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THE WORKFARE SKILLS SUPPORT ('WSS')

The Workfare Skills Support ('**WSS**') scheme will be enhanced with the introduction of WSS (Level Up). This new component provides eligible workers with financial support for longer-term and more substantial reskilling and up-skilling, to improve their job opportunities. Supported training includes Nitec, Diploma and Undergraduate programmes, as well as SkillsFuture Career Transition Programme courses. Applications open on 9 February 2026 for training which starts from 1 March 2026.

The scheme supports lower-wage workers, aged 30 and above, who are earning up to \$3,000 per month. Eligible self-sponsored trainees pursuing longer-term training can benefit from higher training allowances, up to \$18,000 annually for full-time training and \$3,600 annually for part-time training.

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Please see hereinbelow the full list of SkillsFuture Career Transition Programme courses:

	[NEW] WSS (Level-up)		[EXISTING] WSS (Basic)
Type of Training	For individuals who take time off work to pursue full-time long-form training	For employed individuals who take up part-time, long-form training	For employed individuals who attend short courses
Training Allowance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 50% of average income over the latest available 12-month period (with minimum of \$300 per month) Up to \$18,000 per year 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> \$300 per month Up to \$3,600 per year 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> \$6 / hour Up to \$1,080 per year (capped at 180 training hours per year)
Supported Courses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Full qualifications by Institutes of Higher Learning SkillsFuture Career Transition Programme courses 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Full qualifications by Institutes of Higher Learning Part-time micro-credentials that stack to Institutes of Higher Learning Full qualifications SkillsFuture Career Transition Programme Courses 	All other SkillsFuture Singapore funded Singapore Workforce Skills Qualification courses (e.g. courses that meet Progressive Wage Model requirements and Workplace Literacy and Numeracy courses)

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Under WSS (Level-Up), eligible trainees may receive support for multiple stints of long-form training, up to twenty-four (24) months before age 40, and a further twenty-four (24) months from the age of 40. The existing eligibility criteria for WSS (Basic) will continue to apply for WSS (Level-Up). The full eligibility criteria in Annex A is attached herein.

Should you have any queries as to how this update may affect you or your organisation or require further information, please do not hesitate to email us.



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