



## Reinforcement of screening standard for host companies' tax payment records

On 18 November 2019, the Ministry of Justice announced a new policy strengthening their screening standard on host company's tax payment records.

Whichever company wants to sponsor a dispatched expatriate or locally hired foreigner visa, there should be no arrears at ALL tax payments.

If a host company has any unpaid tax:

| Until Now  | Effective From 18 November 2019  |
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| <p>In general, Immigration officers verbally warned a host company to complete tax payments asap.</p> <p>They proceed application screening first with previous tax records and request to submit additional tax payment certificate later, which was not easy to track and cause lots of double work.</p> | <p>Applications for new VIN and/or ARC extension will NOT be accepted at all immigration offices until unpaid tax fully paid.</p> <p>Fully paid tax needs to be certified with a relevant tax payment certificate.</p> |

This update applies not only to new visa applications but also to ARC extension as well, regardless of amount of unpaid tax.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our team:



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