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# Pre-departure Guide for International Students

— IMPORTANT NOTES



**Receive SAA-GE Letter of Offer**

**Receive ICA's In-Principle Approval Letter (IPA) from SAA-GE**

Students are to ensure that they have received this IPA letter together with Welcome Letter prior to making their departure to Singapore

**Please refer to SAA-GE Website for more information and on what to prepare**

**Prepare for Accommodation**

Please refer to the recommendations we have on Accommodations and make the necessary enquiries/bookings with the chosen accommodation at least 2 weeks in advance. Students are encourage to refer to <http://www.singaporeedu.gov.sg/html/stu/stu0309.htm>

**Make Travel Arrangements to Singapore**

**Arrive in Singapore as stipulated in the Welcome Letter**

Students are encouraged to arrive in Singapore at least 2 weeks before class commencement to allow medical examination, completion of student pass formalities and to attend Orientation

## Student Pass

All international students are required to hold valid Student's Passes officially issued by the Singapore Immigration & Checkpoint Authority (ICA) before students are allowed to attend class. Students are required to go for their medical check up, obtain a copy of the medical report prior proceeding to ICA for their Student's Pass Processing.

**You MUST bring the following original documents to Singapore with you.**

These will be needed when you go to the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) to collect your student pass.

- ICA In-principle Approval Letter (To collect in School after Student Pass has been approved)
  - SAA-GE Offer Letter
  - Original Educational Qualifications \*
  - Original Birth Certificate
  - Medical Report ( if you have your medical examination done in your home country)
  - Embarkation/Disembarkation Card
  - Passport
  - Passport size photographs (min 6 copies)\* If these documents are not in English, please provide a translated or notarized version.
- We will advise you on the student pass collection procedure when we see you at SAA-GE.

Address of ICA :  
Immigration & Checkpoints Authority of  
Singapore  
ICA Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Storey,  
10 Kallang Road  
Singapore 208718

Time: 8.00am to 5.00pm (Weekdays)  
8.00am to 1.00pm (Saturdays)  
Closed on Sundays & Public Holidays

### Directions from SAA-GE to ICA

- Take MRT to Lavender MRT station  
on the East West MRT Line.

For further details pertaining to Student Pass/Visa requirements, please refer to the  
Immigration & Checkpoints Authority of Singapore. Website : <http://www.ica.gov.sg>

There are many types of accommodation available in Singapore.

### Private Apartment

Private apartment appeals to those who have a higher budget. These comfortable apartments come with facilities such as gym, swimming pool and 24 hour security facilities. There is a range of choice; from luxurious to basic, within the city centre or in suburban districts.

### Housing Apartment (HDB)

The Housing Development Board (HDB) is the government body providing subsidized, affordable homes of high quality to 85% of Singapore's population. Integrated into the environments that meet modern Lifestyle needs, each estate is a vibrant hub of community life and activity, carefully landscaped to make a Better home for all.

### Off Campus Hostel

Student hostels offer cheaper accommodation to students. Staying in a hostel enables one to interact with other students and lead an independent lifestyle. More detailed information about

Accommodation in Singapore can also be obtained from this link:

<http://www.singaporeedu.gov.sg/htm/stu/stu0309.htm>

As part of SAA-GE's holistic suite of services to students, we can recommend to you some student hostels providers should you require so. Students may consider the following hostel, which is within the vicinity of SAA-GE Main Campus.

## 94 Holdings – Aljunied Hall (<http://94hostels.com>)



Located at 102 Upper Aljunied Road, this hostel specializes in providing a safe and secure accommodation for international students to support their academic mission.

Left: Study Room  
Above: Recreation Room  
Right: Twin Sharing Room



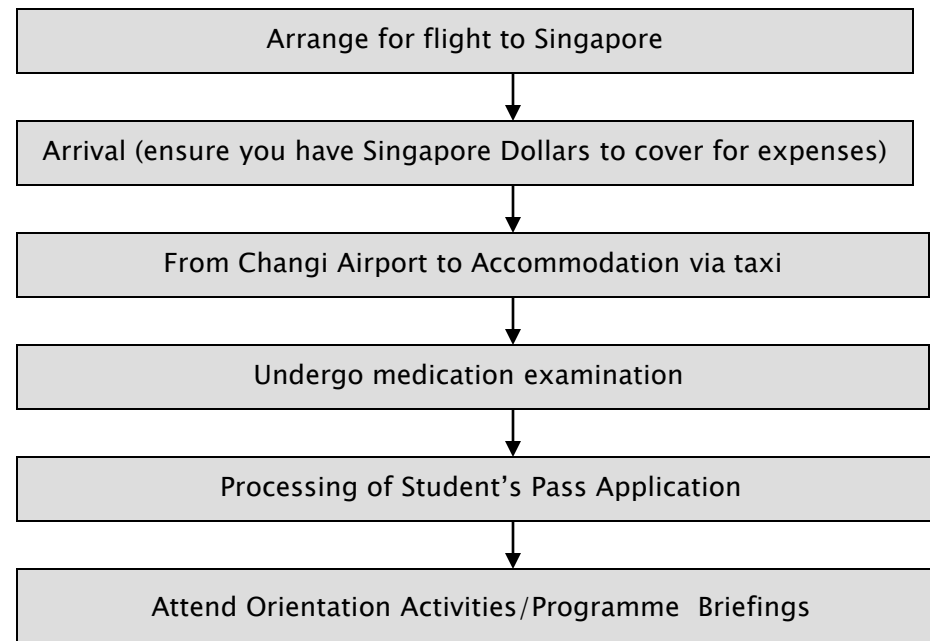
- SAA-GE Offer Letter. Original copies of certificates, documents for verification and reference as you register as a student.
- Personal items such as toiletries, alarm clock, electrical accessories such as 3pin plug etc.
- Cash of S\$1000 to \$2000 for your initial expenses. Tuition fees have to be paid before the collection of the Student's Pass.
- Minimum 6 passport size photographs.
- Medication if required.
- If you already have a notebook, then bring it along.
- Clothes – Jeans, shirts and t-shirts. Those that are comfortable to wear. Bring one set of formal wear and one set of your National Costume if you have.

## Upon Arrival at Singapore Airport



Taxi service in Singapore is plentiful, convenient and reasonably priced. If you have not arranged for airport pickup via your accommodation service providers, we would advise you to take a taxi. Taxis are metered and the fare starts from \$2.50. For trips originating at the Airport, there is a surcharge of S\$3 to S\$5. Between midnight and 6am, there is a surcharge of 50% of the fare shown on the meter. A list of possible surcharges can be found posted in the taxis. Tipping is not expected. Most taxi drivers speak English and Mandarin. A trip to town costs approximately from S\$15 to S\$20.

### The Arrival Process





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