



SkillsFuture Mid-Career Enhanced Subsidy: How Singaporeans 40+ Get Up To 90% Off Course Fees

Description

Turning 40 in Singapore now comes with a genuinely useful upside. The **SkillsFuture Mid-Career Enhanced Subsidy** gives Singapore Citizens aged 40 and above up to 90% off course fees for SSG-supported training, and at least 90% off MOE-subsidised full-time and part-time programmes from Nitec all the way to postgraduate level. If a career switch or a serious upskilling push has been sitting on your someday list, this is the scheme that makes the fees stop being the excuse.

The subsidy exists because mid-career workers tend to face a specific problem: they have the motivation to reskill but not always the disposable income or time to justify a full-price course. SkillsFuture's answer is to stack an enhanced subsidy on top of the base course fee support everyone already gets.

How Much You Actually Pay

For courses run by SSG-appointed CET Centres, the enhanced subsidy covers up to 90% of course fees. A \$1,000 course, for example, would come down to around \$100 out of pocket. Certifiable-skills training courses see a slightly lower subsidy rate of up to 70%, which still brings a \$1,000 course down to about \$300.

- SSG-supported courses at CET Centres: up to 90% off
- Certifiable-skills training courses: up to 70% off
- MOE-subsidised full-time and part-time programmes: at least 90% off
- Eligible institutions: Autonomous Universities, Polytechnics, ITE, LASALLE, NAFA and NIEC

For full-time or part-time study at an Autonomous University, Polytechnic or ITE, the same 90% floor applies, though only selected postgraduate coursework programmes qualify. If you already have a specific programme in mind, it is worth confirming directly with the institution that it is MOE-subsidised before assuming the enhanced rate applies.

Who Actually Qualifies

Eligibility is limited to Singapore Citizens aged 40 and above, and there is one extra condition that trips people up: you must already qualify for the standard MOE or SSG base course fee subsidy before the enhanced rate kicks in. In practice, most Singaporeans training at a recognised provider will meet this, but it is not automatic for every course type or every training partner.



Source: SkillsFuture Singapore

There is no separate form to fill up. The subsidy applies automatically once you register for an eligible course through an approved training provider, and the discount shows up directly on your course fee invoice rather than as a rebate to claim later.

Why This Matters More in 2026

Workforce Singapore and SkillsFuture Singapore are set to merge into a new statutory board jointly overseen by the Ministry of Manpower and Ministry of Education, part of a broader push to make workforce and skills support feel less fragmented. For someone weighing a mid-career switch right now, the practical takeaway is simpler than the policy detail: check if you are 40 or older, check the course qualifies, and the fee subsidy should already be baked in when the invoice arrives.

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