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**IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS OF MANDATORY ANTIGEN RAPID TESTING (ART) AND VACCINATE OR REGULAR TESTING (VoRT) REGIME FOR THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR**

To safeguard our worksites and workforce against COVID-19 transmissions, BCA announced the implementation of the mandatory Antigen Rapid Testing (ART) as part of the regular roster testing regime and Vaccinate or Regular Testing (VoRT) regimes in our circulars dated [7 August](#) and [26 August 2021](#) respectively. Firms are reminded to comply with the testing modality and frequency as summarised in **Annex A** and ensure sufficient ART kits for their workers and employees.

**Revised Scope of VoRT Regime**

2 For firms with workers who are unvaccinated, we would like to update that the testing requirements for VoRT have been revised as summarised in Table 1 and **will supersede the testing requirements outlined in the [26 August circular](#)**. Details on how to onboard and implement VoRT can be found at <https://go.gov.sg/bca-vort>.

**Table 1: VoRT for Construction Sector with effect from 1 October 2021**

Regime	VoRT for Construction sector ( <i>Revised</i> )	
<b>Coverage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employee of any construction firms (SSIC 41-43) or,</li> <li>• Employee of any firms under BCA Contractors Registry Regulatory Workheads RW02 (Lift Contractors) and RW03 (Escalator Contractors) or,</li> <li>• All EP/S Pass/WPH under the Construction sector (<i>excludes employees already on RRT regime or corporate office/HQ based functions</i>)</li> </ul>	
<b>Status</b>	<b>Vaccinated</b>	<b>Unvaccinated</b>
<b>Testing Mode &amp; Frequency</b>	-	2 ARTs per week (Day 3,7)
<b>Tests/Mth</b>	-	8 ARTs

For avoidance of doubt, personnel who are currently on mandatory RRT regime are to continue to adhere that the testing requirements of the mandatory RRT regime. For details on the applicable testing regimes refer to **Annex A**.

## **Ordering of ART Kits for Mandatory ART (i.e. Personnel on RRT Regime)**

3 ***From 1 October 2021, the ordering and delivery of ART kits will be done at the individual firm level instead of project site level.*** The ordering of ART kits for worksites via <https://go.gov.sg/bca-art-apply> will cease from 8 October 2021 and main contractors will no longer need to order ART test kits for subcontractors and visitors entering their worksites. Going forward, if the ART is done at the worksite entrance, non-dormitory residing subcontractors' workers and visitors entering worksites should bring their issued ART kits to the worksites, and the ART supervisor at the worksites should supervise and upload the results for them.

4 ***All firms (with 5 or more non-dorm employees on RRT regime) would need to place ART kit orders for their own non-dorm employees at <https://go.gov.sg/bca-artkits-request> by 30 September 2021*** and indicate their preferred address for the delivery of kits. An email has been sent on 18 September 2021 to notify these firms. For firms that have 4 or less non-dorm employees that are required to undergo ART testing, an email has similarly been sent on 28 Sep 2021, with further information on issuance of ART test kits.

5 When placing your orders, please note the following:

- a) Each firm may only indicate one delivery address to receive its kits. Firms with multiple outlets/branches are required to collate their orders for a consolidated delivery. The Health Promotion Board's vendor will use the contact details provided on the order form to arrange for delivery.
- b) As a high volume of orders are expected, delivery can take more than a week. No deliveries will be made on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays. Firms are encouraged to place their orders early to receive their kits on time. ***Firms which are unable to receive the kits before 1 October would need to procure HAS-approved test kits from pharmacies, supermarkets or from any of the suppliers listed at <https://go.gov.sg/bca-hsa-art-list>.***
- c) Firms will receive a 3-month supply of ART kits (i.e. October, November and December) for every individual who is on RRT (as listed in the HPB Swab

Registration System) and has attended RRT during the period 15 August to 14 September. For firms which have recently onboarded additional workers/ personnel onto RRT (i.e. after 14 September), additional submissions for kits can be made for these workers/ personnel after 30 September. More details will be made available in end-Oct 2021.

