

Frequently Asked Questions on Extended Suspension of Repayment and Interest Accrual of Government Loans

- 1. Who is eligible for the extended suspension of repayments and interest accrual? Do students who have withdrawn from study and have outstanding loans qualify for the suspension?**

All polytechnic graduates (regardless of nationality) who have an outstanding Tuition Fee Loan (TFL) are eligible for the suspension of repayment and interest accrual of government loans during the suspension period, which is now extended to 30 September 2021. The suspension will apply to all graduates with outstanding loans and students with loans who will be graduating before 30 September 2021. Students who have withdrawn from their courses and have outstanding loans also qualify.

- 2. How would students who are graduating from the polytechnic in 2021 be able to benefit from the extended suspension of repayment and interest accrual of government loans?**

Students who are graduating from the polytechnic in 2021 will benefit from a deferment in interest accrual to 30 September 2021, instead of having the loan interest accruing upon graduation. Loan repayment starts later. In line with the usual repayment grace period, polytechnic students graduating in 2021 on TFL will have up to 1 year from date of graduation to commence their loan repayment.

- 3. Do borrowers need to apply to qualify for the extended suspension of repayments and interest?**

All graduates and students who left the Polytechnic without completing their course of study, who have outstanding TFL will be eligible and be given extended suspension. They need not apply to qualify for the extended suspension.

- 4. Can borrowers make repayments during the suspension period?**

Yes, borrowers who wish to continue to make repayments during the suspension period can continue to do so. They can approach DBS to make the necessary arrangements.