

Frequently Asked Questions For Phase 2B Introduction And Registration At Maha Bodhi School

Latest Important Information

The Ministry of Education has on 9 September 2021 issued a press statement titled **Changes to the Primary One Registration Framework** which will take effect in 2022. For detail, please refer to the attached MOE Statement.

1. Who is eligible to register under Phase 2B registration exercise?

- (1) A child whose parent is directly connected to the Singapore Buddhist Federation (SBF).
- (2) A child whose parent is endorsed by MOE as being a community leader.

Note: The SBF has hitherto yet to instruct the school to recruit parent volunteers

2. Does having an introduction from SBF in Phase 2B stand a better chance of securing a place in the school than the other category?

All 2 categories stand equal chance, they are only eligible to register in Phase 2B registration exercise, whether one succeed in getting a place depends on the demand and supply situation. Balloting will be required if number of applicants exceeds number of vacancies and it will be conducted in accordance with MOE's rules and regulations for the time being in force.

SBF will only certify the child's eligibility for Phase 2B registration and there is no such thing as "Guarantee" or "Priority", neither it is on the first-come-first-served basis nor registration in advance by 1 or more years.

3. How do I go about obtaining the Letter of Introduction for Phase 2B registration?

Parent could obtain from SBF a blank Letter of Introduction which is printed on SBF Letterhead, fill-in all columns and arrange for it to be signed by a Introducer. Submit the completed Letter of Introduction together with a copy of child's birth certificate to SBF before the deadline.

Maha Bodhi School has been instructed by SBF not to accept any letter issued by other institutions with the exception of the aforesaid SBF's Letter of Introduction.

4. Does a Child of a Individual Member of SBF automatically eligible to register under Phase 2B?

No. Membership of SBF and Phase 2B eligibility are two separate matters. A member of SBF may request SBF for a Letter of Introduction, but it is the prerogative of SBF to decide on whether to introduce. MOE does not prescribe the house rules for Phase 2B registration for clan or religious organisations.

5. Can I make a donation to the school in exchange for a school place?

MOE has issued several directives explicitly prohibiting the practice of soliciting or accepting donations for school places, any person who is found to have engaged in such practices will be disciplinarily dealt with.

6. How will I know whether I have obtained SBF's Introduction?

You will be notified by SBF whether it has endorsed the Letter of Introduction.

7. How is balloting being conducted?

With effect from 2018, balloting exercises for all phases will be conducted centrally at MOE HQ electronically, results will be sent to parents by SMS.

8. Should my child not being balloted, what else can I do?

You should register your child under Phase 2C at a nearer school which has a higher chance of success. And if you still want your child to be in Maha Bodhi School, you may register your child on the waiting list of Maha Bodhi School. For such cases, the school will administer your application strictly according to the procedure laid down by MOE.

9. Where can I find all information relating to Primary One Registration?

To know more about the entire Primary One Registration process and criteria, please visit MOE's website: www.moe.gov.sg

Updated on 26 January 2022

与小一 2B 阶段报读菩提学校 介绍程序有关的常遇问题

重大最新信息

教育部于 2021 年 9 月 9 日发表文告，宣布它已修订小学一年级报名框架，新框架于 2022 年付诸实施，详见附录文告。

1. 谁有资格在 2B 阶段在菩提学校报名？

- (1) 学童的父母亲其中一人和新加坡佛教总会（佛总）有直接关系并获得佛总的介绍。
- (2) 学童的父母其中一人是经教育部确认的基层领袖。

注：佛总至今仍未指示菩提学校招募家长义工。

2. 有佛总的介绍会比其他组人更有优先权在 2B 阶段获得学额吗？

以上两组人选的机会同等。他们只是有资格在 2B 阶段报名，至于能否获得学额，完全看届时 2B 的供需情况而定；若需要抽签，则完全根据教育部的现行条例与程序进行。

佛总只证明该学童有资格在 2B 阶段报名而已，没有“包有”和“优先权”这回事，更没有所谓的“先到先得”或“提前一年或多年报名”的安排。

3. 如何获取 2B 阶段的介绍信？

家长必须向佛总索取打印在佛总信笺的介绍信，填妥其所有栏目，经一位佛总现任理事介绍与签名后，在截止日期之前将介绍信连同学童出生纸影印本送交佛总办事处。

菩提学校接获佛总指示，除上述经佛总转呈的介绍信之外，其他途径与团体的介绍信一概不受理。

4. **佛总个人会员的子女自动有资格在 2B 阶段报名吗？**

佛总的会籍和 2B 报名资格是完全不同的两回事，佛总会员可要求佛总介绍其子女在 2B 阶段，但决定是否要介绍是佛总的权利。教育部并不规范这项“家规”。

5. **可以通过捐款给学校以换取介绍信吗？**

教育部明文严禁以索求或接受捐款以获得学额的做法，违例者将被依法处理。

6. **我怎么知道是否获得佛总的介绍？**

佛总会正式通知您是否获得介绍。

7. **抽签是怎样进行的？**

从 2018 年起，各阶段的抽签工作集中在教育部总部并以电脑进行，无需家长亲自到现场观看，教育部会以手机短信通告家长抽签结果。

8. **2B 阶段不被抽中，接下来怎么办？**

先在 2C 阶段在成功率较高的邻近学校成功取得学额，若有意转到菩提学校，须向校方登记在等候名单，待有空缺时，据教育部的转校程序处理转校申请。

9. **到哪里寻找小学一年级的整个报名程序？**

可上教育部网址：www.moe.gov.sg 查询最新的报名程序与准则及其他详情。

2022 年 1 月 26 日更新

Attachment to Annex 3: MOE Press Release
附件3 的附录：教育部文告



< PRESS RELEASES

Changes to the Primary One Registration Framework to Ensure Our Schools Remain Open to All

