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Singapore - Destination For Education

Singapore envisages to becoming a "Global Schoolhouse" offering a diverse and distinctive mix of educational services in a safe, cosmopolitan and comfortable environment. Singapore is the premier education hub in Asia. Driven by excellence, Singapore education offers a broad base curriculum and global perspective to equip students with the relevant qualifications and trainings that serves as a springboard to a brighter future.

The island's strong reputation for quality education has drawn the World's Top Institutions to set up campuses in Singapore.

Unique is the word that best captures Singapore, a dynamic city rich in contrast and colour where you'll find a harmonious blend of culture, cuisine, arts and architecture. A bridge between the East and the West for centuries, Singapore is located in the heart of fascinating Southeast Asia, it continues to embrace tradition and modernity today.

Why Study in Singapore



• HUB OF EDUCATION EXCELLENCE

Singapore is a premier education hub which offers students an international perspective and diversity of options. In an environment that is inspiring and conducive to education. Singapore provides high quality teaching and research. From an internationally recognized public school system, to world class universities, Singapore ensures a comprehensive education environment. More than 16 leading foreign universities have also set up Centers of Excellence, in education and research, in Singapore. Quality private education organizations add further diversity to the nation's education landscape.

• AFFORDABLE QUALITY EDUCATION

Tuition fees are affordable and the cost of living in Singapore is still significantly lower than of many developed countries. With Singapore's tradition of meritocracy, talented students who need financial assistance can find the help they need in form of scholarships, bursaries and study loans.

• INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCESSIBILITY

Singapore is well connected via sea, air and telecommunication to all parts of the world. It is fairly close to India, encouraging students to visit home during every academic break.

• GLOBAL BUSSINESS HUB

Singapore is consistently acknowledged to be a global business hub with its developed infrastructure, political stability and open business policy.

More than 7000 Multinational Corporations (MNC) alongside 1,00,000 Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) have set up their base in Singapore, with many choosing Singapore as their regional hub and launch pad to dynamic markets of Asia. Singapore offers limitless career and networking possibilities to global citizens keen to apply their talents to the opportunities that can be found there.

• VIBRANT AND COSMOPOLITAN LIFESTYLE

Singapore may seem like a small dot on the world map, but the island state bustles all over with attractions and activities. The nation's rich multicultural heritage is highlighted through the various ethnic groups (Chinese, Malays, Indians, Eurasians) living together harmoniously. Singapore's high standard of living is also something that students can be assured of. Singapore's quality of life surpasses that of London or New York.

Quality

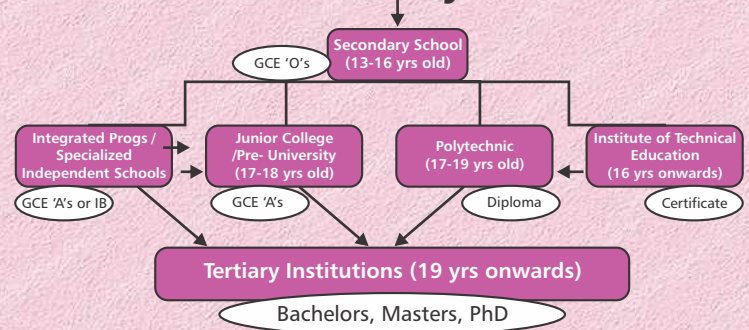
Singapore Education is a multi-government agency initiative launched by the Singapore Government in 2003 to establish and promote Singapore as a premier education hub and help international students make an informed decision on studying in Singapore. This initiative is led by the Singapore Economic Development Board and supported by the Singapore Tourism Board, SPRING Singapore, International Enterprise Singapore and the Ministry of Education.

Education Excellence Framework

To ensure that the private schools in Singapore safeguard students interests and welfare through high quality and regulatory standards, Singapore has put in place an Education Excellence Framework, consisting of two key initiatives:

- The EduTrust certification scheme is a voluntary certification scheme for private education institutions in Singapore administered by the Council for Private Education, a statutory board under the Ministry of Education. It will replace the CaseTrust for Education and the Singapore Quality Class for Private Educational Organisations (SQC for PEOs) schemes administered by the Consumers Association of Singapore (CASE) and SPRING Singapore respectively.
- The scheme provides a means for better private education institutions to differentiate themselves as having achieved higher standards in key areas of management and provision of educational services.
- While the EduTrust certification scheme is voluntary, it is one of the prerequisites which PEIs that enroll international students must meet to qualify for the issue of Student Passes, as stipulated by the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA). A PEI must be EduTrust-certified in order to enroll international students. The Council of Private Education (CPE) assesses and awards EduTrust to Private Education Institutions.
- Singapore Quality Class for Private Education Organisations (SQC_PEO) is administered by SPRING Singapore. The SQC_PEO scheme serves as the industry standard for organisation excellence in the Private Education sector.

