Entry Approval Required for All Long-Term Pass Holders (Student’s Pass (STP) & holders of In-Principle Approval (IPA) Letter for STP)

All existing Student’s Pass (STP) holders, and those who have been granted In-Principle Approval (IPA) Letter for STP, who are planning to enter or return to Singapore must obtain an Entry Approval before commencing your journey to Singapore.

With effect from 5 April 2021, Entry Approval application for STP and STP-IPA holders will be managed by the Safe Travel Office (STO) under the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA).

- STP and STP-IPA holders are to apply for their Entry Approvals directly via the STO-STP website.
- A step-by-step guide on the application process, information on PCR Tests, SG Arrival Card and SHN is also available on the STO’s website.
- As mentioned on the STO’s website, there is a Safe Travel Enquiries Helpline at 6812 5555 and an enquiry form to help you with your queries. Those arriving in Singapore without the Entry Approval will not be allowed to clear immigration and will be required to fly out of Singapore within 48 hours at their own cost. Those who fail to comply will have their STP cancelled or STP-IPA rescinded by ICA.
- For Singapore Citizens/Singapore Permanent Residents who are planning to return to Singapore, please refer to STO-SC/SPR website for more information.
Stay-Home Notice (SHN), Other Declarations and Compulsory COVID-19 Testing

In line with prevailing Stay-Home Notice (SHN) requirements, depending on where you have been in the last consecutive 14 days prior to your arrival in Singapore, you may be issued with a Stay-Home Notice (SHN) upon entry into Singapore. Please check ICA’s website for the most updated border control measures.

Prior to arriving in Singapore, travellers are required to submit a health and travel declaration via the SG Arrival Card (SGAC) e-Service prior to their arrival. They will also need to provide their health status and recent history, as well as personal particulars and contact details.

7-day Leave of Absence (LOA) for students serving 14-day SHN
With effect from 7 March 2021, 2359 hrs, staff and students who enter Singapore and have been served with a 14-day SHN by the authorities will be given an additional 7-day Leave of Absence (LOA) by NUS. Information on this 7-day LOA can be found in the circular here from the Office of Safety, Health and Environment.

For more information, please refer to the following websites/pages:

- MOH update on COVID-19
- MOH FAQs on COVID-19
- ICA’s Update on Border Control Measures in Response to COVID-19
- ICA’s Summary of SHN and swab test requirements
- NUS Advisory on COVID-19
Overseas Travel Declaration (OTD)

All new incoming students are required to declare their travel plans in the Overseas Travel Declaration (OTD) system before they can proceed with Registration (Part One).

Do note that the completion of OTD is mandatory for all incoming students.

For existing NUS students who will be enrolling in a new NUS programme/course, as well as those who have changes to your previously declared travel plans, you are also required to login to the OTD system using your NUSNET ID to declare your travels. This includes cancellation of your travel plans.

New students are to login to the OTD (Applicants) system using either your:

1. Application Number and Password/PIN; or
2. Registration ID and Password

Existing NUS students, as well as new students who wish to make changes to your previously declared travel plans, are to login to the OTD (Students) system using your NUSNET ID and Password.