



Moving to Singapore Essential Relocation Checklist

From visa applications to settling in — the complete
printable checklist for your move.

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Timeline Overview

● 6 months before

School applications, pet quarantine booking, shipping quote

● 3 months before

EP application, housing search, bank account research

● 1 month before

Book movers, insurance, sign lease, utilities setup

● Arrival week

SIM card, MRT card, IC registration, bank account

1. Visa & Passes

Pass	Min Salary	Duration
EP (non-finance)	S\$5,600/mo	2-3 years
EP (finance)	S\$6,200/mo	2-3 years
S Pass	S\$3,300/mo	2 years
ONE Pass	S\$30,000/mo	5 years

☐ COMPASS checklist (score 40+ points)

Salary: 10-20 pts based on sector percentiles

Qualifications: Degree = 10 pts

Diversity: Nationality not overrepresented = 10-20 pts

Local employment: Hiring locals = bonus points

⚠ Apply before resigning. IPA is valid 6 months. Apply for DP at same time.

2. Housing & Rentals

☐ Which option fits you?

Type	Monthly	Best For
Condo 2BR	S\$3,500-6,000	Families, pool+gym
HDB 2BR	S\$2,000-3,500	Budget-focused
Serviced Apt	S\$5,000-10,000	Short-term bridge

☐ Renting checklist

Budget: 2mo deposit + 1mo advance + agent fee = 3 months upfront

Check flood history (PUB map), MRT 800m, construction nearby

TA (Tenancy Agreement) with stamp duty S\$4-500

Inventory list with photos of ALL existing damage



3. Banking + 4. Schools

☐ Bank account setup

Documents: Passport + EP/IPA + tenancy agreement

Options: DBS, OCBC, UOB, Citi, HSBC, MariBank (digital)

Multi-currency: DBS My Account, Citi Global Wallet

☐ School applications

International: S\$25-50K/yr. Apply 6-12 months before move

MOE local: S\$5-12K/yr for foreigners (DP holders only)

Preschool: S\$1,000-2,400/mo

AEIS test: Feb and Sep for MOE schools

5. Moving + 6. Employment

☐ Shipping checklist

Book 4-6 weeks before. Sea 3-5 weeks, Air 1-2 weeks
Used goods (6+ mo) duty-free. New = 9% GST
Pets: Import licence + rabies + quarantine 10-30 days
COE ~S\$100K+. Driving licence: BTT test first

☐ Employment rights

Probation 3-6 months, notice 1-3 months
EP renewal: employer initiates 3 months before expiry
30 days to leave SG if EP not renewed
New employer = new EP application needed

7. Healthcare + 8. Daily Life

☐ Healthcare setup

Get International Health Insurance (Cigna, Allianz, AXA)

Clinic visits: S\$30-80. A&E: S\$120-500

Emergency: dial 995

☐ Settling in

SIM card: Singtel/StarHub/M1, S\$20-60/mo

EZ-Link card for MRT/bus. Monthly cap S\$90-120

SP Services for utilities: S\$150-250/mo

Update ICA with address within 14 days

Notes & questions

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