Published Date: 09 September 2021 04:00 PM | News, Press Releases

1. The Ministry of Education (MOE) is committed to ensuring that our mainstream schools remain accessible to children from all backgrounds, while preserving strong ties to the community and culture that our schools have built up over the years.
2. At the Committee of Supply (COS) debate in March 2021, MOE shared that the Primary One (P1) Registration Framework was being reviewed to help more children obtain a place in a school near their home in Phase 2C, which is for children who have no prior connection to the school. This is in the educational interest of the child, to help them spend less time travelling and have more time to pursue other interests, as well as for the convenience of the family. We undertook this review carefully to balance the competing needs of other children. The review is now complete with changes to be made from the 2022 P1 Registration Exercise (for children starting P1 in 2023).

Increase in reserved places for Phase 2C

3. In recent years, competition for places has intensified under Phase 2C, even though 20 places have been reserved for this phase since the 2014 P1 Registration Exercise. In the 2021 P1 Registration Exercise, about one in three schools balloted in Phase 2C in the Singapore Citizens (SC) living within 1km of the school ("SC within 1km") category, which is an increase from one in four schools that balloted in that category in the 2014 P1 Registration Exercise.
4. MOE will hence double the number of reserved places in Phase 2C from 20 to 40 places in each primary school, starting from the 2022 P1 Registration Exercise. Phase 2B will continue to have 20 reserved places. This means a total of 60 reserved places will be set aside in all schools at the start of the P1 Registration Exercise.



In addition, the reserved places, one-third of any remaining places left by the end of Phase 2A2 will be allocated to Phase 2B, and two-thirds to Phase 2C.

Combining current Phases 2A1 and 2A2 into a single Phase 2A

6. Priority for alumni members was introduced in Phase 2A1 in the 1999 P1 Registration Exercise to encourage stronger alumni and community support for schools. Over time, more stakeholders such as former students and alumni associations have been actively contributing in their own ways to the schools. It is timely to review the fine differentiation of priority between stakeholders in Phases 2A1 and 2A2.

7. In addition, the increase in reserved places for Phase 2C will result in fewer places in earlier phases. We expect that several schools would end up with relatively few or even no places left for Phase 2A2 registrants, if we continue to maintain the differentiation of priority between Phase 2A1 and Phase 2A2 registrants.

8. Phases 2A1 and 2A2 will therefore be combined into a single Phase 2A to ensure that all Phase 2A2 registrants continue to have a chance to register under Phase 2A. This would also better achieve the objective of providing priority admission for MOE Kindergarten children, who are currently eligible for Phase 2A2, to support their transition to P1. Phase 2A1 registrants will continue to be able to register under Phase 2A. An overview of the revised phases can be found in [Annex A](#).

Updates in methodology for computing Home-School Distance

9. MOE will also be updating the methodology for calculating Home-School Distance (HSD). HSD is currently calculated from a single reference point based on the school's original building layout to the registrant's home, even if the current school building layout has changed significantly with upgrading or re-building.

10. From the 2022 P1 Registration Exercise, HSD will be calculated based on the School Land Boundary (SLB), i.e. from any point on the boundary around the school to the registrant's home. The SLB is much less likely to change over time, and is a more stable basis to compute HSD. Using the SLB to compute HSD would result in a slightly larger coverage of residential addresses within 1km and 2km for all our primary schools, compared to the current methodology using a single reference point (see [Annex B](#) for an illustration). The maps showing the buildings within 1km and 2km of all primary schools have been updated (based on the revised methodology) and can be referred to on [OneMap](#).

11. The majority of registrants applying to our primary schools will be affected under the updated methodology (i.e. their HSD categories remain the same with respect to a particular school), while some registrants will be in a nearer HSD category. For three of our primary schools, there will be a small number of registrants who will be shifted to a further HSD category. This is because for these three schools – Cedar Primary School, Maris Stella High School (primary section) and Marymount Convent School – the original reference points are outside the SLB due to significant past upgrading or re-building works, coupled with school boundary changes. For the purposes of the 2022 P1 Registration Exercise, MOE will allow this small affected group to retain their original HSD as a once-off transitional arrangement.

Choosing Suitable Primary Schools

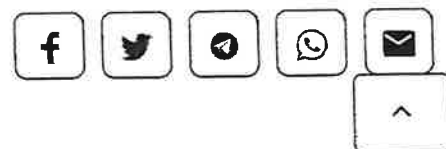
12. Even with the changes made to the P1 Registration Framework, there will always be balloting for some schools, even for those who live within 1km of their preferred school. Parents are hence also encouraged to consider various schools which are within a reasonable proximity from home.

13. MOE is committed to ensuring that every child is well supported to reach their fullest potential, regardless of the school they attend. We will also ensure that every school is well-resourced and able to offer programmes that cater to the diverse strengths and interests of our children. Parents can use MOE's [SchoolFinder](#) for a more holistic understanding of the offerings by each school.

14. Parents registering their child in the 2022 P1 Registration Exercise can check the MOE website at <https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/p1-registration/changes-to-p1-registration> for more information on the changes to the P1 Registration Framework.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Share this article:



Ministry of Education

[Contact](#) [Feedback](#) [FAQ](#)