

List of Abbreviations

CBD	Central Business District
EP	Employment Pass. The most common visa for university-educated foreigners in expert or professional jobs in Singapore. Equalled with the visa for the highly skilled/foreign talents
EU	European Union
FDI	foreign direct investment
HDB	Housing and Development Board of Singapore
HRM	human resource management
MNC	multinational corporation
MRT	Mass Rapid Transit system, Singapore's public underground train system
PAP	People's Action Party. Strongest political party in the Republic of Singapore
PR	permanent residence (in Singapore, Japan, as well as third countries)
PRC	People's Republic of China
SME	small and medium-sized enterprises
TCN	third country national
UX design	user experience design
VIE	Volontariat International en Entreprise, French overseas full-time internship programme. Eligible to EU graduates up to the age of 28