6 Your firm's utilisation rate will be determined based on the test results uploaded in SRSv2 and FWMOMCare (capped at test frequency required for vaccinated workers on RRT regime under **Annex A**). Any firm that has yet to utilise the ART kits that were issued to the firm will not receive any additional test kits order.

### **Reminder on Charging Policy for ART Kits**

7 The Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) announced on 27 August 2021 that the Government will continue to subsidise the cost of Rostered Routine Testing (RRT) (including ART kits required for the baseline tests) until 31 December 2021. ***From 1st October 2021, in line with VoRT implementation, the cost of the two additional ART tests to be taken by the unvaccinated workers will be borne by the workers or their employers.***

8 ***For workers who are medically ineligible for vaccines, the Government will continue to subsidise the costs for all their required tests until 31 December 2021.*** Employers are required to declare the medical status of their unvaccinated workers who are medically ineligible to complete the COVID-19 vaccination, in order to confirm their eligibility and arrange for the delivery of the subsidised ART kits.

**Table 1: Medical Declaration Forms**

<b>Workers residing in dormitories</b>	<a href="https://go.gov.sg/mom-vax-declaration">https://go.gov.sg/mom-vax-declaration</a>
<b>Workers in construction sector NOT residing in dormitories</b>	<a href="https://go.gov.sg/bcdeclaremiconstruction">https://go.gov.sg/bcdeclaremiconstruction</a>

### **Time-limited 8-week Rostered Routine Testing (RRT) for workplaces (voluntary)**

9 For workers in corporate or office/HQ based functions, we encourage all firms to participate in the **voluntary Time-limited 8-week Rostered Routine Testing (RRT) for Workplaces**, in view of the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in the community. ***Participating firms can initiate weekly unsupervised ART self-swabs for all eligible<sup>1</sup> employees over a two-month period.*** Participation is voluntary and interested firms will be provided with 8 ART kits per onsite employee (1 test per week). Firms would be required to put in place processes to ensure tests are completed and report results monthly via this link: <https://go.gov.sg/time-limited-rrt-art-results-declaration>. The application period is from 16 September – 13 October 2021. More details can be found in **Annex A** or <https://go.gov.sg/time-limited-rrt-art>.

10 We encourage all firms to urge your unvaccinated employees, who are medically eligible, to get their COVID-19 vaccinations if they have not done so. This would help safeguard the workforce and prevent potential disruptions to ongoing works. Let us remain vigilant and agile in adapting and implementing enhanced safe management measures and controls to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in the construction workforce.

### **For Updates and Information**

11 For updates and information on ART and VoRT for the construction sector, please refer to: <https://go.gov.sg/bca-art> and <https://go.gov.sg/bca-vort>. Do [click to subscribe to BCA's Telegram Channel](#) and refer to the BCA Website – [www1.bca.gov.sg/COVID-19](http://www1.bca.gov.sg/COVID-19) for COVID-19 updates and information.

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<sup>1</sup> Employee should not be on any mandatory PCR or FET RRT and must be one who physically returns to office, worksite or any off-site premises, regularly (at least once a week) for work purposes (i.e. does not work from home). Includes full-time and part-time employees, regular vendors/contractors, students on long-term (at least 2 months) placement or internship.

