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Protected Areas and Protected Places

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Overview

Protected Areas / Protected Places (PA/PP) are premises where special measures are needed to control the movement and conduct of persons for public safety and security reasons. PA/PP are declared by the Minister for Home Affairs, upon the successful application by the owner or occupier of the premises.

The difference between a PA and a PP is as follows:



Protected Area (PA)

Generally accessible to public
e.g. Tuas and Woodlands Checkpoint



Protected Place (PP)

Entry is restricted and controlled
e.g. SAF Camps and Power Plants

The Police have reviewed and updated the design of the PA/PP signs in May 2023. During the transition period until May 2028, the public may come across either version at PA/PPs.



Updated PA/PP signs



Current PA/PP signs (To be replaced with the updated signs by 14 May 2028)

Enhanced Powers for PA/PP

Prohibition of Photography/Filming

Photography/videography of a PA/PP is not allowed without the owner's permission. Please approach the owners to seek their permission before taking photos/videos of the PA/PP. For information on PA/PPs that do not grant broad-based permission for photography from the outside and their respective points of contact, please refer to the [References and Application Forms](#) section below.



No Unauthorised Photography Sign

Enhanced Powers in the Surrounding Areas of PA/PP

AUTHORISED OFFICERS MAY EXERCISE POWERS IN THE SURROUNDING AREA

Powers in the Surrounding Area Sign

Guards may:

- Request for identification
- Direct persons to leave
- Inspect belongings and vehicles for dangerous items

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Information for Authorities of PA/PP

Authorities of PA/PP are to ensure that adequate notices are displayed prominently at their premises. In addition, Authorities of PP are required to put in place adequate security measures to prevent unauthorised entry.

Only authorised officers can exercise the powers related to PA/PP under the Infrastructure Protection Act. Please ensure that only authorised officers are deployed at the PA/PP.

Please refer to the [References and Application Forms](#) section below for:

- Guide on PA/PP
- Specifications of 'PA/PP', 'Powers in the Surrounding Area', and 'No Unauthorised Photography' signs
- Application for PA/PP and enhanced powers
- Application for authorised officers

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Resources

A list of downloadable resources can be found below.

References and Application Forms

S/N	References	Links
1	Guide on Protected Area / Protected Place	PDF/303KB
2	Specifications of the 'Protected Area / Protected Place' sign	PDF/472KB
3	Specifications of the 'Powers in the Surrounding Area' sign	PDF/318KB
4	Specifications of the 'No Unauthorised Photography' sign	PDF/350KB
5	List of Protected Areas / Protected Places with photography prohibitions	go.gov.sg/locations-photographyprohibition

6	WSQ Approved Training Organisations (ATOs Offering Security Training Modules)	PDF/40KB
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S/N	Application Forms	Links
1	Declaration of premises as Protected Area / Protected Place	ZIP/717KB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative Instructions [PDF/130KB] PA PP Application Form [PDF/266KB] PA Sample Draft Order - New Gazette [PDF/110KB] PP Sample Draft Order - New Gazette [PDF/114KB] PA PP Sample Survey Plan [PDF/169KB]
2	Amendments for existing gazette orders of Protected Area / Protected Place	ZIP/574KB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative Instructions [PDF/130KB] PA PP Amendment Form [PDF/183KB] PA Sample Draft Order - Amendment [PDF/74KB] PP Sample Draft Order - Amendment [PDF/92KB] PA PP Sample Survey Plan [PDF/169KB]
3	Cessation of gazette orders of Protected Area / Protected Place	<p>Please write in to CPS via go.gov.sg/askcps with the rationale of the cessation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PA Sample Draft Order - Revocation [PDF/11KB] PP Sample Draft Order - Revocation [PDF/11KB]
4	Application for enhanced powers in surrounding areas of Protected Area / Protected Place	ZIP/1.1MB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative Instructions [PDF/130KB] PA PP Application Form [PDF/266KB] Sample Order - Surrounding Area [PDF/246KB] Sample Map [PDF/514KB] Sample Move-On Order [PDF/107KB]
5	Application for Authorised Officer	go.gov.sg/ao-application
6	Application for Designated Authorised Officer	Please write in to CPS via go.gov.sg/askcps
7	Notification on Cessation of Authorised Officer	go.gov.sg/ao-cessation

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