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## Information for International Students

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

The 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 offering 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 (TPIS) 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.

The Global Connect Club (GCC) interest group further enhances social integration, promotes better integration and understanding between international students and local students.

Temasek Polytechnic was awarded the Singapore Tourism Board's inaugural Singapore Education Awards for "Best Host of International Students Studying in Singapore" in March 2007. We were judged to be the best in both our 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 proud of the award and the support of our local and senior international students in welcoming our International Freshmen. TP was also one of the finalists for

this award in 2008.

Our staff, Ms Boey Suit Yim, was the winner of "Friend of International Students" category at the Singapore Education Awards 2009. The event was organised by the Education Services Division of the Singapore Tourism Board (STB) on 19 Mar. This award honours an individual who has made exceptional contributions to the well-being of the international student community in Singapore. The recipient is recognised for her commitment, service and dedication in making Singapore a welcoming place for all international students, thereby contributing to the development of Singapore as a premier education hub.

### **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 you can 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 2010/2011 is about \$3,150 (to be

updated) (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 \$161.10 (to be updated) for Academic Year 2010/2011 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.

## 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:

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
Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alberta (General High School Diploma)</li> <li>• British Columbia (Senior Secondary Graduation Diploma)</li> <li>• Manitoba (High School Graduation Diploma)</li> <li>• New Brunswick (High School Graduation Diploma)</li> <li>• Newfoundland (High School Graduation Diploma)</li> <li>• NW Territories (General High School Diploma)</li> <li>• Nova Scotia (High School Completion Certificate)</li> <li>• Ontario (Ontario Secondary School Diploma)</li> <li>• Prince Edward Island (High School Graduation Diploma)</li> <li>• Quebec (High School Diploma/Diplome d'Etudes Secondaires (DES)/ Secondary Grade V Certificate)</li> <li>• Saskatchewan (Secondary Graduation Diploma)</li> <li>• Yukon Territory (Senior Secondary Graduation Diploma)</li> </ul>
China	National College Entrance Examination (NCEE), also known as 'GAO KAO'
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Certificate of Education (HKCEE)
India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE) Standard 10/12 awarded by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Exam</li> <li>• All India Secondary School Exam (CBSE) Standard 10/12 awarded by the Central Board of Secondary Education</li> <li>• Secondary School Leaving Certificate Standard 10/12 awarded by the Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary School Leaving Certificate Exam</li> <li>• All Anglo-Indian School Leaving Certificate Standard 10/12 awarded by the Board of Anglo-Indian School leaving Certificate Examination, Tamil Nadu</li> <li>• Matriculation Examination Certificate Standard 10/12 awarded by the Board of Matriculation, Tamil Nadu</li> <li>• Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLE) Standard 10/12 awarded by the Maharashtra State Board</li> <li>• Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLE) Standard 10/12 awarded by the Kerala State</li> </ul>
Indonesia	National Final Evaluation Examinations (SMA or SMU Ebtanas or UAN)

Country	Qualification
Malaysia	Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) /STPM or Unified Examination Certificate (UEC) Qualifications
Myanmar	Basic Education High School Examination Certificate (B.E.H.S)/ Matriculation - (Standard 10)
Nepal	Proficiency Certificate (previously known as the Intermediate Examination)
Pakistan	Intermediate/Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSC) issued by The Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education
Philippines	High School Diploma/Certificate with : National Secondary Assessment Test (NSAT) OR High School final year results OR National Career Assessment Examination (NCAE)
South Korea	College Scholastic Ability Test (CSAT)
Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka GCE 'O' Level Examination
Thailand	Mathayom 6 (M6) MAW 6 - Grade 12
UK	General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE)
USA	High School Graduation Diploma or Year 12
Vietnam	'Bang Trung Hoc Pho Thong' (commonly known 'Bang Tu Tai' or 'Baccalaureate')
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)</li> <li>• International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma</li> </ul>

## 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 between 21 and 60 years old.

### Immigration Matters

You are required to have a valid Student's Pass and Visa (if applicable) during your course of study at TP. Details for Student's Pass application will be given to you in your enrolment package.

### 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.

### Living Expenses

The following is a general guideline of estimated expenditure in Singapore dollars:

Your living expenses are estimated to be between S\$1,100 to S\$1,700 per month. These costs are estimates, subject to variation according to individual lifestyles. **It is important that you should be able to support yourself financially during your course of study and stay in Singapore.**

ESTIMATED COST OF LIVING	MONTHLY IN S\$	YEARLY IN S\$
<b>Accommodation</b> (1 person per room)	500 - 700	6,000 - 8,400
<b>Food</b>	300 - 400	3,600 - 4,800
<b>Transport</b> Cost varies. You can apply for the Student EZ-Link Card to travel on public transport at a concession rate.	50 - 100	600 - 1,200
<b>Book and Supplies</b> (Cost varies depending on diploma enrolled)	0	250 - \$500
<b>Class Fund</b>	0	50 - 200
<b>Personal Expenses</b> (Cost varies depending on personal spending habits)	30 - 100	360 - 1,200
<b>Hospitalisation &amp; Surgical Insurance</b> (The premium is subject to review and change)	0	35 - 50
<b>Total</b> (Approximate)	<b>880 - 1,300</b>	<b>10,895 - 16,350</b>