

**HIGH COMMISSION OF SINGAPORE IN NEW DELHI
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Dear fellow Singaporeans,

Greetings from the Singapore High Commission. On behalf of the High Commissioner Mr Lim Thuan Kuan, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

We have a few notifications with regards to recent updates pertaining to Singaporeans living overseas:

1) Re-registration of NRICs at 55 years old

ICA has announced that NRIC re-registration at 55 years old for Singapore Citizens (SCs) and Permanent Residents (PRs) will take effect from 1 January 2017. Those who have received a replacement NRIC in the 10 years before their 55th birthday will be exempted. Letters will be sent to inform affected Singaporeans at their local NRIC addresses.

Overseas Singaporeans (OS) who turn 55 this year only need to re-register for their NRIC within one year of their return to Singapore (and their return need not necessarily be within 2017). OS residing abroad aged 55 and above should also write in to notify ICA directly at ICA_IC_Unit@ica.gov.sg. You may wish to refer to the FAQ on ICA's website at http://www.ifaq.gov.sg/ICA/apps/fcd_faqmain.aspx#TOPIC_5201 or submit your feedback and queries directly to ICA at <https://www.ica.gov.sg/feedback.aspx?pageid=224&secid=1>.

2) Implementation of Medishield Life for Overseas Singaporeans

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has recently revised its policy on MediShield Life (MSHL) coverage for Overseas Singaporeans. While OS should remain covered under MSHL, a small and distinct group of OS who live abroad permanently with no intention to reside in Singapore can be granted suspension of MSHL premium collection if they meet the eligibility criteria. OS who meet the eligibility criteria may apply to the CPF Board for suspension of MSHL premium collection from 7 October 2016.

For more information on MSHL, you may visit the MSHL webpage at https://www.moh.gov.sg/content/moh_web/medishield-life/about-medishield-life/medishield-life-coverage-for-overseas-singaporeans0.html.

3) Lowering of Singapore Citizenship Fees for Children Born Overseas to Singaporean Citizen Parent(s)

With effect from 1 January 2017, the birth registration fee for children born overseas to Singaporean Citizen (SC) parents have been lowered to S\$18. This is subject to fulfilling of criteria laid down. For more information, you may visit the ICA website at www.ica.gov.sg.

Registration with the High Commission

Last but not least, we would like to encourage all overseas Singaporeans to e-register with the High Commission at <https://eregister.mfa.gov.sg>. This will help enable us to contact and render necessary assistance in the event of an emergency or any crisis situation. You may wish to advise other Singaporeans to e-Register if they have not already done so. Should you require any assistance, please feel free to contact us directly at the following numbers:

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