

Speech highlights



We want our children from the most vulnerable segment to have a strong start in their education journey.

Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman

SECOND MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

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MOE will extend the Kindergarten Care (KCare) Additional Subsidy to all families earning up to \$6,000 per month from 4th quarter this year.

Those with a gross monthly household income of \$3,000 and below will pay as low as \$3 a month for MOE Kindergarten and KCare. We hope this will further encourage preschool enrolment among lower-income families.

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We want to continue enabling students with Special Educational Needs to fulfil their potential.

We have worked with nine higher-fee SPED schools to lower their fees by up to 60% for Singapore Citizens by mid-2025."

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About 50% of all SPED students currently pay similar fees as students in mainstream schools. Together with efforts by Ministry of Social and Family Development, SPED students and their families will be supported in their educational and caregiving needs.”

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To enhance the attractiveness of the SPED teaching profession, we have reviewed SPED teachers' and teacher aides' (TA) salary guidelines.

Between 2024 and 2026, existing trained SPED classroom teachers can see salary enhancements of up to 12%. Salaries for SPED TAs can increase by up to 15% from 2024.

From this year, we will also increase starting salaries for SPED classroom teachers by up to 15%, and by up to 17% for TAs.

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To strengthen SPED teachers' capabilities, we will introduce more professional development programmes to develop expertise in supporting different disability profiles.

A School Staff Developer will also be appointed in each SPED school.”

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**Beyond supporting those in need,
we will develop diverse pathways to
support students' aspirations.**

With the implementation of Full Subject-Based Banding in all secondary schools this year, we have expanded post-secondary pathways to recognise diverse learner profiles and offer greater flexibility.

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From 2028, students may use one subject at G2 for admission to Polytechnic Year 1.

With this, the net aggregate cut-off for Polytechnic Year 1 will be adjusted from 26 points to 22 points. This is not a tightening of the admissions criteria, but a result of converting one 'B' subject from G3 to G2.”



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Our ITE graduates have built strong foundations in ITE, but face a growing gap in their starting salaries compared to that of graduates from polytechnics and autonomous universities.

MOE will set aside around \$100 million annually for the ITE Progression Award, to support Singaporean ITE graduates aged 30 and below on their upgrading journeys.

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With our community's help, we will support our students in charting their paths to meaningful vocations and diverse callings, to fulfill our shared goal of inclusive success.”

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