

## Frequently Asked Questions on Adult Learner Scheme for Full-Time Undergraduate Programmes

### Understanding Adult Learner Scheme

#### 1. What is Adult Learner Scheme (ALS)?

The Adult Learners Scheme (ALS) is an alternative admission pathway for adult learners seeking to pursue their first bachelor's degree as a full-time undergraduate student at SUSS. As SUSS adopts a holistic admissions approach, this scheme will also evaluate our applicants not only on their academic achievements but also on their professional background, pursuits, accomplishments and individual strengths.

### Applying for Admissions

#### 2. What are the Adult Learner Scheme criteria?

Aside from meeting the admissions criteria<sup>1</sup>, applicants applying under the ALS must fulfill the following criteria:

- A Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident; and
- At least 25 years old in the year of matriculation; or
- Possess at least 4 years of full-time working experience<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Consideration will be given to the applicant's working experience and the relevance of the working experience to the chosen course of study.

<sup>2</sup> Includes National Service (for male applicants).

#### 3. How to apply for the Adult Learner Scheme in SUSS?

You will apply for the ALS through the same application process as other applicants. An e-application is to be submitted via the Application Portal during a specific application period. The Admissions Committee will review the applications, and shortlisted applicants may undergo up to three-stage selection assessments. Non-refundable application fee applies.

You can refer to the Admissions Calendar via this [link](#) for the respective admissions activity and timeline. You may also check the application status [here](#).

#### 4. Does ALS apply to part-time undergraduate programmes?

No, the ALS does not apply to part-time undergraduate programmes. The ALS is only applicable for students enrolled in a full-time undergraduate programme.

**5. If I am not yet 25 years old but already possess 4 years of working experience including National Service, may I apply under ALS?**

Yes, you may apply under ALS if you possess 4 years of working experience including National Service even though you are below 25 years of age in the year of matriculation. The 4 years of working experience fulfils the conditions to be admitted under the ALS.

**6. My diploma qualification was attained more than 10 years ago; can I still apply? Will I be granted credit recognition?**

You are eligible to apply for ALS with a full-time diploma qualification from Nanyang Polytechnic, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Republic Polytechnic, Singapore Polytechnic or Temasek Polytechnic.

Advanced diplomas / specialist diplomas / conversion diploma / part-time diploma / CET diploma / certificate courses will not be considered for the purpose of full-time undergraduate programme admission.

You may not be eligible to receive credit recognition as credit exemption is granted to students who have completed their polytechnic diploma within the preceding 5 years from the date of admission into SUSS. You may refer to this [link](#) for more information on credit recognition.

**7. Can I apply for ALS with International Qualifications?**

You can apply for application under the ALS with International Qualifications. You may view the list of acceptable International Qualifications [here](#).

**8. Will I be able to enjoy any government subsidy if I am enrolled under ALS?**

Yes, Singapore Citizen enrolled under the ALS will automatically enjoy subsidised tuition fees after matriculating into the full-time undergraduate programme, if you are eligible for Tuition Grant from the Ministry of Education (MOE).

Singapore Permanent Resident students are required to sign a Tuition Grant Agreement if you choose to opt for the Tuition Grant Scheme. Upon graduation, you must work full-time for 3 years in a Singapore entity.

## **Tuition Fees and Financial Matters**

### **9. How much is the tuition fee?**

You can refer to this [link](#) for more information on tuition fees. Do note that all fees are reviewed annually and may undergo revision.

### **10. Can I use Skillsfuture Credit and if yes, how do I apply?**

Yes, you may consider using your Skillsfuture Credit to offset part of the tuition fees.

Applicants who are Singaporeans aged 40 years and above can also apply for SkillsFuture Mid-Career Training Allowance when enrolled in a full-time long-form programme. This allowance will be based on 50% of one's average income over the latest available 12-month period, capped at S\$3,000 a month, for up to 24 months over an individual's lifetime.

You can refer to this [link](#) for more information on the various Skillsfuture Credit schemes and how to apply.

### **11. Can ALS students apply for additional financial aid?**

Yes, you may consider applying for the various financial aid schemes available. You may refer to the financial aid schemes via this [link](#) and scholarships via this [link](#).

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