

LIONBRIDGE CONSULTANCY SERVICES

Your First Week in Singapore

A calm, ordered setup checklist for students and families

For Indian students and families considering Singapore

Practical, source-led, and designed for discussion - not a substitute for official admissions, immigration, employment, or financial advice.

Before the flight

- Confirm accommodation address, check-in instructions, deposits, inventory and emergency contact.
- Save passport, IPA, offer/enrolment documents, insurance, prescriptions and school contacts both offline and in secure cloud storage.
- Carry originals and required formalities documents in cabin baggage, not checked luggage.
- Check entry requirements, airline rules and IPA conditions close to departure.
- Arrange an arrival transport plan and enough SGD for immediate expenses without carrying excessive cash.

A sensible seven-day sequence

Day	Priority	Outcome
Arrival	Immigration, accommodation check-in, family update	Safe arrival and documented room condition
1	School reporting instructions and calendar	Know orientation, enrolment and class obligations
1-2	Local connectivity and secure accounts	Working SIM/eSIM; key logins protected
2-4	Medical/formalities/biometrics if instructed	IPA requirements progressing
2-5	Transport and neighbourhood orientation	Reliable route to campus and essentials
3-7	Banking/payment setup if eligible and needed	Safe daily payment plan
By 7	Budget review and emergency rehearsal	First-month limits and contacts confirmed

Student's Pass formalities

- Follow the IPA letter and school instructions, not a generic checklist.
- If the school arranges offsite enrolment, attend the specified venue and time.
- Otherwise, book the required appointment through ICA's e-Service.
- Complete the medical report if applicable and bring every IPA-listed document.
- Retrieve and securely store the digital Student's Pass after completion.

First-month budget

Category	Planned SGD	Actual SGD	Notes
Housing/deposit/utilities			
Food			
Transport			
SIM/connectivity			
School supplies/device			
Medical/insurance			
Personal/emergency			

Safety and wellbeing

- Share the verified address and school contact with family; agree on a check-in rhythm.
- Keep emergency numbers and institution security/student-support contacts available offline.
- Do not hand over passport, pass credentials, banking access or one-time codes to informal agents or employers.
- Learn accommodation fire exits and the nearest clinic, pharmacy and late-night transport options.
- Use orientation and student services early if homesickness, anxiety or academic strain affects daily functioning.

What can wait

Part-time work, extensive shopping, optional subscriptions and long-term commitments can wait until enrolment, pass formalities, timetable, living costs and work eligibility are clear.

Emergency card

Contact	Name / number
Singapore emergency services	Police 999 / Ambulance-Fire 995
Institution emergency/security	
Programme office/student services	
Accommodation manager	
Insurance assistance	
Family contact	

Official sources and verification

Rules, fees, dates and eligibility can change. Re-check these pages before acting.

ICA - Completion of formalities and issuance

<https://www.ica.gov.sg/reside/STP/collect>

Appointment/offsite enrolment, medical report, fees and digital Student's Pass.

ICA - Student's Pass for Institutes of Higher Learning

<https://www.ica.gov.sg/reside/STP/apply/ihl>

Application timing, documents, fees and processing guidance.

MOM - Work pass exemption for foreign students

<https://www.mom.gov.sg/passes-and-permits/work-pass-exemption-for-foreign-students>

Check work eligibility only after arrival and enrolment details are clear.