

## Ways to Increase Your Spouse PR Eligibility



For individuals who are married and might wish to apply for permanent residency for their spouses too. If you are in this category, you will be glad to know that you can apply for permanent residency in Singapore for your husband or wife, if the both of you meet the eligibility criteria outlined by the ICA (Singapore citizens with foreign spouses can submit a PR application for their partners too.)

However, since there are thousands of applicants per year, making your spouse's application stand out is essential to increase their chances of success. Below, we discuss several ways to help you do just that.

### Apply for a Dependant's Pass First

In Singapore, holders of the Employment Pass or S Pass can bring their spouse and children into the country by applying for the Dependant's Pass. This allows the family members to stay in the country for a duration of up to two years, if the main work pass remains valid.

If you are planning to apply for Singapore PR for your husband or wife in the future, opting for this pass might be a good idea. If your spouse's application is successful, they will be allowed to stay in the country for a maximum of two years, which highlights their commitment to remain in Singapore for a longer period.

In addition, your husband or wife will be able to work in Singapore should they find an employment opportunity. This also sheds a good light on your partner as it shows that they are self-sufficient and have a willingness to contribute to the country's economy, making them an asset. Thus, this might increase their chances of being granted PR status.

## **Secure a Stable Job in Singapore**

If your husband or wife has been granted a Dependant's Pass, they are now allowed to work in the country if they find a suitable employment opportunity. Ideally, your partner should try and look for stable employment that will allow them to work throughout the duration of their stay in the country. This shows their dedication towards earning a living while staying in Singapore as well as their willingness to build a life here in the future.

## **Integrate into the Local Community**

Singapore is made up of people from different races and religions, the ability to respect and live-in harmony with those who come from different backgrounds is essential in this country. Therefore, as a foreigner, your partner's efforts to integrate into the local community might considerably increase their chances of being granted PR in Singapore.

This can be done through:

- Joining an expatriate association of your spouse's respective home country
- Volunteering for charities or non-profit organisations
- Taking part in community activities in your neighbourhood

Activities like these display your partner's desire to understand the culture of this city and their inclination to bridge the gap between themselves and the local community.

## **Apply for Singapore PR for Your Child**

A healthy family nucleus is central to Singapore's society as it contributes to the security and strength of the nation. Therefore, if you and your spouse have children who are non-citizens of Singapore, consider applying for PR status for your child as well. This is possible if they meet the following requirements set by the ICA:

- Below 21 years old, unmarried
- Born within the context of a legal marriage, or
- Legally adopted by a Singapore citizen or PR

By applying for Singapore PR for your child, it might significantly improve your partner's chances of being granted PR status in the country.