

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION



MOE Exemption / Approval

A clear parent guide for Singapore Citizen children applying to a private education institution (PEI).

AT A GLANCE The school submits the application to MOE. Parents provide the supporting documents and wait for the outcome before enrolment begins.

Before you begin

Use this guide to understand when MOE exemption or approval may be needed and how the school-led process works.

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Check whether MOE exemption or approval is needed

MOE compulsory education applies to Singapore Citizens who are 6–18 years old and living in Singapore. These children must attend a national primary school unless exempted.

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Confirm the type of request

A child may need MOE exemption if they are unsuitable for national primary school due to medical, physical, intellectual or developmental reasons.

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Apply through the school

For a Singapore Citizen child applying to a PEI, the school first assesses the student and confirms placement. The school then submits the required documents to MOE before admission.

4

Provide the requested documents

Submit parent and child identification, school history, medical or psychological reports, and any other documents requested by the school or MOE.

What happens next

Once the school submits the application, MOE reviews the complete set of documents and sends the outcome to the school.

5	Wait for MOE's outcome MOE may take up to 4 weeks when all documents are complete. More complex medical cases may take up to 8 weeks. The outcome is sent to the school.
6	Keep to one active school application MOE processes only one application per child at a time. If applications arrive from more than one school, parents must choose one school.
7	Start school only after approval The child should begin PEI enrolment only after MOE approval has been received.
8	Keep the approval record Retain a copy of the MOE approval or exemption outcome for school records and future reference.

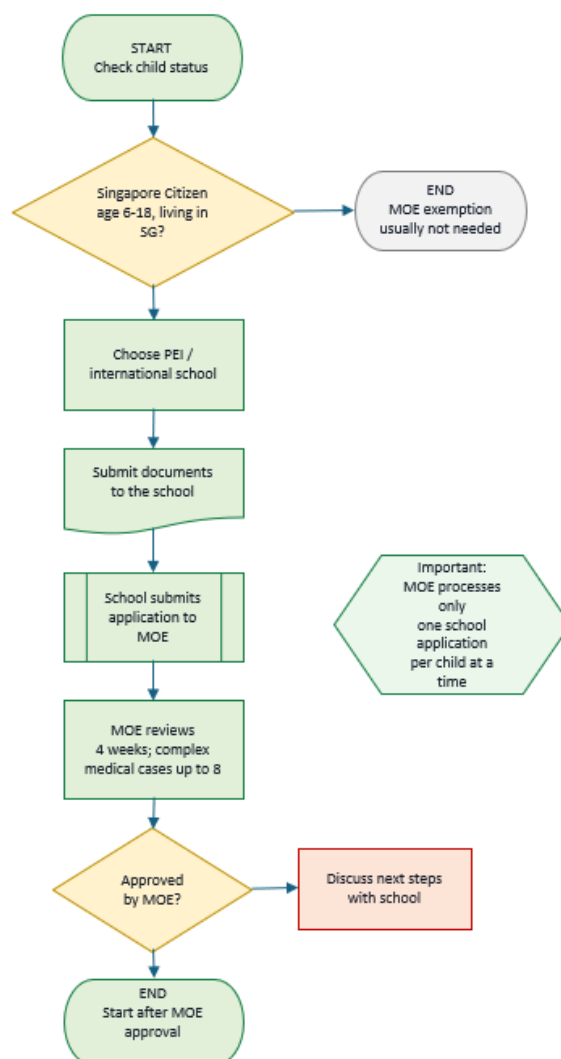
Timing & responsibilities

Stage	Who leads	What to expect
Assessment	School	Placement is assessed and confirmed.
Submission	School	Documents are submitted to MOE.
Review	MOE	Usually up to 4 weeks; complex medical cases up to 8 weeks.
Outcome	School + parent	Next steps are discussed after MOE's decision.

IMPORTANT Do not submit applications through multiple schools at the same time.

Your application journey

A quick visual reference from eligibility check to MOE's outcome. Follow the school's instructions at each stage.



REMEMBER Approval must be received before the child starts at the PEI.