

FAQ: APPROVED TEXTBOOK LIST

General and Sales Enquiries

1. What is the Approved Textbook List (ATL)?

It is an electronic list of instructional materials, such as textbooks, workbooks and activity books, which are approved for use in primary and secondary schools for the school year.

2. When is the ATL updated?

The ATL is updated in mid-August every year.

3. What age levels are the materials in the ATL appropriate for?

The materials for Primary 1 to 6 are appropriate for ages 7 to 12, while those for Secondary 1 to 5 are appropriate for ages 13 to 17. More information on the Singapore education system can be found at www.moe.gov.sg/education-in-sg.

4. What does “NFY” in the price column stand for?

It stands for “Not Fixed Yet”. This is used to denote new books whose prices will only be fixed at a later date.

5. Why are lower secondary Literature books not listed in the ATL?

Schools have the autonomy to select a range of Literature texts for their students at lower secondary. Schools may consult the Lower Secondary Recommended Text List provided by MOE for suggestions of texts. If schools choose to use a text that is not on the recommended text list, they are advised to follow the criteria for text selection provided by MOE.

6. Why are different schools using different books?

Schools have the autonomy to select books that best suit the needs of their students. If schools choose to use a text that is not on the recommended text list, they are advised to follow the criteria for text selection provided by MOE.

7. A book listed in the ATL is not available for sale in the school bookstore or retail stores. How can I obtain a copy of the book?

Do contact MOE about this. You can also contact the publisher directly for assistance.

8. Can MOE recommend suitable textbooks to members of the public on request?

We are unable to recommend textbooks to the public. All books listed in the ATL are approved for use in schools in the Singapore education system.

9. Where can I obtain information on A-Level books?

The choice of books for each A-Level subject is left to the relevant schools, depending on the needs of their students. You may wish to check with those schools on their recommended books for the various subjects. Their contact numbers can be found using the [SchoolFinder](#).

For details on the pre-university syllabuses, refer to the exam syllabuses on the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board website at <https://www.seab.gov.sg/>.

10. Who do I contact for sales enquiries?

You can contact the publishers directly. Their contact details can be found at the [List of ATL Publishers](#) link on the main page of the ATL.

Searching for and Selection of Books

11. How can I tell if a book has been approved by MOE for use in schools?



All approved commercial textbooks and related materials will bear MOE's stamp of approval, as shown in the example on the left, either on the front cover or inside the book (on the title page or imprint page).

MOE-authored books will have "Developed by Curriculum Planning and Development Division, Ministry of Education, Singapore" or "Developed by Student Development Curriculum Division, Ministry of Education, Singapore" printed on their covers.

12. How do I check if a book has been approved by MOE for use in schools?

If a book has been approved by MOE for use in schools, it will be listed in the ATL. You can refer to the current titles on the main page of the ATL.

13. Why am I unable to find the books that I am looking for in the ATL?

This means that the books are not approved for use or are still under review by MOE.