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## REVISED REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINING OF ART SUPERVISORS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

To enable quick and effective detection of COVID-19 infections and provide greater convenience for employers and workers, BCA has implemented the mandatory Fast and Easy Test (FET) Rostered Routine Testing (RRT) regime using Antigen Rapid Test (ART) since 15 October 2021 (refer to circular dated <u>10 October 2021</u>). As most individuals are now familiar with the procedures on how to conduct an ART self-swab and many firms are currently adopting the virtual Employer-Supervised Self-Swab (ESSS) for their worksites, we will be revising the requirements for ART supervisors.

## **Revised Requirements for ART Supervisors**

2 Starting <u>from 8 November 2021, ART training will no longer be a mandatory</u> <u>requirement for ART supervisors.</u> However, courses<sup>1</sup> are still made available at BCA Academy for ART supervisors who wish to gain knowledge on MOH's Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) guidelines, ART techniques and supervision<sup>2</sup>.

3 Firms should continue to appoint ART supervisors (can be trained or untrained) to supervise the ART swabs (either physically or virtually) and ensure that their employees' ART results are uploaded to the Swab Registration System V2 (SRS V2) for Singapore Citizen/Permanent Residents (SC/PRs) and FWMOMCare by Work Pass Holders (WPHs) based on the following testing regime:

Worker groups	From 15 Oct 2021 FET-RRT Testing Regime <sup>3</sup>
Vaccinated workers	Supervised ART every 7 days
Unvaccinated workers	Supervised ART every 3 days

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For more information, please refer to <u>https://go.gov.sg/bcaa-art-training</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> BCAA will contact firms which have registered participants for upcoming runs of ART Supervisor courses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Individuals who have recovered from a COVID-19 infection in the past 270 days are exempted from the FET Requirement.

4 The time within which to upload the test results are as follows:

a) If the test result is "AG+", firms are to upload the test results of their employees to SRS V2 for SC/PRs and in FWMOMCare by WPHs <u>no later than 12 hours</u> after the supervised self-swab is completed.

b) If the test result is "AG-", firms are to upload the test results of their employees to SRS V2 for SC/PRs and in FWMOMCare by WPHs **no later than 24 hours** after the supervised self-swab is completed (no change from previous requirement).

## For Updates and Information

5 Firms which have recently onboarded additional or new non-dorm residing workers / personnel onto FET RRT (i.e. after 14 September 2021), additional submissions for kits can be made for these employees who have not drawn ART kits previously at <u>https://go.gov.sg/bca-art-new-emp</u>. Firms that have yet to utilise any of the ART kits that were previously issued (or no record of results uploaded) may not receive additional test kits ordered.

6 For more information on how to conduct ESSS, please refer to the ART Playbook at <u>https://go.gov.sg/bca-mom-art-playbook</u>. Firms can also sign up for free-of-charge online training upcoming on 10 November 2021 (9am – 1030am) on how to use the SRS V2 to manage their FET RRT at <u>https://go.gov.sg/srs-rrt-training</u>. If the training slot is unavailable, please register your interest to attend other training slots at <u>https://go.gov.sg/srs-esss-training</u>.

For updates and information on ART for the construction sector, please refer to: <u>https://go.gov.sg/bca-art</u>. Do <u>click to subscribe to BCA's Telegram Channel</u> and refer to the BCA Website – <u>www1.bca.gov.sg/COVID-19</u> for COVID-19 updates and information.

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