

COE bidding 18 November 2026: Cat A at S$139,001 is the number to beat as the exercise closes at 4pm

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The COE bidding 18 November 2026 exercise closes at 4pm today, and the results are not out yet. This is a preview, so every premium below comes from the exercise that ended on 4 November. Category A set a record S$139,001 that day, which makes this second round the one to watch.

What the 4 November results set as the baseline

Figures are from LTA data on data.gov.sg. Category A premiums rose S$6,997 from S$132,004 on 21 October, with 2,018 bids chasing 1,189 COEs. Category B barely moved.

- Category A (smaller cars): S$139,001, quota 1,189, bids 2,018
- Category B (bigger cars): S$132,334, quota 959, bids 1,161
- Category C (goods vehicles and buses): S$92,000, quota 315
- Category D (motorcycles): S$10,689, quota 509
- Category E (open): S$135,998, quota 287, bids 506

Category A now sits S$6,667 above Category B. That is the widest gap in the recent run, and it flips the old logic that bigger cars cost more to entitle.



Source: BYD Singapore

What OneMotoring shows this morning

At 07:15 on 18 November, OneMotoring listed quotas of 1,193 for Category A, 951 for Category B, 314 for Category C, 506 for Category D and 266 for Category E. Bids received so far were tiny: 6 for Category A, 11 for Category B and 2 for Category E. Do not read anything into that, because most bids land in the final hour before 4pm.

The quota for Category A is almost identical to 4 Novemberâ??s, so supply is not about to ease. LTA set the total quota for November 2026 to January 2027 at 19,298, about 1.1 per cent above the

previous quarter. Bids are the variable, and Category A bids jumped from 1,574 on 21 October to 2,018 on 4 November.

How to read the COE bidding 18 November 2026 result when it lands

Results are posted on OneMotoring after the exercise closes. These are the markers worth checking.

1. Category A against S$139,001. A dip would suggest the record was a spike. Another rise would put S$140,000 in view.
2. The A and B gap. If Category A stays above Category B, it will be the second straight exercise where the smaller-car category costs more.
3. Bids per COE. Category A drew about 1.7 bids per COE on 4 November, so a softer ratio would hint at easing demand.
4. Category E. At S$135,998 it tracks close to the car categories, because many buyers bid there too.

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Why Category A matters for small and electric cars

Category A covers cars up to 1,600cc and 97kW, and electric cars up to 110kW. That is where small hatchbacks such as the BYD Atto 1 pictured above land. Larger, more powerful models, such as the BYD Atto 3, are Category B.



Source: BYD Singapore

Bid deposits are S$10,000 for Categories A, B, C and E, and S$1,500 for Category D. Dealers with a guaranteed COE package absorb the swing for you, while buyers bidding on their own carry it. If you are weighing a guaranteed price against bidding yourself, our BYD Atto 1 launch report shows how one dealer priced it.

PQP for renewals: lower than the latest bids

If you are renewing rather than buying, the number that counts is the Prevailing Quota Premium (PQP), the moving average of premiums over the last three months of bidding. LTA lists the November 2026 PQP as S$129,883 for Category A, S$131,819 for Category B, S$91,814 for Category C and S$11,392

for Category D. A five-year renewal costs 50 per cent of PQP, so S$64,942 for Category A and S$65,910 for Category B. A ten-year renewal costs the full PQP.

The record 4 November premium now feeds the moving average, so expect PQP to creep up in coming months. That is my own read of how the formula works, not an LTA forecast. Check OneMotoring for the live figure before you decide.

Bigger changes may be coming to Categories A and B

LTA ran a public consultation from 8 October to 2 November 2026 on merging Categories A and B into one pool, with rebates for lower-value cars and surcharges for higher-value ones. The aim is not to raise or lower COE prices overall. LTA plans to share findings and recommendations in the first half of 2027, so nothing changes for todayâ??s bidding. Our earlier explainer on the merger proposal covers the feebate idea in detail.

Key dates

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- Today, Wednesday 18 November 2026: bidding closes at 4pm
- Results: published on OneMotoring after the close
- Next exercise: the first December round, expected to open on Monday 7 December 2026 at 12pm

The 7 December date follows from LTAâ??s rule of exercises on the first and third Monday, with a three-week gap after this round. For last monthâ??s pattern, see our 21 October COE results. We will update when the official numbers land.

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