one centre will lead to confusion and delay in allocation of places, and may even result in the child not being allocated a place at all.

6 The Government's school building programme has made it possible during the past 16 years to provide a place in Primary I for every child registered for admission. However, underaged children ie children who will still be under the age of 6 on 1.1.77 will not be registered.

7 Parents are reminded to have their children adequately immunized against small-pox, diphtheria, tetanus and poliomyelitis. Immunization against these diseases is a health requirement. Documentary evidence of immunization need not be produced for inspection at the time of registration, but it will be checked before a child is admitted to school in the 1977 school year. Immunization can be obtained at the following clinics:-

- 1 The Central Immunization Registry,
Institute of Health, Outram Road;
- 2 The nearest Maternal and Child Health Clinic,
(certain days/hours only);
- 3 Private doctors' Clinics.

When a child attends a clinic, his birth certificate and previous immunization certificates must be produced.

8 **ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION:**

Children who will be 6 or 6+ on 1.1.77 ie who were born in 1970 and on 1.1.71.

9 There will be 4 phases of registration for 2 categories of children:

CATEGORY I:

**CHILDREN BORN IN SINGAPORE OR BORN
OUTSIDE SINGAPORE BUT OF PARENTS AT
LEAST ONE OF WHOM IS A SINGAPORE CITIZEN.**

Phase I

For children who have brothers and/or sisters studying in the same school.

Application

Mon 26 July to
Thu 29 July (4 days)

Allocation

Fri 30 July

Priority for allocation of places will be in accordance with the class in which the brother or sister is studying, beginning with Primary I, regardless of the date and time the applications are received during this phase.

Announcement

Sat 31 July

The results of allocation will be made known to the parents concerned and the vacancy position in each school after allocation will be displayed prominently at the school concerned from this date.

Phase IIApplication

Wed 11 August to
Fri 13 August
(3 days)

- (A) For children one of whose parents has undergone sterilisation after the birth of the second child provided such sterilisation was done before 40 years of age.
- (B) For children whose parents, brothers, or sisters are:-
- i Old boys or old girls who completed the entire primary course in the same school.
 - ii Members of the School Advisory Committee or School Management Committee or School Staff.
 - iii Old boys or old girls who completed part of the primary or secondary course in the same school.
- (C) For children whose parents have direct connections with the school.
- (D) i The only child in the family

- ii Boys whose elder sisters are studying in a girls' school or girls whose elder brothers are studying in a boys' school provided the schools concerned are affiliated to each other.
- (E) For children one of whose parents has undergone sterilisation after the birth of the 3rd or subsequent child provided such sterilisation was done before 40 years of age.

Allocation
Sat 14 August

Allocation of places will be in accordance with priorities as listed above, is from A to E, regardless of the date and time the applications are received during this phase.

Announcement
Mon 16 August

The results of allocation will be made known to the parents concerned and the vacancy position in each school will be displayed prominently at the school from this date.

Phase III

For children who are either not eligible for or not successful in Phase I and/or Phase II.

Application
Mon 23 August to
Thu 26 August
(4 days)

During this phase, parents who wish to withdraw their original application from a particular school in order to apply to another school may do so.

Allocation and
Announcement
Thu 26 August

Remaining places will be allocated by ballot which will be conducted on Thursday 26 August at 6.00 pm by the school concerned if the number of applications received by that school exceeds the number of places available. Applicants who are unsuccessful in the ballot will be posted to other schools by the Ministry of Education. The vacancy position in each school after allocation will be displayed prominently at the school concerned from this date.

CATEGORY II:

CHILDREN BORN OUTSIDE SINGAPORE OF PARENTS
NEITHER OF WHOM IS A SINGAPORE CITIZEN.

Application,
Allocation and
Announcement

Fri 27 Aug

Children who are registered within the intake of the school will be given places in that school as and when their applications are received. Those registered beyond the intake will be posted to other schools by the Ministry of Education.

As in previous years, priority for registration under Phases I and II will be given only up to the third child in the family. The fourth and subsequent children will have no priority for registration during these Phases unless one of their parents has undergone sterilization before 40 years of age, as specified under (A) and (E) of Phase II.

A summary of the schedule for the forthcoming registration exercise is at the Appendix.

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE:

- 10 For children born in Singapore - Birth Certificate.
- 11 For children born outside Singapore but of parents at least one of whom is a Singapore citizen - Birth Certificate of child plus documentary evidence of Singapore citizenship of one of the parents. Statutory Declarations will be accepted in lieu of a Birth Certificate only in cases where the place of birth does not issue Birth Certificates.
- 12 For children born outside Singapore neither of whose parents is a Singapore citizen - Birth Certificate of child and documentary evidence of residence in Singapore in respect of both parents as well as the child concerned, such as Singapore Identity Card, Work Permit, letter from an employer in Singapore, Public Utilities Board's bills, Rent receipts etc.
- 13 For children claiming to have brothers/sisters in the same school - a note from the Principal of the school stating the name and class of the brother/sister and certifying that he/she is a pupil of the school.
- 14 For children whose parents/brothers/sisters are old boys/girls, members of the School Advisory/Management Committee/Staff of the school - a note from Principal of the school concerned.

15 For children, one of whose parents has undergone sterilization - evidence of sterilization.

16 For adopted children - Extract from Adopted Children Register issued by the Court.

17 For transferred children - Birth Certificates of children in addition to the Registration of Transferred Children Certificates issued by the Social Welfare Department.

18 The identity card of the parent concerned is required in all cases of permanent residence.

HOURS OF REGISTRATION:

19 Schools will open for registration during the registration period at the following time:-

From 8.00 am to 11.00 am and

From 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm

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