

Collation of Queries

Safe Worksite		
S/N	Queries	BCA's replies
1	Who can conduct BCA recognised COVID training for workers?	BCA Academy, NTUC Learning Hub and SCAL Academy are conducting the training courses.
2	<p>For companies that have workers staying onsite during this period of time (CB period), they have met the safe restart criteria. However, the workers have not done the swab tests yet. Can the company resume work on these sites with the following suggestions:</p> <p>(1) workers staying at that particular site can only work there. (2) No other trades or workers are allowed to enter these sites until the current onsite workers are been swabbed and cleared. My reasoning is that these group of workers have already served SHN and technically they are considered "clean".</p>	For companies that have been approved to resume works and require to deploy workers who need to undergo swab testing, their workers can continue/resume work while waiting for the swab test arrangements.

Safe Workforce		
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3	<p>What about QPs? We have a statutory duty to supervise. So is it only the ones who visit a site have to be tested?</p> <p>Or all colleagues in the same office who come in contact with the ones who visit sites have to be tested as well?</p>	<p>All full time and part time employees, such as resident engineers, resident technical officers, consultants, project managers and, personnel attending on-site meetings or visits will need to be tested regularly, once every 2 weeks.</p> <p>For this specific case, only the QPs visiting sites will have to be tested. As part of the efforts to minimize the spread of COVID-19, colleagues visiting sites should not come into contact with those who have not. In addition, employees are encouraged to conduct virtual site visits or refrain from visiting sites, if possible.</p>
4	<p>Understand S-Pass holders working at Consultancy firms need not be tested? Is this correct?</p>	<p>S-Pass holders under services account in consultancy firms, who only work in office, do not need to be swabbed. Only construction account S-Pass holders will need to be swabbed in the initial stage. However, BCA noted the feedback that some S-Pass holders only work in an office environment. BCA will review the swabbing requirement with MOH for this group of S-Pass holders.</p>
5	<p>All workers need at least 2 negative swab test results before they are allowed to resume work. Each test is 14 days apart. Each swab test result will take 4 days to process. Assuming it takes a week to arrange for testing: 7 days to arrange + 1 day testing + 4 days result + 14 days gap + 4 days result = 1 mth.</p> <p>We have 30k testing capacity. Based on this assumption, is our sector scheduled to resume work on time?</p>	<p>The date of resumption for each project would vary according to its readiness in terms of meeting the COVID-Safe Restart criteria.</p> <p>BCA will be rolling out a self-assessment tool to help project teams assess their readiness.</p>

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	Including arrangements for dedicated dormitory and dedicated transportation, I assume the earliest date for resumption of works will be in August?	
6	For project sites that have 50 people or more to be tested, could we have mobile testing facility where testing can be carried out at site? That would significantly reduce the logistical arrangement to travel to testing centres.	Currently, there is no mobile testing facility to support the swab test onsite. We have noted this suggestion.

Safe Accommodation and Transport		
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7	We have corporate members who are companies doing ERSS, piling works and instrumentation. This workforce will be at site for short periods of time. Is it feasible for them to stay at CLQ? Can they be exempted if they can prove that they have safe accommodation at their own facilities?	For workers of specialist contractors or sub-contractors who may be working on a project site for a transient period, these workers can be housed separately but will have to be cohorted away from other workers in the project in other dedicated accommodations.
8	Can we request that a taskforce be set up to look into the possibility of erecting CTQs on TOL vacant land next to the construction site to address Safe Accommodation criteria?	BCA has rolled out a one-stop portal (https://go.gov.sg/ctq-tolq-fcd-application) to facilitate and expedite applications for the construction of CTQ/TOLQ.
9	Can we request MOM to expedite the approval of CTQs for small landed project sites? It will be great if MOM can create a "green lane" for fast track approval of CTQ applications especially for landed property projects. Housing workers in CTQs will (1) thin out the number of workers residing in centralised dormitories and (2) reduce movement of workers.	

Support and Measures		
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10	<p><u>Feedback & engagement platform</u></p> <p>As there will be many queries in coming weeks or months, can BCA dedicate a team to answer written questions and respond in good time?</p> <p>I am sure many are anxious and will have many questions to ask. Can we have a common platform for regular updates, sharing queries, etc.</p> <p>We have many detailed questions from our members. How can we share these questions with BCA? Could we have an email contact that we could write to for quick responses?</p>	<p>BCA will be providing regular updates on the restart phasing via the BCA COVID-19 page, to prepare the industry on the next steps. The industry is encouraged to refer to this platform to access relevant information (including FAQs) and updates.</p> <p>We have also set up a Telegram channel (subscribe via this link - t.me/BCASingapore) to keep the sector updated.</p> <p>There will also be regular industry engagement sessions to share related information.</p>
11	<p>Can BCA confirm that no permit is required for consultants (including QP, RE and TRO) who are doing essential site inspections and monitoring works even after 14 days from 2 June? This is pertaining to project sites that still cannot restart but needs to be regularly monitored for possible (structural) failures.</p>	<p>Resumption of essential services (e.g. maintenance of equipment, repairs & rectifications, delivery/receiving of materials) do not require approval from BCA so long as such works do not deploy construction account work permit holders (WPHs) and S-pass holders.</p> <p>Nonetheless, telecommuting should be adopted to the maximum extent feasible. Those who have been working from home so far should continue to do so.</p>
12	<p><u>JSS qualifying criteria</u></p> <p>I heard that consultants qualify for 75% JSS till August 2020. But consultants are classified as services sector, not construction</p>	<p>Yes, all Construction and Consultancy firms as defined below will qualify for the enhanced JSS scheme – employers will receive 75% wage support for their eligible resident employees (Singapore Citizen and Permanent</p>

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	<p>sector. Can BCA re-confirm that consultants qualify 75% JSS till August 2020?</p> <p>Hi, just to clarify and confirm that construction sector also qualify 75% JSS till August?</p> <p>Does construction-related manufacturing sector qualify for the 75% JSS till August?</p>	<p>Resident) in Oct 2020 pay out covering wages from Jun to Aug 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction: SSIC 41-43 • Consultancy: SSIC 71111, 71113, 71121, 71125 or registered with PSPC <p>Construction-related manufacturing activities falling within above SSIC codes (such as "SSIC 43904 Production of pre-cast components") will qualify for the scheme as well.</p>
13	<p><u>Prolongation cost</u></p> <p>Will consultants be covered for prolongation as well?</p>	<p>The prolongation referred to in the slides applies to Contractors. It is meant to help cover ongoing site related costs (e.g. plant equipment rental), as well as site maintenance incurred by contractors.</p> <p>We do recognise that Consultants are also impacted by project delays, with the bulk of the cost incurred being wages. The enhanced Job Support Scheme of 75% (till Aug 2020) will help in defraying this.</p>