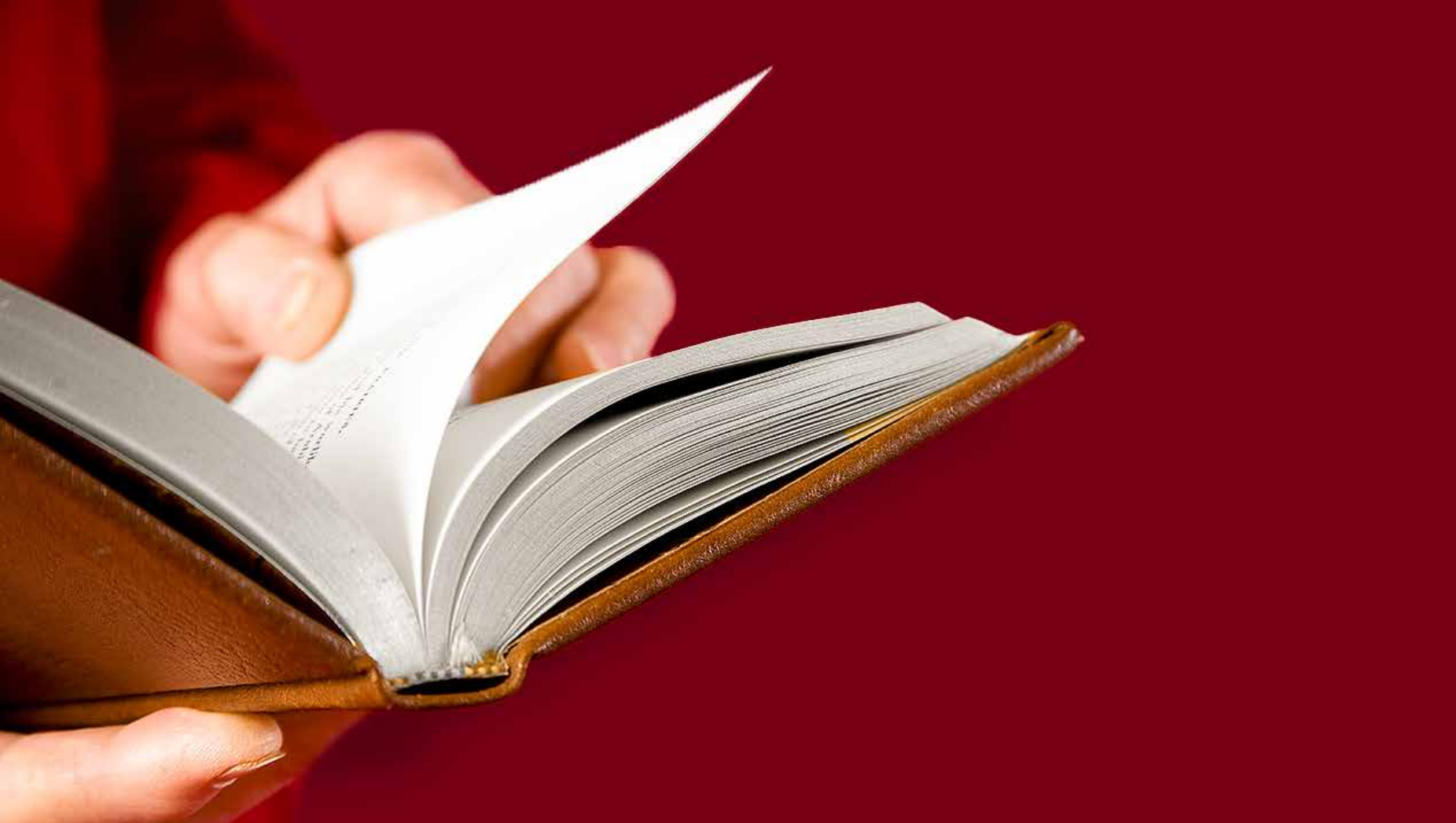


Feel at home
when you are
in Singapore





About Singapore

As a multicultural country, Singapore has successfully welcomed students and workers from all over the world with open arms. Singapore provides a high standard of living through a variety of tourist destinations, hangouts and modern infrastructure.

To help you choose between universities, click the link below to view a list of universities with world-class standards and outstanding reputation based on several sources:

- <https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2022>
- <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/2022/world-ranking>



Population

Estimated around
5,7 million inhabitants



Capital

Singapore



Language

English, Malay,
Mandarin, Tamil



Emergency Contact

999 (Police)
995 (Ambulance, Fire Department)



Time

GMT + 8



Public Holiday

2022	
1 January	New Year's Day
1-2 February	Chinese New Year
15 April	Good Friday
1 May	Labour Day
3 May	Eid-al-Fitr
15 May	Vesak Day
10 July	Eid-al-Adha
9 August	National Day
24 October	Deepavali
25 December	Christmas Day

Health Care

Singapore provides high quality healthcare services and consistently ranked amongst the best countries in the world. It's private and government owned hospitals deliver efficient and professional services.



Public Healthcare

Private hospitals mostly serve local and permanent residences, who are eligible for subsidized services. Students and workers who do not receive subsidies will be charged a fee that is equivalent to the cost of services in private hospitals.



Private Health Facilities

International students and expatriates mostly prefer private health facilities as the cost is only slightly more expensive, and services are assumed to be better.



