

REVISION OF FUNDING RATES FROM 1 DECEMBER 2010

1. With the strong economic recovery, the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) and the Singapore Workforce Development Agency (WDA) are focusing on efforts to expand the national Continuing Education and Training (CET) system to support the vision of capability and productivity driven growth laid out by the Economic Strategies Committee (ESC).
2. In line with this, the two-year Skills Programme for Upgrading and Resilience (SPUR) will cease on 30 November 2010 and new support for approved Continuing Education and Training (CET) courses under the Skills Development Fund (SDF) will be introduced. Employers will also be able to leverage on more funded courses for Professionals, Managers, Executives and Technicians (PMETs), to reflect the changing workforce profile, with PMETs making up more than one in every two in the workforce now.
3. The revised funding rates for courses pre-approved for funding under the SDF will take effect from 1 December 2010, as shown in Table 1 below. Funding for approved PMET courses will no longer be limited to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

Table 1: Revised funding rates for SDF pre-approved courses with effect from 1 December 2010

Type of Courses	Funding Component	Courses Targeted at Rank-and-File level	Courses Targeted at PMET [^] level
Certifiable	Course Fee Support	80% of course fee capped at \$7/hr	50% of course fee capped at \$15/hr
	Absentee Payroll Support	80% of hourly basic salary capped at \$4.50/hr	
Others	Course Fee Support	\$2/hr	

[^] Professionals, Managers, Executives and Technicians

4. The changes will **not** affect older low-wage workers who are eligible for the Workfare Training Support (WTS) scheme which took effect on 1 July 2010. Employers who sponsor older low-wage workers for training under WTS will continue to enjoy enhanced course fee and absentee payroll funding.

5. There is no change to the existing application and claim process. Applicant companies should continue to apply for course fee and absentee payroll funding in the SkillsConnect system. The system will automatically apply the higher funding rates under WTS for eligible older low-wage workers.

6. For more information, please call 6883 5885 or email wda_sdf@wda.gov.sg.

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