

Translation Talent Development Scheme (TTDS) Fact Sheet

Introduction

1 The Translation Talent Development Scheme (TTDS) is an initiative by the National Translation Committee (NTC) under the Ministry of Communications and Information (MCI) to support Singaporean translation and interpretation (T&I) practitioners from the private sector in deepening their skills. Awarded recipients can receive up to S\$10,000 to upskill. This can be used to offset 90 per cent of the expenses incurred in their participation of capability development programme(s) related to translation, interpretation and/or languages in Singapore and overseas.

Eligibility

2 The TTDS is offered to Singaporean T&I practitioners from the private sector, who fulfil the selection criteria. Applicants must have **at least one year** of combined experience in translation and/or interpretation and be working in the following language pairs: **English and Chinese, English and Malay, or English and Tamil. Successful applicants are rigorously selected by a panel of assessors.**

A “T&I practitioner” is defined as:

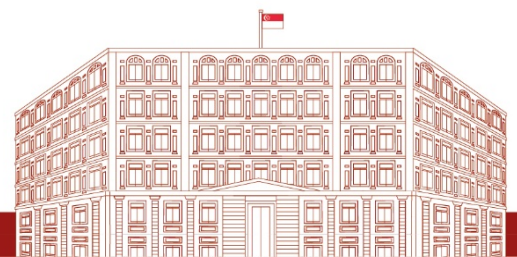
- a. A full-time staff employed in a translation agency, and who deals with translation and/or interpretation between any of the permitted language pairs regularly in the course of work;
- b. A full-time staff employed in other industries/businesses (e.g. media organisations, creative agencies, production/publishing 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 the course of work; or
- c. A self-employed individual who predominantly engages in and makes a living from translation and/or interpretation work between any of the permitted language pairs.

What does TTDS support?

3 The TTDS supports 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.

Examples of capability development programmes include those relating to 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.



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 2023, the programme(s) must fall within 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024.

5 Programmes that stretch beyond 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 2023, the programme must end by 31 March 2026.

6 Civil servants and / or public officers are not eligible for the TTDS. Applicants who join or have joined the Public Service (i.e. the Government, including any Ministry or Organ of State, or any statutory board or affiliate), whether on a full-time or part-time basis, will also not be eligible for the TTDS.

7 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/recipients who have been awarded T&I-related funding or grants from other organisations, the maximum amount awarded under the TTDS will be adjusted accordingly at MCI's sole discretion.

