

Pre-Course Counselling Checklist (Foundation)

- Please refer to the SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG) official website (<https://www.skillsfuture.gov.sg/pei>) for the listing of approved programmes and details for dispute resolution.

NAFA is widely recognised for its quality education and efficient corporate governance. Refer to <https://www.nafa.edu.sg/about-us/corporate-information/recognition> for corporate accolades we have won.

- This pre-course counselling provides guidance and advice on the suitability of the programmes to the aspirations of applicants. Please refer to the programme information (<https://www.nafa.edu.sg/schools-and-programmes>) to find out more before applying.
- NAFA offers NAFA Foundation Programme (NFP) with a duration of 35 weeks. Applicants offered a place in the NFP are given a conditional offer of admission to their selected diploma programme, subject to meeting the portfolio, admission test or audition requirement. Their admission is confirmed when they complete the NFP successfully.

The NAFA Diploma Programmes have a duration of 3 years. However, under exceptional circumstances, students are allowed up to 5 years to complete the programme.

- NFP and Diploma programmes offered by NAFA are funded by Singapore's Ministry of Education (MOE) and exempted from the Fee Protection Scheme under the Edutrust requirements of the SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG).
- **Admission requirements** include:
 - Potential in Artistic Talent and Creativity (Admission Test/Audition/Portfolio Submission)
 - English Language Proficiency
 - Educational Qualifications (Applicants who score 4 and above in English Language will be required to attend an interview.)
- The application results will be released 4 – 6 weeks after the Admission Test/Audition/Portfolio Submission.
- The **Academic Calendar** starts from March each year to February of the following year.
- There are opportunities for career prospects or further education after graduation. Details can be found on our website: <https://www.nafa.edu.sg/industry/education-and-career-guidance>

- The **total fees payable** throughout the programme includes:
 - Programme Fees
 - Administrative Fee and Health Services Fee
 - Miscellaneous Fees
 - Non-Refundable Application Fee
 Details can be found on our website:
<https://www.nafa.edu.sg/admissions/fees/foundation/programme-fees>
- NAFA students are covered under a group **medical insurance scheme** that includes Hospital & Surgical coverage (GHS) and Personal Accident coverage (GPA).
 - Details can be found on our website:
<https://www.nafa.edu.sg/admissions/fees/foundation/programme-fees>
 - For more information on healthcare in Singapore, please refer to Ministry of Health (MOH)'s Official Website: <https://www.moh.gov.sg/>
- Details of **NAFA's Student Support Services** can be found on our website. These services include:
 - For international students
 - <https://www.nafa.edu.sg/admissions/international-student-guide/living-in-singapore>
 - Student Counselling for Special Education Needs
 - <https://www.nafa.edu.sg/admissions/applicants-with-special-educational-needs>
 - Education and Career Guidance
 - <https://www.nafa.edu.sg/industry/education-and-career-guidance>
 - Financial Assistance Scheme
 - <https://www.nafa.edu.sg/admissions/scholarships-and-financial-aid-schemes>
- Details of **NAFA's Transfer, Withdrawal and Refund Policy** can be found on our website.
 - <https://www.nafa.edu.sg/admissions/academic-information>
 - <https://www.nafa.edu.sg/admissions/fees/foundation/refund-policy>
- Details of **NAFA's Feedback or Complaints Procedures** can be found on NAFA's Website.
 - <https://www.nafa.edu.sg/contact-us/whistleblowing-policy-and-procedures>

- The **Tuition Grant Scheme (TGS)** was introduced by the Government to help students with the cost of tertiary education in Singapore.
 - Eligible **Singapore Citizens** are automatically awarded a Tier A Tuition Grant, which is the highest level of tuition fee subsidy, Singapore Citizens thus pay the lowest tuition fees. There is no bond obligation.
 - Eligible **Singapore Permanent Residents (SPRs)** may choose to apply for a Tier B Tuition Grant only. Successful applicants are required to work for a Singapore entity for three years upon graduation.
 - Eligible **international students** may choose to apply for a Tier C Tuition Grant only. There is a limited number of Tuition Grants available for international students, and selection is competitive and based on merit. Successful applicants are required to work for a Singapore entity for three years upon graduation.
 - The Tuition Grant is not transferable between programmes. The applicant may be required to take another Admission Test, Audition or Portfolio Submission if he/she would like to apply for another programme.
 - Applicants who have exceeded the maximum TGS cap of 10 semesters or graduates from the local polytechnics (SP, NP, NYP, TP or RP), universities (NUS, NTU, SMU, SIT, SUSS and SUTD) or LASALLE College of the Arts, are no longer entitled to the Tuition Grant and will have to pay the full programme fees for their study at the Academy.

FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

- **Student's Pass (STP)**
 - The Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) is the primary authority that controls immigration matters.
 - Part-Time work of up to a maximum of 16 hours per week is permitted
 - <https://www.mom.gov.sg/passes-and-permits/work-pass-exemption-for-foreign-students>
 - Terms and Conditions are issued by the ICA for the STP
 - https://www.ica.gov.sg/docs/default-source/ica/files/docs/terms - conditions_stp.pdf
- NAFA does not run any hostels and applicants are required to arrange **accommodation** and make provisions on the cost of living independently.
 - Refer to the following link for more information regarding living in Singapore: <https://www.nafa.edu.sg/admissions/international-student-guide/living-in-singapore>
- **Singapore Laws**
 - There are offences that may not have serious repercussions in the applicant's home country, but could potentially have heavy consequences in Singapore, especially those relating to Immigrations, Customs, Environment, Home Affairs and Labour.
 - Please refer to relevant Singapore laws. This includes, but not limited to, immigration requirements, laws on driving, drugs and alcohol abuse, political activities, employment, smoking, traffic and littering. Trafficking of drugs carries a death penalty.
 - Singapore Police Force (<http://www.spf.gov.sg/>)
 - Ministry of Manpower (<http://www.mom.gov.sg/>)
 - Immigration and Checkpoints Authority of Singapore (<https://www.ica.gov.sg>)
 - Central Narcotics Bureau (<https://www.cnb.gov.sg/>)
 - Personal Data Protection (<https://www.pdpc.gov.sg/>)
 - Smoking (<https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/smoking-prohibition/overview>)