

FAQs for Cap on PR intake in Phase 2C and 2C Supplementary

1. Will Singapore citizen (SC) children be affected by the cap?

Not at all. SC children will continue to be given priority over PR children if the number of registrants exceed the number of vacancies in any registration phase, including Phase 2C and 2C Supplementary. This means that SCs will always be allocated a place first. If there are vacancies remaining, PRs will then be considered, and subject to the cap on PR intake if there is such a cap for the school.

2. How did MOE identify the 10 schools that will have a cap on their PR intake this year?

These affected schools are identified as their recent patterns of PR admissions are close to 25%-30% of their planned P1 enrolment.

PR children are generally well distributed across the vast majority of our primary schools. MOE will review the list of affected schools annually, and identify the few schools that will have a cap on their PR intake to avoid concentration of PR children in those schools.

3. How many PR children are enrolled in these 10 schools each year?

The intake of PRs in every school fluctuates from year to year - depending on the number of applicants and the number of places available - but the intake of PRs in these 10 schools was close to 25%-30% of their planned P1 enrolment in the last one to three years.

4. Why does the cap only take effect in Phase 2C and 2C Supplementary, and not in earlier phases?

The number of PR children who are eligible to register in earlier phases for these affected schools is typically small and below the 25%-30% of the planned P1 intake. Hence, there is no need to implement the cap for earlier phases. The cap will only take effect in Phase 2C and 2C Supplementary when the majority of PR children register.

This also means that PR children who register in earlier phases need not be too concerned about the cap, e.g. PR children can continue to register in the same school as their siblings.

5. MOE will publish the maximum number of vacancies available to PRs at the start of Phase 2C and Phase 2C Supplementary on the P1 Registration Exercise website, for the few affected schools. What is this maximum number, and how is it calculated?

The maximum number of vacancies available to PRs in Phase 2C and 2C Supplementary represents the total number of PR children that can be admitted in that particular phase of registration, taking into account the number of PR children

successfully admitted in earlier phases, and will be indicated at the start of Phase 2C and 2C Supplementary.

The vacancy information on the MOE website for all other schools remains unchanged.

6. How many PR children will be affected by the cap?

Only a small number of PR children who register for the few schools with the cap may not be able to secure a place at those schools, depending on the demand and availability of vacancies in that year. These PR children can choose to register for a nearby school instead. Most of the PR children who register at those few schools with the cap will still be able to secure a place there.

To make an informed school choice, parents can refer to the MOE P1 Registration website for the maximum number of vacancies available to PRs in the few affected schools at the start of Phase 2C and 2C Supplementary. MOE will continue to ensure that all SCs and PRs have a place in one of our local schools.