

Renewing the ranks

Roughly one in four of the candidates, or a total of 23, elected into Parliament in the last general election in 2015 has stepped down to make way for new blood in the latest polls. The oldest among these retiring Members of Parliament (MPs) is 79 and the youngest is 43. Here is a full list of those who have retired after the dissolution of Singapore's 13th Parliament.

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People's Action Party

Goh Chok Tong, 79, Marine Parade GRC

The oldest MP who is retiring, Mr Goh was first elected in 1976. He became Singapore's second Prime Minister in 1990.

He handed over the reins to Lee Hsien Loong in 2004 and was made Senior Minister. He retired from the Cabinet in 2011 but was named Emeritus Senior Minister and continued serving as an MP.

Lim Hng Kiang, 66, West Coast GRC

Mr Lim was first elected as MP in 1991. He was made Trade and Industry Minister in 2004, after his appointment as National Development Minister in 1995 and Health Minister in 1999. He remained as Minister of Trade and Industry until 2018.

Lim Swee Say, 65, East Coast GRC

Mr Lim was first elected as MP in 1997. He became Manpower Minister in 2015 and served in this role until 2018. He was also the Secretary-General of the National Trades Union Congress from 2007 to 2015.

Yaacob Ibrahim, 64, Jalan Besar GRC

Mr Yaacob was first elected as MP in 1997. He became Communications and Information Minister in 2011 and stayed until 2018. He was Minister of Environment and Water Resources from 2004 to 2011. He also served as Minister in Charge of Muslim Affairs.

Khaw Boon Wan, 67, Sembawang GRC

Mr Khaw was first elected as MP in 2001. He became Transport Minister and Coordinating Minister for Infrastructure in 2015. He was Health Minister from 2004 to 2011 and National Development Minister from 2011 to 2015.

Charles Chong, 67, Punggol East

Mr Chong was first elected as MP in 1997. He has also been MP in Sembawang GRC, Eunos GRC, Pasir Ris GRC, Pasir Ris-Punggol GRC and Joo Chiat. He was Deputy Speaker of Parliament from 2011 to 2020.

Lily Neo, 66, Jalan Besar GRC

Ms Neo was first elected as MP in 1997. She has also been MP for Kreta Ayer-Tanjong GRC, Jalan Besar GRC and Tanjong Pagar GRC.

Teo Ho Pin, 60, Bukit Panjang

Dr Teo was first elected as MP in 1997. He has also been MP in Sembawang GRC and Holland-Bukit Panjang GRC. He was the Mayor of the North West Community Development Council and a Deputy Government Whip.

Cedric Foo, 59, Pioneer

Mr Foo was first elected as MP in 2001. He was Minister of State for Defence and National Development. He is also a former MP for West Coast GRC.

Lee Yi Shyan, 58, East Coast GRC

Mr Lee was first elected as MP in 2006. He was Minister of State for Trade and Industry and Manpower as well as Senior Minister of State for National Development.

Teo Ser Luck, 52, Pasir Ris-Punggol GRC

Mr Teo was first elected as MP in 2006. He was also Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Community Development, Youth and Sports, as well as Minister of State at the Manpower and Trade and Industry ministries.

Fatimah Lateef, 54, Marine Parade GRC

Ms Fatimah was first elected as MP for Marine Parade GRC in 2006 and got re-elected there for another two terms.

Lee Bee Wah, 59, Nee Soon GRC

Ms Lee was first elected as MP in 2006. She has also been MP for Ang Mo Kio GRC.

Sam Tan, 61, Radin Mas

Mr Tan was first elected as MP in 2006. He was Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Trade and Industry and Information, Communications and the Arts. He has also been MP for Tanjong Pagar GRC and was Mayor of the Central Singapore District.

Chia Shi-Lu, 48, Tanjong Pagar GRC

Dr Chia was first elected as MP in 2011. He is well known as the candidate who had to replace Baey Yam Keng in Tanjong Pagar GRC in the election that year, after Mr Baey was fielded in Tampines GRC in a surprise shift on Nomination Day.

Ong Teng Koon, 43, Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC

Mr Ong was first elected as MP in 2011. He's one of the two youngest MPs who are retiring.

Zainal Sapari, 54, Pasir Ris-Punggol GRC

Mr Zainal was first elected as MP in 2011. An Assistant Secretary-General at the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC), he was one of several "Labour" MPs.

Yee Chia Hsing, 49, Chua Chu Kang GRC

He was first elected as MP in 2015. He served just one term as MP.

Intan Azura Mokhtar, 43, Ang Mo Kio GRC

Ms Intan was first elected as MP in 2011. Together with Ong Teng Koon, she is the youngest MP who is retiring.

Ang Hin Kee, 54, Ang Mo Kio GRC

Mr Ang was first elected as MP in 2011. An Assistant Director-General of NTUC, he is one of the two

"Labour" MPs retiring.

Workers' Party

Low Thia Khiang, 63, Aljunied GRC

Mr Loh was the Secretary-General of the WP from 2001 to 2018 and leader of the opposition from 2006 to 2018. He was first elected as MP for Hougang in 1991. Mr Loh was re-elected in the ward for another three terms before he moved to contest Aljunied GRC in 2011. He was there for two terms.

Chen Show Mao, 59, Aljunied GRC

Mr Chen was first elected as MP in 2011 when, as a top academic achiever in schools and a high-flying international lawyer, he was deemed to be the WP's "star" candidate. Mr Chen was re-elected in 2015.

Png Eng Huat, 58, Hougang

Mr Png was first elected as MP in the 2012 Hougang by-election, after WP MP

Yew Shin Leong, resigned.