

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

2026 ENHANCEMENTS TO THE TERTIARY TUITION FEE SUBSIDY SCHEME

1. What is the Tertiary Tuition Fee Subsidy?

The Tertiary Tuition Fee Subsidy (TTFS) is a government grant administered by Yayasan MENDAKI (MENDAKI) based on criteria set by the government. It provides subsidies for eligible students pursuing their first full-time diploma and degree programmes at local government tertiary institutions.

2. What are the eligibility criteria for TTFS?

The eligibility criteria as follows:

- a. Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident with at least one parent who is a Singapore citizen.
- b. Student's race or the first component of a double-barrelled race is Malay/Indonesian extract, including: Acehnese, Ambonese, Banjarese, Batak, Boyanese, Bugis, Butonese, Dayak, Dusun, Iban, Indonesian, Javanese, Kadazan, Kelabit, Makasarese, Melanau, Minangkabau, Murut, Sumatran and Sundanese.
- c. Monthly household PCI does not exceed \$2,400 (with effect from Academic Year 2026/2027).
- d. Student is receiving the MOE Tuition Grant.
- e. Student is pursuing their first full-time diploma or degree at the following tertiary institution:
 - 1) Diploma Level:
 - a) Building and Construction Authority (BCA) Academy: Diploma courses only
 - b) ITE: Technical Diploma (TD) and Technical Engineer Diploma (TED) only
 - c) Polytechnics: Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Nanyang Polytechnic, Republic Polytechnic, Singapore Polytechnic and Temasek Polytechnic
 - d) LASALLE College of the Arts (LASALLE) and Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA): Selected courses eligible for MOE Tuition Grant only
 - 2) Degree Level:

- a) Autonomous Universities: Nanyang Technological University, National University of Singapore, Singapore Institute of Technology, Singapore Management University, Singapore University of Social Sciences and Singapore University of Technology & Design
- b) LASALLE and NAFA: Selected courses eligible for MOE Tuition Grant only

Note: LASALLE and NAFA are constituent colleges of the University of the Arts Singapore.

3. What is the subsidy structure?

The subsidy structure has been revised from three tiers to four tiers with effect from Academic Year 2026/2027.

Previous Structure		Revised Structure (wef Academic Year 2026/2027)	
Subsidy Level	Household Per Capita Income	Subsidy Level	Household Per Capita Income
100%	\$1,400 and below	100%	\$1,700 and below
75%	\$1,401 - \$1,700	75%	\$1,701 - \$2,000
50%	\$1,701 - \$2,000	50%	\$2,001 - \$2,200
		25%	\$2,201 - \$2,400

4. What do the subsidies cover?

The subsidies cover tuition fees only. They do not cover miscellaneous fees, examination fees, study tours, or overseas exchange programmes.

5. When is the application period for TTFS?

The application period as follows:

BCA Academy (Diploma), ITE (TD and TED), Polytechnics		
a.	Application Period I	25 Feb 2026 – 30 Apr 2026
b.	Application Period II	16 Sep 2026 – 31 Oct 2026
LASALLE, NAFA, Autonomous Universities		
a.	Application Period I	13 May 2026 – 15 Jul 2026
b.	Application Period II	14 Oct 2026 – 18 Nov 2026

For applications made in Period I, TTFS coverage will begin in Semester 1. For applications made in Period II, TTFS coverage will begin in Semester 2.

6. When will the revised TTFS criteria and subsidy rates be implemented?

The revised criteria will apply from Academic Year 2026/2027, with the effective date aligned to each institution's academic year start date.

Institution		Effective Date*
a.	Polytechnics	AY2026/2027 Semester 1 (Apr 2026)
b.	ITE (TD and TED)	AY2026/2027 (Jan 2026 Term)
c.	BCA Academy (Diploma)	AY2026/2027 Semester 1 (Apr 2026)
d.	Autonomous Universities, LASALLE and NAFA	AY2026/2027 Semester 1 (Aug 2026)

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*For successful TTFS applicants from institutions where the start date of the Academic Year 2026 is earlier than 10 April 2026, your subsidy level will be automatically adjusted under the revised subsidy structure based on your prevailing household PCI. The adjusted subsidy level will take effect from the start date of the Academic Year.

7. I applied for TTFS prior to the announcement on 10 April 2026. Am I eligible for the revised subsidies?

For applicants commencing their tertiary education in 2026:

- If you are a BCA Academy, ITE or Polytechnic student and have applied for TTFS, your subsidy level will be automatically adjusted under the revised subsidy structure based on your prevailing household PCI.
- If you are a LASALLE, NAFA or autonomous university student, you may submit your application during the application window which begins in May.

For existing students receiving 100% TTFS subsidy, no further action is required on your end.

For existing students receiving 50% or 75% TTFS subsidy, if your current prevailing household PCI qualifies for a higher subsidy level, you may wish to submit a new application for re-assessment by MENDAKI. You will be notified within a month.

8. Where can prospective students find out more about the TTFS scheme and the application process?

Prospective students may apply for TTFS and get more information at <https://www.mendaki.org.sg/>.

9. Are there other forms of support from MENDAKI for students who do not qualify for TTFS?

Students who do not qualify for TTFS and require assistance with tertiary education expenses, may approach MENDAKI to explore available support, including scholarships, bursaries, study loans, and grants.

Visit <https://www.mendaki.org.sg/> for more information.