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To: All employers of construction foreign workers

AMENDMENTS TO THE COVID-SAFE TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS

1. This circular informs employers of construction foreign workers about the amendments to BCA's COVID-Safe Transport requirements.
2. Following the lifting of the Circuit Breaker on 2 June 2020, the built environment sector has adopted additional safety measures to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 outbreak. This includes the implementation of the COVID-Safe Transportation criterion which requires employers of construction workers to provide dedicated transport for their foreign workers between their place of residence and workplace.
3. At present, the number of COVID-19 cases amongst the workers is low. Taking this into consideration and the feedback of the additional costs required to provide dedicated transport for workers residing in accommodation outside dormitories, **BCA will allow, with immediate effect, the following:**
 - a) **S-Pass holders residing in non-dormitories accommodation to take public transport; and**
 - b) **Foreign workers residing in the same accommodation to travel in the same vehicle to / from multiple sites in a single trip**

4. The updated Safe Transportation requirement is summarised below (key changes highlighted):

Employee's Accommodation	Work Pass ^[1]	Workplace	Employer to provide dedicated transport	Allowed to take Public Transport (MRT, Bus)	Allowed to take Private Hire Vehicles (PHVs) & Taxis	Allowed to Walk/Cycle	Allowed to commute by personal motorcycles or cars
Non-dormitories ^[2]	S-Pass	Non-Construction Site	No restriction				
		Construction Site ^[5]					
	Work Permit	Non-Construction Site	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
		Construction Site ^[5]	Yes ^[8]	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dormitories ^[3] and Government Sourced Facilities (GSF) ^[4]	S-Pass & Work Permit	Non-Construction Site	Yes ^[8]	No	Yes ^[6]	Yes ^[7]	No
		Construction Site ^[5]					

[1] Type of work pass includes work permits or S-passes in the construction sector

[2] Non-dormitories include HDB and private residential properties

[3] Dormitories include purpose-built dorms, factory converted dorms, temporary occupation license quarters, construction temporary quarters and temporary living quarters

[4] Government Sourced Facilities are facilities set up by government for workers who have recovered from COVID-19 or decanted from dormitories.

[5] This includes those who work in site office

[6] Employers must work with dormitory operators to plan and coordinate pick-up times, pre-arrange and pre-pay for taxis/ PHVs and comply with relevant SMMs

[7] Employers to ensure their workers comply with relevant SMMs

[8] Workers residing in the same accommodation can travel in the same vehicle to / from multiple sites in a single trip. For workers residing in HDB/private residential premises, same accommodation refers to the same house unit. For workers who are already cohorted by project / employer in the same dormitory, they can travel in the same vehicle

5. While S-Pass holders can take public transport, BCA strongly encourages employers to make arrangements for their S-Pass holders to travel during non-peak hours. Employers should also continue to ensure and remind workers to observe all Safe Management Measures (SMM), especially when the S-Pass holders commute via public transport. If the COVID-19 situation worsens, we must be prepared to reinstate the dedicated transport requirements. We wish to remind all industry stakeholders to remain vigilant, as we take steady steps towards working in a new normal.

6. If you need further clarifications, please send your queries through BCA's Feedback Form (www1.bca.gov.sg/feedbackform). For latest updates from BCA, please visit BCA's COVID-19 webpage (www1.bca.gov.sg/COVID-19) or subscribe to BCA's Telegram channel (<https://t.me/BCASingapore>).

Yours faithfully

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