## Annex A: Summary of RRT, VoRT & Time-limited 8-week Rostered Routine Testing (RRT) for workplaces (with effect from 1 Oct 2021)

Regime	Rostered Routine Testing (Mandatory)		VoRT for Construction sector (Mandatory)		Time-limited 8-weeks Rostered Routine Testing (RRT) for workplaces (Voluntary)	
Who Does It Apply to?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Construction Account Workers (CAWs)<sup>2</sup></li> <li>All personnel (workers/visitors) entering construction worksites</li> <li>Individuals residing in Migrant Worker dormitories<sup>3</sup> (tests arranged by MOM)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employee of construction firms (SSIC 41-43) or,</li> <li>Employee of firms under RW02 (Lift Contractors) and RW03 (Escalator Contractors) or,</li> <li>All EP/S Pass/WPH under the Construction sector</li> </ul> <p><i>(excludes employees on RRT regime or exclusively in back-end or office/HQ based functions)</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employees of firms with <b>SSICs 41-43 or SSIC 68 or SSIC 71</b> who physically returns to office or any off-site premises at least once a week, for work purposes</li> </ul> <p><i>(excludes employees already on RRT regime and VoRT regime)</i></p>	
Status	<b>Vaccinated</b>	<b>Unvaccinated</b>	<b>Unvaccinated</b>		<b>Vaccinated &amp; Unvaccinated</b>	
Tests Required	<b>14 Day RRT</b> Day 7: ART Day 14: PCR	<b>14 Day RRT</b> Day 3,7,11: ART Day 14: PCR	<b>2 ARTs per week</b> Day 3,7		<b>1 ART per Week</b>	
Modality	<p><b>Employer Supervised Self-Swab (ESSS) with <a href="#">Trained ART Supervisor</a></b> Results uploaded at SRSv2 (SC/PR) and FWMOMCare (non-SC/PR) (For non-dormitory residing subcontractors and visitors entering worksites, they should bring their issued ART kits to the worksites, and the ART supervisor at the worksites should supervise and upload the results for them.)</p>				<p><b>Self-Swab</b> Results uploaded monthly <a href="#">here</a></p>	
Tests/Mth	2 PCRs+2 ARTs	2 PCRs + 6 ARTs		8 ARTs		
Subsidy for Testing	<b>Fully subsidised till 31 Dec 2021</b>	<b>MI<sup>4</sup></b> Fully subsidised till 31 Dec 2021	<b>ME</b> Additional 2 ART kits per RRT cycle not subsidised (Self-sourced by Employers <sup>5</sup> )	<b>MI</b> Fully subsidised till 31 Dec 2021	<b>ME</b> None (Self-sourced by Employers)	<b>Fully subsidised for Oct and Nov 2021</b> (conditional on full utilisation)
Order Form for ART Kits	<p>For firms with <b>5 or more non-dorm employees<sup>6</sup></b> <a href="https://go.gov.sg/bca-artkits-request">https://go.gov.sg/bca-artkits-request</a></p> <p>For firms with <b>less than 5 non-dorm employees</b> <i>Refer to Email sent on 28 September</i></p>		<p><b>MI<sup>6</sup></b> <a href="https://go.gov.sg/bcad eclaremicconstruction">https://go.gov.sg/bcad eclaremicconstruction</a></p>		<p><b>ME</b> NA</p> <p><a href="https://go.gov.sg/time-limited-rrt-art-kits-application">https://go.gov.sg/time-limited-rrt-art-kits-application</a> (Open till 13 Oct 2021<sup>6</sup>)</p>	

<sup>2</sup> Refers to Construction Work Permit and S-Pass holders (foreign workers registered under Construction Account with Ministry of Manpower) on RRT regime

<sup>3</sup> The workers residing in Purpose-Built Dormitories (PBDs), Factory-Converted Dormitories (FCD), Construction Temporary Quarters (CTQ), Temporary Occupational License Quarters (TOLQs) or Temporary Living Quarters (TLQs). Refer to MOM's circular on 9 Sept 2021 for further details.

<sup>4</sup> MI = Medically Ineligible, ME= Medically Eligible

<sup>5</sup> Only ART self-test kits authorised by HSA should be used. List of ARTs authorised by HSA: <https://go.gov.sg/bca-hsa-art-list>

<sup>6</sup> Kits for workers in this group will be delivered directly to firms by the Health Promotion Board (HPB)'s vendor. For queries, contact [AskSRS@hpb.gov.sg](mailto:AskSRS@hpb.gov.sg)