



Ministry of Education
SINGAPORE

Information on Primary School Transfer Service for Change of Address

What is the Primary School Transfer Service

The aim of the Primary School Transfer Service is to centrally facilitate the transfer of primary school students who are Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents and have relocated to another address, to schools nearer to their new residences. For your convenience, you can apply by submitting the online application for your child to the Ministry of Education. Learn about this online process and the key dates from our MOE website at www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/schooltransfer.

Under this online service process, all transfer applications will be considered for available vacancies in a primary school. Provisions will not be allowed to select a particular school for the transfer, as your child will automatically be considered for available vacancies in the nearer school in the first instance.

When are the key dates and stages

Overall School Transfer Period	Application Period	Application Outcome	Reporting Period
August to September 2020	24 August – 4 September 2020	14 September 2020	15 – 18 September 2020
October to December 2020	19 October – 26 November 2020	10 December 2020	11 – 31 December 2020

Please be familiar with the above stages and timeline when relocating to your new residence to minimise the disruption to your child's studies and ease their integration into the new school. Application periods are planned to ensure that the transfer is completed in time for your child to start in the offered school at the new school term. If you have missed the application period for school transfer, you may wish to apply during the next application period or approach your child's current primary school for assistance.

How to apply

You can apply to transfer your child to a primary school near to your new residential address that you have relocated or will be relocating to.

You can apply for your child's primary school transfer through our online application system at www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/schooltransfer.

Requirements to apply for primary school transfer:

- Your child is a Singapore Citizen (SC) or Permanent Resident (PR).
- Your child is currently in Primary 1 to 5 of the current academic year.

Your child will be offered a primary school near to your new residential address with available vacancies.

- We will require your child to report to the new school by the end of the reporting period to complete the school transfer.
- You are required to have your NRIC updated with your new residential address when reporting to the new school.

What are the key points to note

What you need to know **before** applying online:

- Your child will be offered a primary school near to your new residential address with available vacancies. You will not be able to indicate your choice of school for transfer.
- You will need your SingPass to log in. You are advised to set up your SingPass early if you have not done so. Find out how to register for a SingPass and 2-Factor Authentication (2FA) if you have not done so.
- It will take approximately 5 to 10 minutes to complete the online application.

The submission of this online service will depend on parents/guardians furnishing correct information in the application. Any school transfer request resulting from false or incorrect information furnished in the application will be nullified and in such an event, the child affected may be allocated to any school as directed by the Ministry of Education (MOE).

If your child already has a set of Primary 5 subject combination, your child will be offered the same combination in the new primary school offered.

Primary 6 students are discouraged from seeking school transfers given that it is a critical year for them to prepare for the national primary school leaving examinations. If there are special circumstances, you should directly approach your child's current school.

What to do when I receive school offer outcome

You will receive the primary school offer outcome of your child's application via SMS sent to the local mobile number provided during application. You can also check the outcome by logging on to the online system at www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/schooltransfer using your child's birth certificate number and acknowledgement number on the acknowledgement slip or with your child's current school.

Your child will remain in the current school if you decide not to accept the school offer or if you miss the reporting deadline.

You and your child must first report to the current primary school to initiate the transfer process, and then report to the offered primary school to complete the transfer process. This transfer process must be completed within the reporting period.

You will need to bring the following documents to the current school for verification:

- Your child's Birth Certificate / entry or re-entry permit
- Singapore NRICs / entry or re-entry permit of both parents

Any other reasons for school transfer

If you are seeking a primary school transfer due to reasons other than change of residential address, e.g. medical conditions, you should directly approach your child's current primary school for assistance. Transferring your child to another primary school is an important decision and can disrupt the quality of his/her educational experience. Any decision to transfer schools should be made in consultation with your child's current primary school. We encourage you to work with the school as they are best placed to advise on your child's learning needs.

If you are currently caring for the child (e.g. legal guardians, foster parents, grandparents, or guardians whom the parents have authorised) and are seeking a primary school transfer, you should directly approach the child's current primary school. Our schools are committed given their strong sense of ownership to help students pursue their education goals.