

Educational Requirements for First-time Migrant Domestic Workers

Migrant Domestic Workers (MDWs) must have a minimum of 8 years of formal education and possess the necessary educational certificates as documentary proof of her education. A list of acceptable educational certificates is given below.

When the migrant domestic worker arrives in Singapore, she will have to submit a photocopy of the educational certificates before she is allowed to attend the Settling-In-Programme (SIP). The Ministry of Manpower (MOM) may require MDWs who are unable to produce acceptable educational certificates to be repatriated.

Recognised certificates from the respective countries:

Country	Name Of Certificate
Bangladesh	• Secondary School Certificate (SSC) • Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC), also called Intermediate Certificate
Cambodia	• National Diploma / Lower Secondary School Certificate • Upper Secondary Education Certificate
Hong Kong	• Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
India	• Matriculation Certificate • Secondary School Certificate • All India Secondary School Certificate • Indian Certificate of Education • Indian School Certificate (ISC) • Intermediate Certificate • Higher school Certificate • Higher Secondary Certificate • All India Senior School Certificate
Indonesia	• Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Sekolah Menengah Umum Tingkat Pertama (STTB SMP), also known as Junior Secondary School Certificate of Completion • Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Sekolah Lanjutan Tingkat Pertama (STTB SLTP) • Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Madrasah Tsanawiyah (STTB MTs) • Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Sekolah Menengah Umum Tingkat Atas (STTB SMA), also known as Senior Secondary School Certificate of Completion • Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Sekolah Menengah Umum (STTB SMU) • Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Sekolah Menengah Kejuruan (STTB SMK) • Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Madrasah Aliyah (STTB MA)
Macau	• Junior Secondary Graduation Certificate

Malaysia	• Penilaian Menengah Rendah (PMR), also known as Lower Secondary • Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM), also called the Malaysian Certificate of Examination • Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia Vokesyenal (SPMV) also called the Malaysian Vocational Education Certificate
Myanmar	• Basic Education High School Examination (Matriculation)
Sri Lanka	• Sri Lankan General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level)
South Korea	• High School Certificate of Graduation • Middle School Diploma
Taiwan	• Junior High School Diploma • Certificate of Graduation
Thailand	• Maw 3 (M3) Examination • Maw 6 (M6) Examination
The Philippines	• High School Diploma