

# Information For International Students

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Temasek Polytechnic provides our international students with an excellent academic experience that has a strong practical orientation that gets you ready for industry. You will thrive in our caring environment, while enjoying a comprehensive range of state-of-the-art academic and co-curricular facilities.

Our International Students Office coordinates the recruitment of international students and organises immersion and cultural programmes to facilitate your smooth transition to life in Singapore and at TP. We endeavour to enhance your learning experience by creating a “home away from home” and offer a series of services to help you adapt and adjust to life in Singapore. Our ESP approach aims to meet your Emotional, Social and Practical needs throughout your experience as a member of the TP Family.

The Temasek Polytechnic International Student interest group provides a platform for social and cross-cultural experiences for international and local students. It holds regular activities and events to promote cross-cultural awareness and friendship, providing you with opportunities to share your rich cultural background with others through food, songs and dances, fashion shows and exhibitions. In addition, an International Student Friendship Family Programme provides opportunities for you to experience Singaporean hospitality and the culture and life in Singapore. Temasek Polytechnic was awarded the Singapore Tourism Board (STB) inaugural Singapore Education Awards for “Best Host for International Students Studying in Singapore” in March 2007. TP was judged to be the best in both its contribution to the well-being of international students

and provision of an inviting, intellectually stimulating environment for learning and integration into the local community. We are certainly proud of the award and the support of our local and senior international students in welcoming our International Freshmen.

## Minimum Entry Requirement

The minimum requirement for admission into a three-year diploma programme is a College or High School Certificate, equivalent to the Singapore-GCE O level certificate. The list of acceptable international qualifications is as follows:



## List of Acceptable Qualifications

Please provide certified true copies of your certificates with detailed results (in English).

Country	Qualification
Australia	High School Certificate or Senior Certificate (year 12)
Bangladesh (+)	Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) / Intermediate Certificate issued by The Board Of Intermediate & Secondary Education.
Brunei	GCE O Level
China (+)	GAO KAO - National College Entrance Examination. HUI KAO - Senior High School Graduation Certificate.
Others	Equivalent to the United Kingdom GCE O Level Examinations.
Others (English)	A College or High School Certificate
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Certificate of Education (HKCEE)with English Language (Syllabus B)
India	<p>Secondary School Certificate (Year 10) obtained from the following examination boards :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (ICSE)</li> <li>• The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)</li> <li>• Maharashtra State Board</li> <li>• Kerala Board</li> <li>• Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary School Leaving Certificate Examination</li> <li>• Board of Anglo-Indian School Leaving Certificate Examination, Tamil Nadu</li> <li>• Board of Matriculation, Tamil Nadu</li> </ul> <p>Otherwise, the Senior Secondary School Certificate (Year 12) is required.</p>
Indonesia (+)	SMA/SMU Ebtanas certificate, including your school results.
Malaysia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unified Examination Certificate (UEC) - must complete the senior middle section.</li> <li>• Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM)</li> </ul> <p>Applicants must have a minimum of grade 6 for their Bahasa Inggeris (Paper 122/Paper 322) / Communication English</p>

Country	Qualification
Mauritius	Cambridge Overseas School Certificate (University of Cambridge local examination syndicate) or GCE O Level (Associated Examining Board, University Of London School Examination Board And University Of Oxford Delegacy Of Local Examinations)
Myanmar (+)	Basic Education High School Certificate
Nepal (+)	Proficiency Certificate (previously known as the Intermediate Examination)
Pakistan (+)	Intermediate/Higher Secondary School Certificate issued by The Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education
Philippines	High School Diploma With NSAT
Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka GCE O Level Examination
Vietnam (+)	Certified True Copy of Pho Thong (commonly known as 'Bang Tu Tai'/ Baccalaureate) Certificate

Applicants from the countries marked with (+) are required to produce photocopies of **one** of the following English tests.

- i) **GCSE** - General Certificate of Secondary Education English Language with a minimum grade of C.
- ii) **IELTS** - International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with a minimum score of band 5.0.
- iii) **TOEFL** - Test of English as a Foreign Language with a minimum score of 500 (Paper- based)/173 (Computer-based). Please request Educational Testing Service (ETS) to send a copy of your TOEFL score report directly to Temasek Polytechnic. Our institutional code is 8176.

