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Dear PEI Manager,

### **UPDATED IMMIGRATION PASS REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

1. This circular sets out the updated immigration pass requirements for international students seeking full-time studies in Singapore.
2. With effect from 15 November 2023, holders of valid Long-Term Visit Pass, Dependant's Pass and Immigration Exemption Order (hereon known as "**existing pass**") are not required to obtain a Student's Pass or Letter of Consent to pursue full-time studies at Private Education Institutions (PEIs) in Singapore. They may enrol in any full-time course at any PEI within the duration of their existing pass.
3. **If the existing pass expires or is cancelled during the course of the student's studies, the international student will need to apply for a Student's Pass to continue his/her studies.** The prevailing eligibility criteria for Student's Pass will apply. Please refer to ICA website at <https://www.ica.gov.sg/reside/STP/apply> for more information.
4. **Those who are attending PEIs that are not EduTrust-certified will not be granted Student's Passes** to continue their studies in the same institute upon expiry of their existing passes.
5. Schools must ensure the following:
  - a. That international students applying for full-time studies hold the necessary immigration pass before admitting them; and
  - b. That PEIs track the validity period of the ICA or MOM immigration pass over the duration of the full-time course - use the "Check Validity" function on the ICA website at <https://eservices.ica.gov.sg/ipienquiry/web/verifi/landing> or the MOM website [*the SGWorkPass (SGWP) application*].

**PEIs must not enrol any international student who does not possess an appropriate and valid pass.**

6. ICA takes a serious view of international students studying full-time without the necessary immigration pass. Action will be taken against those found to have breached the immigration rules.

7. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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