

# The Presidential Standard

The Presidential Standard is the official flag and symbol of the President. Originally the Standard of the Yang di-Pertuan Negara, it became the Presidential Standard following the change in Singapore's status from a State to a Republic on Aug 9, 1965.



Adopted in  
**1961**

Consists of a red flag with a white crescent moon and

**5** stars emblazoned in the centre

The symbols are bigger than the ones on the national flag

Flown from the highest point of the Istana building daily from

**8am to 6pm**

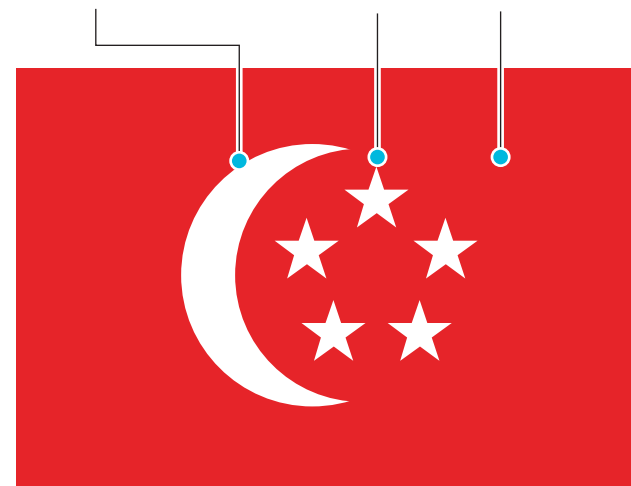
or until the President has left for her private residence

## The Presidential Standard is a modification of the national flag.

The crescent represents a young country on the ascent

The five stars represent democracy, peace, progress, justice and equality

The colour red symbolises universal brotherhood and equality



## WHERE IT IS FLOWN

- Above the central tower block at the Istana main building.
- The President's chair (above) at the Istana is flanked by the national flag and the Presidential Standard.
- Flew half-mast at Parliament House after the passing of former prime minister Lee Kuan Yew in 2015.

## NATIONAL FLAG



Adopted in  
**1959**

It replaced the Union Jack which had flown over Singapore for

**140 years**

(1819-1959)

It was reconfirmed as the national flag when the Republic gained independence on

**Aug 9, 1965**

Consists of  
**2** equal horizontal sections; red above white

A white crescent moon occupies the upper left red section. Next to the moon are a pentagon of

**5** stars resembling the Southern Cross

It was first conceived and created by a committee headed by Dr Toh Chin Chye (the then Deputy Prime Minister)