

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) 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.

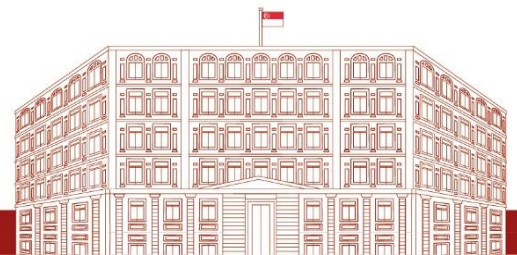
What does the scheme support?

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 and seminars; 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 |
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| 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 |
| Conferences and seminars | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conference/seminar fees • cost of compulsory training materials | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conference/seminar fees • cost of compulsory training materials • economy-class airfare for one return flight from Singapore to programme venue • visa fees (if required) |
| 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) |



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 2020, the programme(s) must fall within 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021.

5 Programmes that stretch 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 2020, the programme must end by 31 March 2023.

6 Applicants may propose to attend **multiple** capability development programmes, so long as they are within the period of eligibility and can be covered by the grant.

7 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?

8 TTDS is open to Singaporean T&I practitioners from the private sector with at least **three years** of combined experience in **translation and/or interpretation** and with good work performance.

9 For the purposes of this scheme, a T&I practitioner is defined as:

- a. A full-time staff employed in a translation agency and deals with translation and/or interpretation between language pairs regularly in their 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 language pairs regularly in their course of work; or
- c. A full-time freelance practitioner who deals with translation and/or interpretation between language pairs regularly in their course of work, operating their own business or trade without employing any worker.

10 Applicants must be working in the following language pairs: English and Chinese, English and Malay, or English and Tamil.

11 Applicants must not have received any scholarships and/or sponsorships from the Government (except MOE tuition fee grants) for their same chosen programme(s). For applicants who have additional sources of funding from other organisations, the total grant amount including from the Ministry of Communications and Information (MCI) will be capped at the programme's fees.

