

ITE Work-Study Diploma 2027 intake: apply by 26 February 2027

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The ITE Work-Study Diploma 2027 intake is open now, and applications close at 6pm on Friday 26 February 2027. The pitch is a diploma where you are employed from day one, spending 70 to 80 per cent of the 2.5 years on the job and the rest at ITE. If you have a Nitec or Higher Nitec and would rather earn while you learn, this is the route to check.



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ITE Work-Study Diploma 2027 intake: dates and who can apply

Online applications opened on 2 November 2026 at 9am. ITE graduates and working adults go through different eligibility rules.

- Fresh or in-employment ITE graduates: a Singapore Citizen, PR or LTVP+ holder with a relevant Nitec at GPA 2.0 or better, or a relevant Higher Nitec.
- In-service workers nominated by their employer: the same residency status, aged 18 and above, with at least 2 years of full-time relevant work experience, an equivalent qualification such as

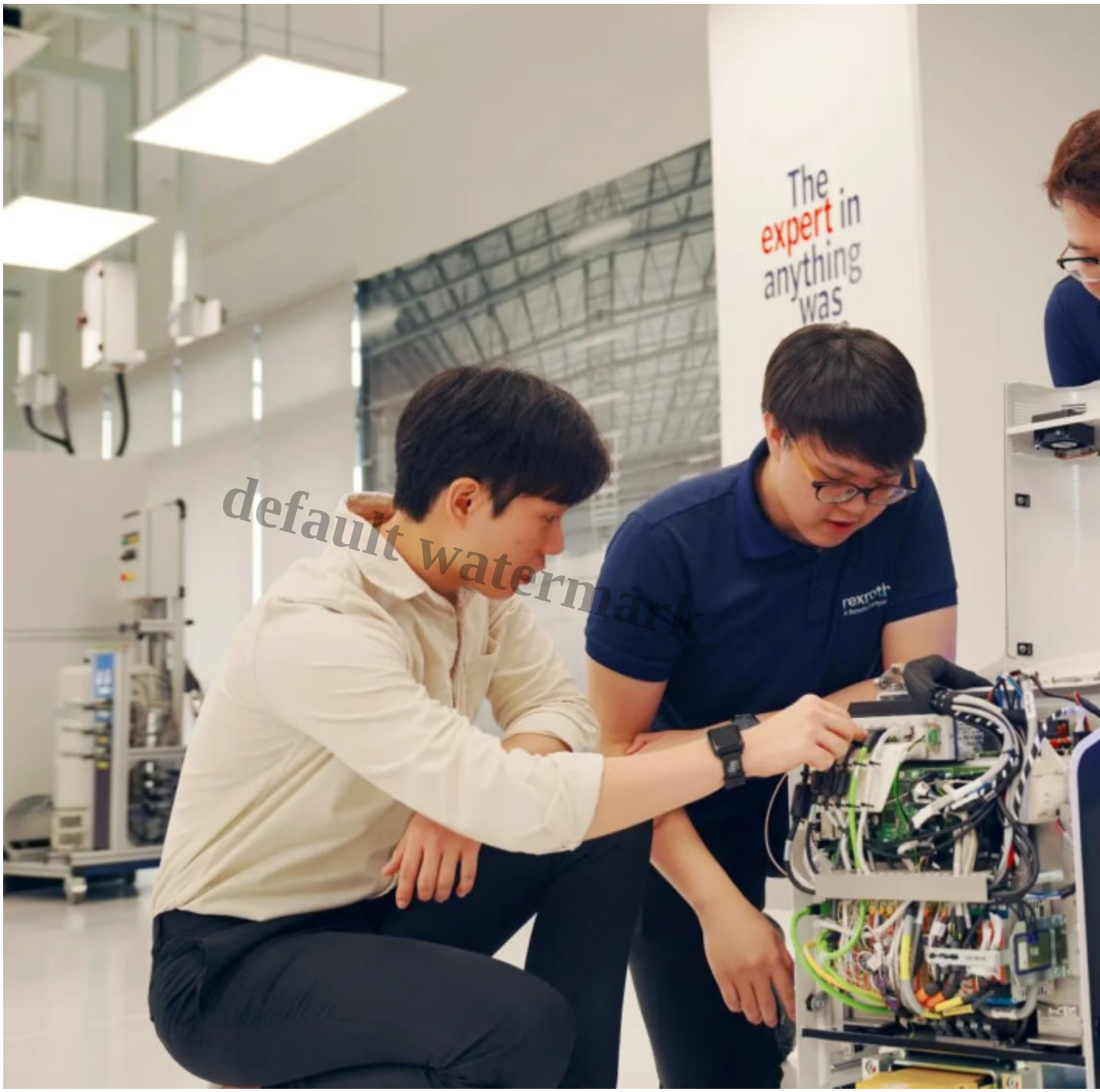
WPLN Level 5 and above, and strong employer endorsement.
- NS-liable males: check your deferment eligibility with the Central Manpower Base, as only those eligible for NS deferment can be enrolled.

How the work-study model runs

The programme is apprenticeship-based, so you need an employer on board. ITEâ??s earlier release says ITE graduates must pass company screening and an interview before they are enrolled. Trainees are employed while they study, which is the main draw over a full-time course.

ITE does not state pay on its application page, so ask each employer about salary and any sponsorship at the interview. Course fees are not stated either.

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How to apply, step by step

ITE lists a three-part process on its application page. Steps four and five appear only as graphics, so check the page for those.

- Apply through the ITE iStudent Portal at for.edu.sg/apply-wsdip2027.
- Register on the WSDip Connect Portal at wsdip.ite.edu.sg.

- Book a session with ITEâ??s Education and Career Coaches, who can help you pick a pathway, polish your resume and prepare for employer interviews.

How big is the programme?

It has grown fast. ITE says it ran four courses when the programme began in 2018, and it planned 46 courses from April 2026, with about 1,700 trainees expected in 2026 compared with just over 100 in 2018. The Class of 2025 saw 892 graduates from 40 courses. Those are the latest figures ITE has published, and the full 2027 course list sits on its website.

If you prefer to study full-time first, the Technical Diploma runs on a similar timetable; we covered it in our ITE Technical Diploma 2027 intake guide, with applications until 29 January 2027. Diploma students should also read about the ITE Progression Award, which puts S$5,000 into your PSEA and S$10,000 into your CPF.

Work-study or full-time: which suits you?

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Both routes need a Nitec or Higher Nitec, and both are open for 2027 now. The difference is who pays your way and where you spend your week.

- Work-Study Diploma: employed throughout, 2.5 years, with 70 to 80 per cent of the time on the job and 20 to 30 per cent at ITE. Apply by 26 February 2027.
- Technical Diploma: full-time at ITE, 2 or 2.5 years depending on the course. Apply by 29 January 2027.
- Not sure yet: book a session with an Education and Career Coach before you commit to either.

One practical point for working adults: your employer has to nominate you and back the application, so raise it with your boss early. For fresh graduates, a polished resume matters, because ITE says you will go through company screening and an interview. Start reading the course listing now and shortlist two or three diplomas, so you are not choosing in a rush in February.

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