Health Insurance

You do not need health insurance to use private health facilities and the costs for health services are also quite affordable. However, health insurance is still needed to protect yourself in an emergency.



Health Risk

Stay away from scorching sunshine, hot weather, staying hydrated and applying sunscreen.

Transportation in Singapore

Singapore has a wide and reliable range of public transportation services. Buses and Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) can take you all over Singapore, and taxis services are convenient and easy to find.



• Mass Rapid Transit (MRT)

MRT has a wide reach and constantly expanding. MRT trains are clean and air-conditioned. MRT generally has operating hours from 5.30am to midnight. To save costs, it is recommended that you purchase a refill EZ-Link card which will reduce the fare.

• Taxi

Most taxis have lights on the roof of the car. A red light means the taxi is occupied whilst a green light means the taxi is empty.

• Bus

There are more than 300 bus routes throughout Singapore. Most buses run from 5.30am to midnight, although some only operate at night. Generally, buses cover more residential areas, so many people use buses to connect to the nearest MRT station. Bus stops generally provide complete route information.

• Cycling

Bicycles are increasing in popularity, but bike paths are still limited. Most cyclists will and are permitted to use motorized vehicle lanes, unless there is a sign indicating otherwise.

• Walking

Singapore is very pedestrian friendly, with walking paths available on most streets. Crossing the busy main road is also easy, with the pedestrian bridge and underpass available.

Living Costs & Important Documents



Cost of Living

Although Singapore is one of the countries with the highest standard of living in Asia, the cost of living is still affordable compared to many western countries. Bear in mind other basic expenses such as accommodation, meals, transportation, telecommunications, books and stationery, medical and health services, insurance, and personal expenses. The average living cost required by each student in general starts from **SGD1,500** to **SGD2,500** per month - according to the lifestyle of each individual.



Student Visa & Part Time Work

A student visa (student pass) is mandatory if you want to study in Singapore; unless you have a Dependent Pass, or a letter issued by the Department of Immigration (Immigration Exemption Order). For international students who do not have family or relatives in Singapore, the school or university will be the guarantor (guarantor) for the duration of the student's studies. Full-time students at public universities, polytechnics or institutions approved by the Ministry of Manpower have permission from the Student's Liaison Office to work part-time for up to 16 hours per week during their studies and can work full-time during holidays. However, students from most private universities are mostly not allowed to work part time in Singapore. This happens because the government wants international students to focus on their studies.



Important Documents

Make sure you have the following documents with you to avoid unnecessary obstacles such as:

- Passports and other identity cards.
- International driving license
- Acceptance letter
- Your HSBC Premier debit and / or credit card, to make your transactions easier wherever you are.

#YearofOpportunity

Due to the pandemic, more than 5 million international students have experienced interruptions in their studies. We raised #YearofOpportunity an education themed campaign to provide tips on how to deal with the challenges of the new school year and how to make most out of the pandemic. [More about #YearofOpportunity](#)

List of Departure Preparations



1. Make sure your passport is still valid.

It is strongly recommended to do a passport renewal if the expiry date is close to your departure, as renewing a passport abroad will be a challenging process.



2. Applying for student permit.

To study in Singapore, you require a study permit. We have created a short guide on how to apply for study permit:

1. Applying to an institution
2. Obtaining an offer letter
3. Obtaining student contract from the institution
4. The institution applies for the student pass
5. Outgoing Student Pass Approval letter
6. Students go to Singapore and register with the institution
7. Students do medical check-up at a hospital in Singapore
8. Students face the ICA (Immigration & Checkpoint Authority)
9. Student Pass issued
10. New students can attend lectures.



3. Find appropriate accommodations.

Only first year foreign students are prioritized to receive school or campus dormitories. Dormitories are only provided by public institutions and secondary schools. Dormitories usually include housing, meals, laundry, 24-hour security, faith guidance, tuition fees, supervision, sports, and recreational facilities. You can also rent other accommodations such as apartment rooms, HDB flats or houses. HDB flats are flats that are owned by the government, usually the price is more affordable than apartments owned by private parties.



4. Open a banking account.

Start the process of opening an HSBC account in the destination country from now on so you can get an overseas HSBC account, debit card, or credit card before you depart (terms and conditions apply). Find out more about HSBC Singapore at:

International Students coming to Singapore

<https://www.hsbc.com.sg/international/education/>

HSBC Singapore Branch Locator

<https://www.hsbc.com.sg/branch-finder/>



5. Determine the budget.

Apart from visa fees, tuition fees, airplane tickets, and accommodation, and of course other living expenses. For example, winter clothes, furniture to fill the residence, or textbooks.



6. Travel insurance.

Travel insurance will be very helpful if there are problems on the trip such as baggage or travel delays.



7. Double check all required documents.

Make sure you have all the required documents prepared before departure, including passports, visas, communications, and contacts from the university.

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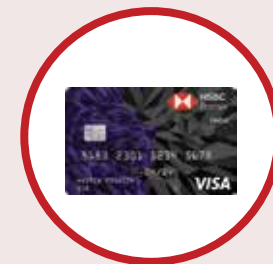
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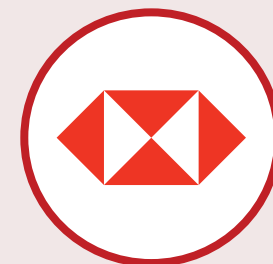
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