

Dear Enterprises,

[SSG Circular/RPD/2021/2]: EXTENSION OF FUNDING SUPPORT TO LONG TERM VISIT PASS PLUS (LTVP+) HOLDERS

With effect from 1 October 2021, training support for Continuing Education and Training (CET) will be extended to LTVP+ holders:

- i. Course fee subsidies for MOE/SSG-funded modular courses, which include stackable modular courses offered by the publicly-funded Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs), WSQ Statement of Attainment (SOA) and WSQ Assessment-Only Pathway (AOPs);
- ii. Course fee subsidies for SSG-funded WSQ qualifications and non-WSQ qualifications. LTVP+ holders are **not** eligible for subsidies for MOE-funded full qualification programmes offered by the IHLs¹;
- iii. Absentee payroll (AP) support to employers who send their LTVP+ employees for training in MOE/SSG-funded modular courses, as listed under (i) and SSG-funded WSQ qualifications and non-WSQ qualifications, as listed under (ii)
- iv. Enhanced Training Support for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) (ETSS) that send employees who are LTVP+ holders for training in MOE/SSG-funded modular courses, as listed under (i) and SSG-funded WSQ qualifications and non-WSQ qualifications, as listed under (ii); and
- v. Work-Study (WS) placement incentives for employers participating in Work-Study programmes and employ trainees who are LTVP+ holders.

2. LTVP+ holders will not be eligible for Career Conversion Programmes (CCPs) (which include both Professional Conversion Programmes (PCPs) and Rank-and-File programmes).

3. The LTVP+ scheme currently applies to lawful foreign spouses of Singapore Citizens (SCs) with (i) at least one SC child or are expecting one from the marriage, or at least three years of marriage, and (ii) where the SC sponsor is able to support the family. LTVP+ holders can be identified with their green visit pass cards, with the word 'PLUS' on the back of the card.

4. The training support for LTVP+ holders will apply to courses commencing on and after 1 October 2021, regardless of the course enrolment date¹.

¹ This refers to part-time and full-time MOE-funded full qualification programmes at the Institute of Technical Education (ITE), Polytechnics and Autonomous Universities. This includes *Higher Nitec* and *Nitec*, Diploma, Post-Diploma, Undergraduate Degree and Postgraduate Degree programmes.

5. Employers may approach the appointed training providers such as the Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs) and Continuing Education Training (CET) Centres to enrol their LTVP+ employees in approved training courses and enjoy training subsidies.
6. This Circular amends the SkillsFuture Singapore Agency Terms for Enterprises (“Terms for Enterprises”) to include the extension of funding support to the LTVP+ holders (see Annex A for amendments).
7. Should you require further assistance, please contact SSG at 6785 5785 or submit your enquiries via SSG's feedback portal at <https://portal.ssg-wsg.gov.sg/feedback>.

Thank you.

AMENDMENTS TO THE TERMS FOR ENTERPRISES

1. The definition of “Sponsored Employee” found in Clause 2.1 of the Terms for Enterprises shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:-

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| <p>“Sponsored Employee”</p> | <p>refers to an employee of yours who is a Singapore citizen, Singapore permanent resident or holder of a Long Term Visit Pass Plus issued by Singapore’s Immigration and Checkpoints Authority, and who attends / has attended, during the term of operation of this Contract, a Course Run (or part thereof), and on account of whom you are liable to pay fees for the Course Run, and who is not a full- time national serviceman.</p> <p>For the purposes of the reference to ‘employee’ above: -</p> <p>(a) A sole- proprietorship may be considered the employer of the sole- proprietor.</p> <p>(b) A partnership may be considered the employer of a partner within that partnership.</p> <p>(c) An organisation who engages an intern, where such internship is not part of the intern’s academic requirements in school, may be considered the employer of the intern.</p> <p>(d) Unless falling within the scenario / exception mentioned in (a), (b) or (c) above, an individual is considered an employee of a particular employer only if there exists (i) an employment contract between that individual and that particular employer, and (ii) that particular employer is liable to pay remuneration to that individual under the employment contract.</p> |
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