

**COMPULSORY EDUCATION (CE)
APPLICATION TO DEFER PRIMARY ONE REGISTRATION/COMMENCEMENT
OF PRIMARY ONE**

1 The Compulsory Education (CE) Act comes into force from 1 Jan 2003. The Act provides that a child, born after 1 Jan 1996 who is a Singaporean citizen residing in Singapore, has to attend regularly as a pupil at a national primary school, unless he/she has been duly exempted from CE. For instance, a Singaporean child born between **2 Jan 2005** and **1 Jan 2006**, both dates inclusive, will be due for Primary 1 admission on **1 Jan 2012**.

2 There may be situations whereby a child displays symptoms of not being sufficiently 'mature', ready or suitable for Primary 1. The parent may thus wish to refer the child to a polyclinic or to have the child professionally assessed, e.g. -

- at the Children's Clinic, National University Hospital
- at the Child Development Unit, KK Women's & Children's Hospital
- at the Child Guidance Clinic (Health Promotion Board Building)
- by a qualified educational psychologist, speech therapist, specialist in child psychology/development, etc;

so that any necessary or due intervention can take place early. In such a circumstance, the parent may want to seek deferment of Primary 1 registration for his/her child.

3 Applications to defer registration or commencement of primary education may be made by completion of the prescribed form (see attachment). The fully completed form is to be forwarded together with the relevant supporting document(s), e.g. medical report, and a photocopy of the child's birth certificate to the Compulsory Education Unit, Ministry of Education, for consideration.

4 Please note that the application needs to be made only 6 months ahead of the commencement of the next school year, e.g. in June/July 2011 where the child is due to enter Primary 1 on 1 Jan 2012.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Where a child fails to attend as a pupil at a national primary school or a designated school regularly; or be granted exemption from compulsory education, the parent of the child may be guilty of an offence. In accordance with the Compulsory Education Act, the penalties for a person convicted for the offence are a fine not exceeding \$5,000, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, or to both.

To: Compulsory Education Unit
 Ministry of Education
 1 North Buona Vista Drive
 Singapore 138675

or fax: 67789356

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Particulars of Child

Child's Name	BC No.	Date of Birth
Home Address		Post Code Singapore []

Particulars of Applicant

Applicant's Name	NRIC/ Passport* No.	
Applicant's Mailing Address	Post Code Singapore []	
Relationship: Father/Mother/Guardian*	Home Tel No.	Office/Mobile* Tel No.

Reason(s) in Support of Application ^

S/No.	Reason	To tick (√)
1	Pediatrician/specialist diagnosed child as having medical condition	
2	Pediatrician/specialist diagnosed child as having special needs	
3	Pediatrician/specialist recommended that child remained in kindergarten/pre-school	
4	Child is still attending kindergarten, e.g. Kindergarten Yr 2 #	
5	Others (please specify)	

Document(s) forwarded in Support of Application #

S/No.	Name of Specialist/Institution	Type of Document (e.g. Assessment/ Medical Report)

 Signature of Father/Mother/Guardian *

 Date

Delete whichever is inapplicable
 ^Please also enclose a copy of child's birth certificate/Certificate of Citizenship
 # include letter from kindergarten confirming that child is/will be a pupil at the pre-school/centre