

The following FAQs are applicable for those pursuing part-time BTech Degree Programmes.

Ministry of Education Tuition Fee Subsidy

Who will qualify for the tuition fee subsidy?

The Ministry of Education (MOE) provides eligible Singaporeans and Singapore Permanent Residents (SPR) taking part-time undergraduate degree programmes in the local universities with a substantial tuition fee subsidy.

In addition to fulfilling the nationality criteria, applicants must also satisfy the following subsidy eligibility criteria in order to be considered for admission:

- Must not have previously received a government subsidy/sponsorship for a completed first degree; these include first degrees from NUS/NTU/SMU/SUTD/SIT/SUSS, or from an overseas university funded by government scholarship/bursary;
- Be at least 21 years old; and
- Must fulfill one of the following work experience criteria:
 - 2 years of full-time work experience; OR
 - fully discharged the NS liability; OR
 - currently employed on a full-time basis.

It should be noted that part-time employment will not be considered as “full-time work experience”. A part-time employee is one who works for less than 35 hours a week under a contract of service with an employer.

Exemption from the Age and Work Experience Criteria

- Students may be exempted from the age and work experience eligibility criteria if they are:
 - a) sponsored by their company for the part-time undergraduate degree programme; or
 - b) currently employed in a job role/sector related to the part-time undergraduate degree programme.
- Notwithstanding these exemptions, NS-liable students must have fully discharged their full-time NS liability before they can be admitted.
- Supporting documents(s) must be submitted, together with the admission application, for assessment. NUS reserves the right to determine if exemption would be granted, and the University's decision will be final and binding.

SkillsFuture Mid-Career Enhanced Subsidy

With this enhanced subsidy, Singaporean students aged 40 and above will pay tuition fees that are lower than the standard subsidised fees payable by other Singaporean students who are below 40 years old.

The availability of this enhanced subsidy is tied to the student's eligibility for the tuition fee subsidy in the first instance. Hence, a Singaporean student must be eligible for the tuition fee subsidy in order to be eligible for the enhanced subsidy.

What will the tuition fee subsidy cover?

The subsidy covers only the tuition fees for the minimum total number of modular credits (MCs) comprising each programme's degree requirements, and up to an additional 25 MCs to cater for failed/repeat modules, over the maximum candidature period of 6 years.

What about other fees, such as Admission Application Fee, Administrative Fee, Student Service Fee and Late Fee?

Only tuition fees for modules registered will be subsidised. All other fees – which include Admission Application Fee, Administrative Fee, Student Service Fee and Late Fee – will not be subsidised.

I was previously enrolled in a degree course in a local university and received partial Tuition Fee Subsidy. Will I still be eligible for Tuition Fee Subsidy in the current part-time degree studies?

If you were previously enrolled in a degree course in a local university and now offered admission to a part-time degree, you will need to make a full declaration when you do your registration online. Please request the following details from the university to accompany your declaration:

1. Name
2. NRIC
3. Programme enrolled
4. Date of admission
5. Date of withdrawal/dismissal/graduation
6. No. of modular units/credits required to graduate (inclusive of exemption upon admission)
7. No. of modular units/credits granted as exemption upon admission
8. No. of modular units/credits eligible to enjoy TFS at start of Programme (for Programme & buffer for failed and repeat modules)
9. No. of modular units/credits consumed so far (for Programme & buffer for failed and repeat modules)

I have completed a first degree/Master/PhD before with government subsidy. Can I still qualify for the tuition fee subsidy?

No, you will not be eligible for the subsidy as it is only meant for students who have not received government subsidy for a completed first degree or higher qualification before.

Is there any bond attached to the tuition fee subsidy?

There is no bond attached to the tuition fee subsidy.

I am sponsored by my company for my part-time degree studies. Can I have the tuition fee subsidy and also retain my company sponsorship? How will that affect my fees?

You can still enjoy the tuition fee subsidy if you are eligible. The total fee that you need to pay will then comprise the subsidised tuition fee and other fees (e.g. Administrative Fee and Student Service Fee) which are not subsidised. Depending on how your company sponsors your studies, it may pay for all or part of this total fee payable to NUS. The amount of sponsorship will be a matter between you and your company.

If I qualify for the tuition fee subsidy, does this affect my eligibility to apply for other forms of NUS Student Financial Aid (such as the Tuition Fee Loan and the NUS Study Loan)?

Yes, on top of the tuition fee subsidy provided by MOE, you can still receive other forms of NUS Student Financial Aid if you are eligible.