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NEW WORK PASS CARD AND SGWORKPASS MOBILE APP FOR EASIER CHECKING OF WORK PASS STATUS

The Ministry of Manpower (MOM) will be introducing a new Work Pass (WP)¹ card with a QR code and a free mobile application called the SGWorkPass². This new app will enable employers, pass holders and any other stakeholders to check the status of work passes with their smartphones.

2 MOM will issue the new WP card in phases, starting with work permit holders in the Marine Shipyard and Construction sector from 15 September 2017 and to other work pass holders in the coming months. Existing WP cards will remain valid and pass holders will receive their new cards as and when they renew their work passes.

A more reliable and convenient way to check status of work passes

3 Many service providers, premise owners or other stakeholders rely on the date of expiry printed on the card as proof of status before entering into a contract with the pass holder or allowing entry into a premise, etc. However a foreigner's employment may be cancelled before his work pass expires due to various reasons such as resignation or restructuring. Hence the date of expiry printed on the work pass card may not reflect the most up to date status.

4 With the SGWorkPass, stakeholders now have a more reliable and convenient way to check the most updated status as well as to verify variable information such as date of expiry and occupation. This is done simply by scanning the QR code printed on new card with the SGWorkPass mobile app. With this change, we will discontinue printing variable information such as date of expiry on the work pass card. A comparison of the current and new WP card is provided at Annex.

5 For users without smartphones, they can still use the existing e-services on MOM's website such as the [Work Pass Online \(WPOL\)](#)/ [Employment Pass Online \(EPOL\)](#) or the [Check Work Pass Status](#) to check on pass status.

6 For more information on the new WP card and to download SGWorkPass, please visit www.mom.gov.sg/sgworkpass.

¹ The WP card is an identification card for foreigners working here and contains their employment information

² The SGWorkPass mobile app can be downloaded for free from Apple's App store and Google Play.

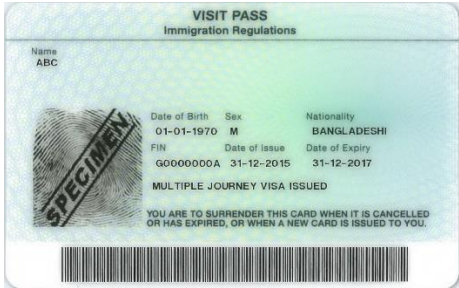
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Comparison of New and Existing Work Pass Card

Existing Card	New Card
Front  The front of the existing card features a light blue background with a green circular pattern. It includes a photo of a man, a 'SPECIMEN' watermark, and the following text: WORK PERMIT, Employment of Foreign Manpower Act (Chapter 91A), Republic of Singapore, Employer: ABC CONSTRUCTION PTE. LTD, Sector: CONSTRUCTION, Name: ABC, Occupation: CONSTRUCTION WORKER, Work Permit No.: 0 60000000, Date of Application: 30-11-2015, Date of Issue: 31-12-2015, Date of Expiry: 31-12-2017, and a barcode with the number K0000000.	Front  The front of the new card has a similar design but includes a QR code. The text is: WORK PERMIT, Employment of Foreign Manpower Act (Chapter 91A), Republic of Singapore, Employer: ABC CONSTRUCTION PTE. LTD, Name: ABC, Work Permit No.: 0 60000000, and Sector: CONSTRUCTION. It also features a photo, a 'SPECIMEN' watermark, and a barcode with the number K0000000.
Back  The back of the existing card is titled 'VISIT PASS Immigration Regulations'. It includes a photo, a 'SPECIMEN' watermark, and the following text: Name: ABC, Date of Birth: 01-01-1970, Sex: M, Nationality: BANGLADESHI, FIN: G0000000A, Date of Issue: 31-12-2015, Date of Expiry: 31-12-2017, and MULTIPLE JOURNEY VISA ISSUED. A barcode is at the bottom.	Back  The back of the new card includes a QR code and the text: VISIT PASS Immigration Regulations, Name: ABC, FIN: G0000000A, Date of Birth: 01-01-1970, Sex: M, Nationality: BANGLADESHI, MULTIPLE JOURNEY VISA ISSUED, and a download instruction: Download SGWorkPass App to check status. A barcode is at the bottom.

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