Education System



PRE – TERTIARY EDUCATION

- **JUNIOR COLLEGES:** Indian students who have completed class 10 may apply for entry to a junior college for a two-year pre-university course, leading to the Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education 'Advanced' (GCE'A) level examination.
- **ALTERNATIVE CURRICULA AND QUALIFICATIONS:** Singapore has also a wide choice of International School that offer a curriculum such as International Baccalaureate (IB), which are also internationally recognised. Several students from India choose to study the IB curriculum in Singapore as the costs are not higher than in India.
- **POLYTECHNICS:** Singapore's Polytechnics offers broad - based training for students inclined towards practice-oriented studies at the diploma level, across a broad span of disciplines. Singapore polytechnics maintain close links with business and industry and offer students many opportunities for work and industrial attachments. The Polytechnics also offer an established academic pathway for students wishing to pursue higher studies, with advanced standing arrangements with many leading local and foreign Universities.

TERTIARY EDUCATION

- **PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES**
Singapore has three local universities offering Internationally recognised Undergraduate and Postgraduate degree programmes. They offer research and scholarship opportunities at the postgraduate level in various disciplines. It is difficult to get admission in the Public Universities.



INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

Singapore's vibrant education landscape has attracted many of the world's premier foreign universities to establish their presence in Singapore. These leading foreign universities have either set up a physical campus or have joint collaborations / programmes with local Universities.

PRIVATE EDUCATION ORGANISATIONS

In Singapore, a vibrant variety of private schools offer a broad range of programmes. There are private commercial, IT, Fine Arts, business, management and Language schools' in Singapore. The courses offered range from certificate to postgraduate levels. Through partnership with renowned international universities from various countries such as Australia, UK and USA, private schools offer students the opportunity to attain international certification in Singapore's comfortable and affordable environment. There are also foreign Specialised Institutes in Singapore that have either set up campuses here or have tie ups with the local polytechnics to offer cutting-edge programmes in niche areas.

TUITION FEES

(The annual fees for international students at the three local universities are in Singapore dollars)

COURSE TYPE	TUITION FEE PER YEAR (S\$)	DIRECT PAYMENT Tuition Fee Payable
Non-laboratory based	23,320 - 38,740	9540-18,500
Laboratory-based	23,320 - 36,550	9,930-11,370
All Polytechnics	15,000 - 18,000	3,150

COURSE LEVEL	APPROXIMATE FEES (S\$)
PG courses	15,000 to 40,000
UG courses	23,000 to 38,000
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE	21,000 to 42,000

(S\$ 1.00= ₹ 61.6 at the time of print)

Post Graduate Study In Singapore's Public University

GRADUATE DEGREES : There are three main types of challenging graduate programmes in the Public Universities : Doctoral (Ph.D.), Masters' and the Graduate diploma.

Doctoral : All doctoral programmes are primarily research based. Duration may range from 3 years to 5 years. Students can take admission for PhD course after the completion of their master's degree. PhD students need to submit a research proposal. Student need to appear for GRE/GMAT & TOEFL/IELTS exams for admission.

Masters : Master degree programmes are primarily designed to prepare students for practice of profession. The duration of graduate courses may range from one year to two years depending upon the university. The various Master degrees are MA, MS, MBA, MFA etc. Generally, an applicant must have at least a good Bachelor's degree and two years work experience. In addition, an applicant whose native language or medium of instruction for the Bachelors degree is not English must have a good TOEFL score or IELTS score. Applicants applying for admission in Engineering, Computer Science, Science should also preferably have good GRE scores. Those applying for business-related courses should have obtained either GRE or GMAT scores.

Graduate Diploma: Is offered as a terminal qualification and provides limited professional training in a specific niche. The Graduate diploma is often favoured by those students who seek additional exposure to an area of interest. It is a one year full time course of study for graduates.

Under Graduate Study In Singapore's Public University

BACHELORS DEGREE : Bachelor's degree programmes are offered in almost every subject ranging from the Pure Science, Economics to Engineering, Architecture and Business Management. Admission in the Public Universities are

competitive, primarily based on academic profile. International students interested in pursuing undergraduate studies in a Public University must have completed at least 12 years of General Education in order to be considered for admission. The duration of the bachelors course is 3 years to 4 years. Some of the programmes require SAT for Undergraduate programmes but this differs with each university. Submission of TOEFL and IELTS scores are optional. Application to undergraduate programmes is done online, there is no paper application form.

Study In Singapore's Private Institutes

GRADUATE DEGREES: The Private Institutes offers degrees in partnership with popular universities from countries such as United states, the United Kingdom and Australia. These universities confer the degree and certification. Hence, private institutes provide students with the opportunity to attain qualifications from these foreign universities whilst studying in Singapore's affordable and comfortable environment. For Postgraduate studies in Private Institutes admission requirements vary from programme to programme. The duration for Master in private institutes may range from 12 months to 16 months. GMAT, GRE Scores are not compulsory for admission.



BACHELORS DEGREE : Private Institutes offer Bachelors degree programmes in almost every subject. The duration of the Bachelors course is 3 years to 4 years. The admission requirements vary from programme to programme. The SAT, TOEFL and IELTS are not compulsory for admission. The students completed their 12th or 11th Std. or equivalent to Singapore A level can apply for the bachelor degree in Private institutes.

