

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.**

3 A “T&I practitioner” is defined as:

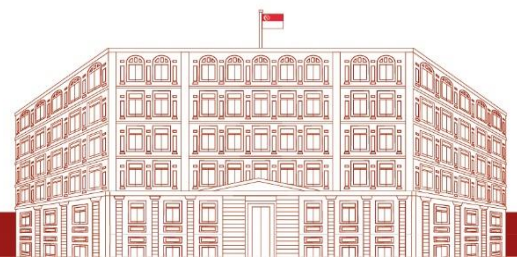
- a. A full-time staff employed in a translation agency, and who deals with translation and/or interpretation between any of the permitted language pairs regularly in the course of work; **or**
- b. A full-time staff employed in other industries/businesses (e.g. media organisations, creative agencies, 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 the TTDS support?

4 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.

5 Examples of capability development programmes include those related 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.



6 Programmes of a duration of up to one year must start OR end between 1 April of the application year and 31 March of the following year (both dates inclusive). For example, for an application submitted in 2023, the start **OR** end date of the programme(s) must be between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024 (both dates inclusive).

7 Programmes of a duration exceeding one year (e.g. degree and postgraduate courses) must end within three years of the application year by 31 March. For example, for an application submitted in 2023, the programme must end by 31 March 2026.

8 Civil servants and/or public officers are not eligible for the TTDS. Applicants must be from the private sector. Recipients must not be in 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, for the entire duration of their award.

9 Recipients must not concurrently be in receipt of or hold any other scholarships, bursaries, study loans, financial aids, grants, sponsorships or other awards of a monetary nature without MCI's prior approval, except MOE tuition fee grants and subsidies, grants, and other funding from SkillsFuture Singapore. Applicants **MUST** declare any additional sources of funding from other public and private organisations. MCI reserves the right to decide whether to award the TTDS or adjust the funding amount.