*Note: These English tests must be taken within two years from the date of application.*

## Application for Admission and Fees

Please refer to the sections on Admission and Requirements and Tuition Fee Information for details. The International Students application form is available online at [www.tp.edu.sg/home/admissions/is.htm](http://www.tp.edu.sg/home/admissions/is.htm) (available two weeks before the application period) or write to:

International Students Office  
International Relations & Industry Services  
Department  
Temasek Polytechnic  
21 Tampines Avenue 1  
Singapore 529757

### Tuition Fee and Tuition Grant Scheme

International students on the three-year diploma programmes enjoy a subsidised tuition fee when you apply for a tuition grant from the Singapore Government. Eligibility is based on your academic performance. The subsidised tuition fee for Academic Year 2008/2009 is about \$3,150.00 (all fees are in Singapore dollars and subject to changes). The fees are payable in two semesters, at the start of each semester. You will need to sign a Tuition Grant (TG) Agreement with the Singapore Government in return for the benefit of a subsidised education. You will be bonded to work in Singapore for three years upon completion of your course. Two sureties are required for executing the TG Agreement.

Sureties can be of any nationality but must be above 21 years of age and must not be bankrupts. Your sureties can sign the TG Agreement in your country, in the presence of a notary public. Students who do not take up the tuition grant will have to pay the full-fee.

### Other Fees

Besides the tuition fee, other fees of \$163.50 for Academic Year 2008/2009 are payable annually. All fees are payable during your course of study, including the semester when you are on your Student Internship Programme.

### Group Hospitalisation and Surgical Insurance

The cost of hospitalisation in Singapore may be high for international students. TP has arranged a Group Hospitalisation and Surgical Insurance policy to provide affordable hospitalisation for all full-time international students. It is compulsory for you to pay an annual insurance premium which may range from \$35 to \$50 together with your tuition fee (the premium is subject to review and change without prior notice). The policy covers hospitalisation expenses due to illness and/or accidental injuries but not pre-existing medical conditions and congenital anomalies.

### Other Information

#### Tuition Fee Loan

International students who are Tuition Grant holders on the three year programmes may apply for a tuition fee loan by 15 May of the year. The guarantor must be a Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident, aged above 21 years but below 60 years old.

#### Immigration

You are required to have a valid Student Pass and Visa (if applicable) during your course of study at TP. TP will apply to

the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) for the Student Pass on your behalf. You must ensure that the application for the Student Pass is submitted to TP as soon as you have been offered a place of study at TP as the whole Student Pass application process may take more than two months.

### Accommodation

Most international students choose to stay near the campus to minimise the travelling time needed to and from the campus and home. You can rent a room from a local family. You will be expected to pay in advance for rental and a security deposit. Where possible, you should make prior arrangement for your accommodation before you arrive in Singapore.

### Finances

Your family should have sufficient finances to support your three-year course of study and stay in Singapore. You are advised to make sure that you have sufficient funds to maintain a minimum standard of living. You may attempt to supplement your income through part-time work. However, this should not be relied upon as the only source of finance. Part-time work must be done outside of school hours and co-curricular activities, and it must not affect your academic performance.

The following are estimates for planning purposes only. The expenses may vary with the spending habits of the individual student.

Estimated Cost of Living	Monthly in S\$	Yearly in S\$
<b>Accommodation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost varies depending on whether it is twin-sharing, furnished or unfurnished</li> </ul>	200 – 500	2,400 – 6,000
<b>Food</b>	150 – 300	1,800 – 3,600
<b>Transport</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost varies</li> <li>You can buy a student concession EZ Link card which enables you to travel on buses and the MRT</li> </ul>	50 – 100	600 – 1200
<b>Books and supplies</b>	-	250 – 500
<b>Class Fund</b>	-	50 – 200
<b>Personal Expenses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost varies depending on personal spending habits (clothes, entertainment, hair cuts, toiletries)</li> </ul>	30 – 100	360 – 1,200
<b>Total (Approximate)</b>	430 – 1,000	5,460 – 12,700