

FAQ for International Students (updated 24 Jul 2024)

Financial

1. What type of tuition grant am I eligible for?

The Tuition Grant is a grant provided by the Government of Singapore to help students manage the costs of full-time tertiary education in Singapore up to a maximum of ten (10) semesters.

International students who choose to take up Tuition Grant are required to sign a Tuition Grant Agreement by which the students will be contractually obliged to work in a Singapore entity for a minimum period of three (3) years upon graduation.

Please refer to <https://www.rp.edu.sg/financial-matters/moe-tuition-grant>

2. Am I eligible for a tuition loan, and how do I apply for a student loan? Is there any financial scheme for International Students?

International students can apply for Tuition Fee Loan. Please refer to <https://www.rp.edu.sg/financial-assistance/financial-assistance> for more information.

3. Am I eligible for any scholarships?

Please refer to <https://www.rp.edu.sg/student-support/scholarships-awards> for more information on scholarships.

4. Can I pay the full tuition fees without any tuition grant?

For full tuition fee payment, please e-mail to help-schoolfee@rp.edu.sg for assistance.

5. When will the tuition grant be released to the full-time students?

The tuition grant will be automatically deducted from the invoice amount (billed once a Semester). This will be reflected on the invoice that you will receive via e-mail.

6. If I become a PR, will I get a refund of my fees?

International students converting to Permanent Residency: International students who had previously indicated that they did not wish to apply for a Tuition Grant, or who were unsuccessful in doing so, may choose to submit a Tuition Grant application to their institution upon their conversion. If successful, you will receive a pro-rated Tuition Grant for the remainder of your studies (i.e. the Tuition Grant will not be backdated to apply to fees that were paid prior to conversion).

However, the bond obligation will remain unchanged at 3 years. International students who have already taken up a Tuition Grant will continue to enjoy Tuition Grant upon conversion to Permanent Residency. You will need to inform your institution of your conversion immediately so that you may be given a Tier B Tuition Grant (instead of the Tier C Tuition Grant received previously). The bond obligation will remain unchanged at 3 years.

Please refer to [Tuition Grant Scheme | MOE](#) for more information.

7. If I become a Singapore Citizen, do I still need to serve the three-year bond?

Permanent Residents converting to Singapore Citizenship: Permanent Residents who convert to Singapore Citizenship should inform their institution upon their conversion. You will continue to enjoy Tuition Grant if you already do, and will automatically be accorded a pro-rated Tuition Grant if you had earlier chosen not to take it up, subject to meeting eligibility criteria. The Tuition Grant amount will also be changed from Tier B to Tier A, and there will be no need to serve the bond obligation.

8. How to sign on to my TGOnline account?

You may login to your TGOnline account at [Tuition Grant applicants & recipients - Tuition Grant & Scholarships \(moe.gov.sg\)](#)

9. Can I work Part-Time during my course of study at RP?

Any part-time work must be done outside of school hours and co-curricular activities, and it must not affect your academic performance. You should not engage in controversial activities that are detrimental to the interest of Singapore and RP.

During School Term, all part-time work done should not exceed 16 hours per week. For more information, please refer to the Ministry of Manpower website at <https://www.mom.gov.sg/passes-and-permits/work-pass-exemption-for-foreign-students>

Student Pass

1. Can I study in RP if I have a dependent's pass?

Yes. If you hold a valid Long-Term Visit Pass (LTVP), Dependant's Pass (DP) or Immigration Exemption Order (IEO), you are not required to obtain a Student's Pass to pursue full-time, non-religious related studies in Singapore. You may enroll in any full-time, non-religious course within the duration of your existing pass. However, you will need to get a Letter of Consent from MOM prior to starting your internship.

2. How do I convert my dependent's pass to a student's pass?

If your existing dependent's pass expires or is cancelled during the duration of your studies, you will need to submit an application for a Student's Pass to continue your studies.

After you have received a letter of offer for admission issued by RP, please submit an online application via the [Immigration & Checkpoint Authority website](#) for an in-principle approval of a Student's Pass.

3. What should I do if I lose my Student Pass?

Upon loss of your Student Pass, please make a police report at <https://eservices.police.gov.sg/content/policehubhome/homepage/police-report.html> as soon as possible.

4. Can I stay in Singapore after my Student Pass expires? How long can I stay in Singapore after my Student Pass expires?

You will be eligible to apply for a Long-Term Visit Pass if you are a graduate from an Institute of Higher Learning seeking employment in Singapore. Please visit <https://www.ica.gov.sg/reside/LTVP/apply/graduate-from-an-institute-of-higher-learning-seeking-employment-in-singapore> for more information.

5. Can I use my Parent's Central Provident Fund (CPF) to pay for my tuition fees?

Please e-mail help-schoolfee@rp.edu.sg for assistance.

Accommodation & Other Matters

1. Are the accommodations in school? Dormitory on campus?

Yes, there is. First Year Students may apply for accommodation at Campus Heights (subject to availability) located within RP premises. You may e-mail help-hostel@rp.edu.sg for more information. However, if you do not wish to stay at Campus Heights, you may wish to self-source for your own accommodation needs.

2. How to apply for student concession pass?

For students who are applying for the EZ-Link Card during RP's enrolment exercise, the One-Stop Centre will assist in the distribution of the EZ-Link Card to students. If you need further assistance, please contact the One-Stop Centre.

If you miss this application period, you may apply directly via the [TransitLink](#) website. You can also visit the [TransitLink](#) website for more information.

3. Do I need a local representative to study in Singapore?

Your parent/guardian will need to appoint a Local Representative, residing in Singapore, who will have the authority to authorise or refuse consent for the surgery or other medical procedure or treatment on your behalf. This Local Representative should be informed of his/her role and be contactable by you and/or RP when required.

4. If I am unable to secure a job after graduation, what should I do?

If you have been diligently looking for a job but were unable to secure one before the expiry of your Long Term Visit Pass (LTVP), please complete the [TG Enquiry Form](#) and attach:

- Front and back copies of your LTVP
- Documentary proof of your job search efforts (for example, job applications, interviews attended or rejection letters)

You will be contacted to discuss your employment plans and MOE may issue you a letter of support to facilitate the extension of your stay in Singapore.