

APPLICATION FORM FOR SCHOOL PLACEMENT EXERCISE FOR RETURNING SINGAPOREANS (SPERS) for Admission to Secondary Schools in 2008

General Information

- (1) SPERS-Sec is conducted by MOE at the end of every year, for Returning Singaporean (RS) children who want to be admitted to a secondary school in Singapore at the beginning of the following academic year in January.
- (2) RS (Singapore Citizens and Singapore Permanent Residents) children, who have lived overseas and are currently not attending our local schools or do not have a place reserved in any secondary school in Singapore (under the Leave of Absence Scheme or otherwise) are eligible to participate in the SPERS-Sec Exercise.
- (3) The 2007 SPERS-Sec (for admission in Jan 2008) will be conducted from 1 August 2007 to mid December 2007.
- (4) SPERS-Sec is applicable for RS seeking admission to Secondary One, Two and Three only. Eligible RS may apply to sit for the papers at the level appropriate to their local age cohort (e.g. RS who is 12+ of age as at 1 Jan 08 may apply to sit for the papers for Secondary One level).
- (5) Please note that any candidate who had previously sat for papers under the Eligibility Phase would **not** be eligible to apply to sit for the papers **at the same level**.
- (6) SPERS-Sec comprises:
 - i. Eligibility Phase. During this phase, RS children would sit for centralised papers to determine their eligibility for secondary schools.
 - ii. School Option Phase. RS to indicate their choices from list of eligible schools (maximum of 6 choices).
 - iii. School Posting Phase. RS will be posted to a secondary school based on their performance in the Eligibility Phase, their school choices and vacancies over and above schools' planned capacity.
- (7) Applicants may visit the MOE website at <http://www.moe.gov.sg/esp/eduinfo/> for more information on the age-appropriate level, SPERS-Sec papers regulations, current SPERS-Sec fee and any other information on SPERS-Sec.

Pilot Overseas Location - 2007 SPERS-Sec Papers (Shanghai, People's Republic China (PRC))

- (8) This year, MOE will offer the conduct of SPERS-Sec Papers in a pilot overseas location - Shanghai, PRC. To ensure that the overseas fee is affordable and reasonable for the candidates and also for optimal resource utilisation, a minimum of 20 candidates have to be registered at the overseas location for the pilot to proceed. This is also to ensure that there is sufficient overseas demand before we conduct the pilot. If less than 20 candidates register, the pilot will be cancelled.
- (9) Applicants who have registered for the SPERS-Sec Papers (Shanghai, PRC) will be notified **through email** by **4 Sep 07** if the SPERS-Sec Papers (Shanghai, PRC) is confirmed to proceed. In the event that the SPERS-Sec Papers (Shanghai, PRC) is cancelled owing to insufficient demand, RS can opt to take the SPERS papers in Singapore or to withdraw from the exercise. RS who withdraw may still apply to MOE for assistance for general school placement outside of the SPERS-Sec where they may have to sit for school-based papers.

Key Events and Dates for 2007 SPERS-Sec Eligibility Phase

- (10) The key events and dates for the 2007 SPERS-Sec Eligibility Phase is appended below:-

Events	Key Dates	
	SPERS-Sec Papers (Singapore)	SPERS-Sec Papers (Shanghai, PRC)
Registration for SPERS-Sec	1 Aug – 2 Oct 07	1 Aug – 28 Aug 07
Confirmation for the conduct of SPERS-Sec centralised papers in Shanghai, PRC	NA	4 Sept 07
Conduct of SPERS-Sec centralised	16 Oct 07	16 Oct 07

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papers		(Subject to minimum candidature)

Instructions on Payment

- (11) The registration fees for SPERS-Sec are as follows:

Citizenship	SPERS-Sec Papers (Singapore, inclusive of GST)	SPERS-Sec Papers (Shanghai, PRC)
Singapore Citizens	S\$125	S\$420
Singapore Permanent Residents	S\$140	S\$435

Each application must be accompanied by the appropriate registration fee. Fees paid for the SPERS-Sec papers in Singapore are non-refundable. Fees paid for the pilot SPERS-Sec papers in Shanghai, PRC are non-refundable unless the papers are cancelled due to insufficient demand.

- (12) RS may issue a cheque (issued by banks based in Singapore) or a bank draft drawn on a bank in Singapore, crossed, to be submitted together with the SPERS-Sec application form. RS may also consider paying by credit card or cash. The cash option is available only at MOE's Customer Service Centre. Payment should be made payable to "**SINGAPORE EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT BOARD**". All payment must be made in Singapore dollars. The applicant's Name, NRIC/BC Number and the level for which the applicant is applying for must be written on the reverse of the cheque/bank draft.

Instructions on Submission of Application

- (13) To register for SPERS-Sec, please complete the application form below. Applicants who have registered for the SPERS-Sec Papers (Shanghai, PRC) would be notified **through email** by **4 Sep 07** if the SPERS-Sec Papers (Shanghai, PRC) is confirmed. All other applicants would be notified **through email** of the outcome of their applications within 1 week of their application (or latest by 8 Oct 07). To receive the above notification, all applicants must ensure that their email address is clearly filled up in the application form.
- (14) The cheque or bank draft for the appropriate SPERS-Sec fee must be submitted together with the SPERS-Sec Application Form.
- (15) The application form and cheque / bank draft must reach the postal address below by the prescribed closing date. Please note that mail from some countries may take some time (as long as three weeks or more) to reach our office in Singapore. RS can choose to submit the completed 2007 SPERS-Sec Application Form and the fees via mail or by hand at MOE as follows :-

By Mail	By Hand
Operations Division (SPERS) Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board 298 Jalan Bukit Ho Swee Singapore 169565	Ministry of Education, Customer Service Centre, 1 North Buona Vista Drive, Singapore 138675

- (16) RS can also submit a scanned copy of the completed 2007 SPERS-Sec application form (with signature) to SEAB via e-mail at SEAB_Contactus_operations@seab.gov.sg or via fax at 6272 0156. The RS can send in their cheque or bank draft separately via postal mail to SEAB. RS are encouraged to send in their application early with the application forms reaching SEAB or MOE CSC by 28 Aug 2007 if they wish to sit for the SPERS-Sec papers in Shanghai, PRC or by 2 Oct 2007 if they wish to sit for the SPERS-Sec papers in Singapore. Please note that incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- (17) All submitted documents will **not** be returned to you. Thank you.