Diploma In Government Polytechnics In Singapore

Polytechnics education is a popular route in Singapore for student inclined towards practise-oriented studies at the diploma level. They offer a wide range of courses such as Engineering, Business Studies, Mass Communication, Design and Info-Communications. Specialised courses such as Optometry, Marine Engineering, Nautical Studies, Nursing, Early Childhood Education and Film are also available for those who wish to forge a specific career path. All courses are conducted in the English medium and follow a Credit Accumulation Modular System that allows students to pursue and complete their courses at their own pace. Under the system, students will take a prescribed set of modules and accumulate credit units for those modules they have passed. Modules are assessed immediately upon completion of the required academic work in a semester.

It takes 3 years to complete a full-time diploma course. Students that have completed class 10 or 12 in India, are eligible for polytechnic courses.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)

The International Baccalaureate diploma is a well balanced programme steering a middle course between narrow, highly specialised programmes such as the GCE A levels and those which require study in many subjects to the detriment of depth of inquiry. The IB diploma is accepted as a university entrance qualification around the world and is particularly welcomed by prestigious institutions like Cambridge and Oxford in the UK or Harvard and Princeton in US. Many universities offer advanced placement or course credit to students with strong IB results. All of Singapore's universities accept the IB diploma as an entrance qualification. The international students who have successfully completed secondary education or education level equivalent Singapore secondary education in their home countries can apply. Applicants for admission must take a Placement Test or interviewed for eligibility.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Student who have completed class 10 or 12 in India, are eligible for polytechnic courses. Class 12 student are eligible to apply for undergraduate programmes at local universities. For undergraduate programmes admission is as per the entry requirements for each programme. The criteria for entry for Singapore's public institutes are generally quite high and competitive. International students can also apply to Private Education Organisations (PEOs), which offer courses from Certificate to Postgraduate levels. PEOs conduct their own admission and applicants should check the application procedure with the PEO directly or seek advice from Certified Singapore Education Specialists.

INTAKE

The main intake for the Government University is Aug and few courses have Jan intake. The Polytechnics have April / September intake, and the Private Education Organisation have multiple intakes (Jan/Feb/July/Aug/Sep/Oct/etc.)

ACCOMMODATION

There is wide variety of accommodation in Singapore to suit different budgets and needs. Student should make arrangements before their arrival. Temporary accommodation can be arranged giving student more time to settle. Student can seek the help of the International Student Officer available at most institutes. Some of the housing options available include residence halls, private hostels, homestays, public and private apartments/ house.

LIVING EXPENSES

Singapore offers a high, yet affordable, quality of life. The cost of living in Singapore is significantly lower than that of developed countries such as Australia, UK and USA. An international student in Singapore spends on average about SGD 800 to SGD 3,000 a month on living expenses, including accommodation, utilities, food, transport, clothing, telecommunications, books, medical and personal expenses (These estimates serve as reference only).

VISA

All International Students interested to study in Singapore need a Student Pass that can be obtained through the Singapore consulate on evidence of confirmed enrollment in an academic programme and evidence of funds in bank to support the student through the period of education. The Student's visa process is done by the Institutions. The normal processing time for a new application is about 4 weeks (2 weeks for institutions with EduTrust (PEO) status). However, some applications may take a longer time to process. The local Sponsor and education institution will be notified of the outcome of the application by post. To live and work in Singapore, foreign nationals must have a work permit or an employment pass.

SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Ministry of Education (MOE) provides tuition grants to student enrolled at local universities and polytechnics. International students who avail of the tuition grants are required to work for three years upon graduation, either in a Singapore-registered company or institute overseas.

Numerous financial assistance schemes are available to students.

Tuition fee loan schemes: Provides a loan of up to 90 per cent of the subsidised tuition fees payable for university students and up to 75 per cent of the subsidised tuition fees payable for polytechnic students.

Bursaries: Awarded based on financial need and usually do not exceed SGD 1,500 per year.

Study Loans: Usually payable upon graduation at favourable interest rates. Some institutes offer loan for other expenses, such as computers.

Scholarships: A number of scholarship are open to international students. Selection is usually based on academic merit, leadership and co-curricular records. Scholarships available to Indian students include the SIA-NOL Scholarship and Youth Scholarship.

WORKING IN SINGAPORE

International students enrolled in Singapore's public universities and polytechnics as well as Few PEI's allows foreign institutes of higher learning are allowed to work part-time upto 16 hours per week during school term. They need to obtain prior permission from the Student Liaison/Affairs Office of their respective institute. They can work full-time during vacations. International student's who graduate from Institutions in Singapore enjoy a choice of career options, with great demand for qualified individuals in talent-hungry Singapore. In Singapore, exciting jobs can be found in Media, Hospitality, Hotel and Catering, Information Technology, Design, Banking, Engineering, Nursing, Telecommunications, Marketing, Healthcare and many more. Not surprisingly, students can use their Singapore education as a springboard to a great career both in and outside Singapore.



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