

National Translation Committee
Translation Talent Development Scheme (TTDS)
Fact Sheet

Introduction

1 The Translation Talent Development Scheme (TTDS) is a **co-sponsorship grant** set up by the National Translation Committee (NTC) under the Ministry of Communications and Information (“MCI”) to encourage Singaporean translation and interpretation (T&I) practitioners from the private sector to further develop their capabilities and to attain mastery and deepening of their skills. The scheme also aims to nurture the next generation of translation talent in Singapore.

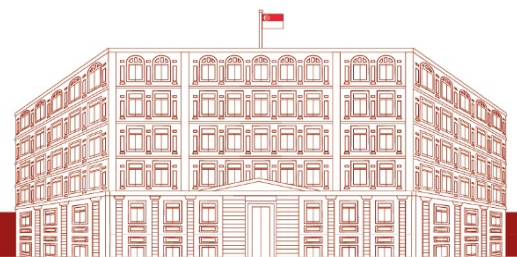
What does the scheme support?

2 This co-sponsorship grant will support successful applicants to participate in the following categories of capability development programme(s) related to translation, interpretation and/or languages in Singapore and overseas:

- a. short courses, workshops and intensive summer courses;
- b. courses that lead to a full qualification (e.g. Diploma, Bachelor’s degree, Postgraduate diploma, Master’s degree);
- c. conferences, seminars and webinars; and
- d. certification examinations.

3 The grant can be used to offset 90 per cent of the following actual expenses incurred in their participation of capability development programme(s), subject to a cap of S\$10,000 per recipient:

Programme	Conducted in Singapore	Conducted Overseas
Short courses and workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • course/workshop fees • cost of compulsory training materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • course/workshop fees* • cost* of compulsory training materials • economy-class airfare for one return flight from Singapore to programme venue • visa fees (if required)
Courses leading to a full qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • course fees • cost of compulsory training materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • course fees* • cost* of compulsory training materials • economy-class airfare for one return flight from Singapore to programme venue • visa fees (if required)
Conferences, seminars and webinars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conference/seminar/webinar fees • cost of compulsory training materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conference/seminar/webinar fees* • cost of compulsory training materials • economy-class airfare for one return flight from Singapore to programme venue • visa fees (if required)



Programme	Conducted in Singapore	Conducted Overseas
Certification examinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> examination fees cost of compulsory training materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> examination fees* cost* of compulsory training materials economy-class airfare for one return flight from Singapore to programme venue visa fees* (if required)

**For programmes conducted overseas, conversion of foreign currencies will be based on prevailing exchange rates published by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)*

4 Programmes of a duration of up to one year must start or end within **1 April of the application year** and **31 March of the following year** to be eligible, i.e. they can start/end between or on these two dates. E.g. For an application submitted in 2022, the programme(s) must fall within 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.

5 Programmes that stretch for more than one year (e.g. degree and postgraduate courses) must end by **31 March within three years of the application**. E.g. For an application submitted in 2022, the programme must end by 31 March 2025.

6 Examples of suitable capability development programmes include programmes on general translation/interpretation, specialised translation such as audio-visual translation, legal translation, business and financial translation, specialised interpretation such as conference interpreting, translation technology (e.g. computer-assisted translation and machine translation) and applied linguistics. All programmes will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis against the applicant's stated capability development plans.

Who can apply?

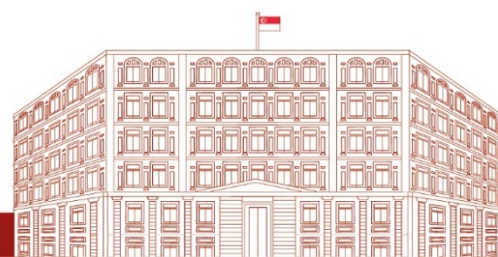
7 The TTDS is open to Singapore citizens who are T&I practitioners from the private sector with **at least one year** of combined experience in **translation and/or interpretation** and with good work performance.

8 For the purposes of the TTDS, a "T&I practitioner" is defined as:

- A full-time staff employed in a translation agency, and who deals with translation and/or interpretation between any of the permitted language pairs regularly in the course of work;
- A full-time staff employed in other industries/businesses (e.g. media organisations, creative agencies, production/publishing houses, IT-related companies, law firms and so forth), but deals with translation and/or interpretation between any of the permitted language pairs regularly in their course of work; or
- A full-time freelance practitioner who operates their own business or trade (without engaging any staff/worker) and deals with translation and/or interpretation between any of the permitted language pairs regularly in their course of work.

The "permitted language pairs" are English and Chinese, English and Malay, or English and Tamil.

9 Applicants/recipients must not be a civil servant or public officer, i.e. they must not join or have joined the Public Service (i.e. the Government, including any Ministry or Organ of State, or any statutory board or affiliates), whether on a full-time or part-time basis.



10 Applicants/recipients must not have received or been awarded any scholarships and/or sponsorships from the Government (except MOE tuition fee grants or SkillsFuture Mid-Career Enhanced Subsidy) for the programme(s) that is/are the subject of their application. For applicants who have additional sources of funding from other organisations, the maximum TTDS grant amount will be adjusted accordingly, at MCI's sole discretion.

