

UNION TRAINING ASSISTANCE PRGOGRAMME (UTAP)

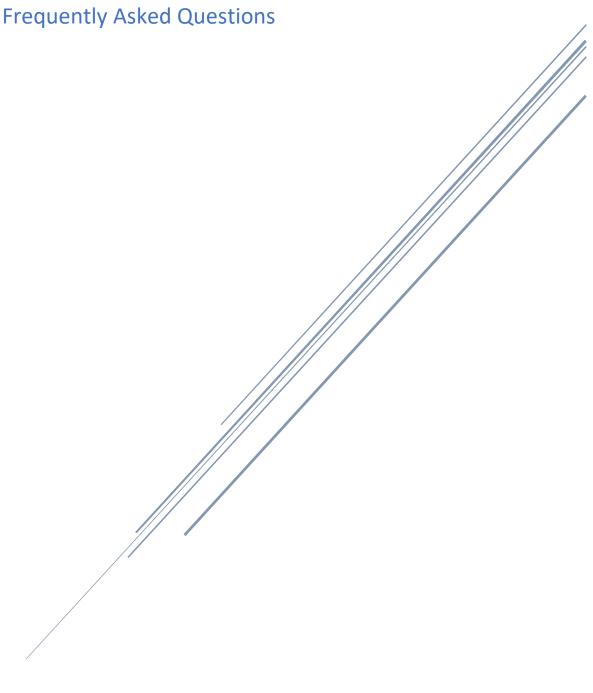


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About UTAP

Q1: What is UTAP?

Union Training Assistance Programme (UTAP) is a training benefit for NTUC members to defray their cost of training. This benefit is to encourage more NTUC members to go for skills upgrading.

Q2: How much is the training benefit under UTAP?

UTAP supports NTUC Members with 50% reimbursement of the course fee paid out-of-pocket, capped at \$250 per calendar year. Course fees includes GST and excludes materials, registration fees, other miscellaneous fees, etc.

NTUC members aged 40 and above can enjoy Enhanced UTAP for courses attended between 1st July 2020 to 31st December 2025.

Q3: What is Enhanced UTAP?

NTUC Members aged 40 & above can enjoy enhanced funding via Enhanced UTAP where the UTAP cap is increased to \$500 per calendar year. It is only applicable to courses attended between 1st July 2020 to 31st December 2025.

Q4: Is there any criteria to claim UTAP?

Yes. The following criteria must be met:

- 1) Maintained paid-up NTUC membership throughout the entire course duration and at the point of claim;
- 2) Course by training provider must be supported under UTAP and training must commence within the supported period;
- 3) The course must not be fully sponsored by the company or other types of funding;
- 4) Member must achieve a minimum of 75% attendance for each application and sat for all prescribed examination(s), if any;
- 5) UTAP application must be submitted within 6 months after course completion

Courses supported by UTAP

Q5: What are the courses that are supported under UTAP?

UTAP supports courses that help NTUC Members strengthen their employability skills. You may search for course of your interest at https://skillsupgrade.ntuc.org.sg/ → click 'Skills Upgrade Available' → 'Search Courses' to view the list of courses supported under UTAP. Do note only courses taken within the supported period (i.e. between Effective Date & Expiry Date) are eligible for UTAP.



Q6: Can I sign up for the course via U Portal?

U Portal is for NTUC Members to claim for funding support from UTAP after course completion. You may sign up for the eligible courses directly with the Training Providers. To know which are the eligible courses, refer to Question 5 and navigate to 'Search Courses'.

Q7: Where can I get more information for a course that I am interested in?

You may contact the training providers directly or visit their websites for more information about the courses.

Q8: I took a course by an approved training provider under UTAP, but I'm not able to find it on your website?

Not all courses by an approved training provider are supported by UTAP. If you are unable to find the course, we would recommend that you enquire with training provider for relevant course support. Alternatively, you may write in to UTAP@e2i.com.sg for advice on courses eligible for UTAP reimbursement.

Q9. I am interested in a course, but the course is not listed on NTUC Skillsupgrade website. How can this course be supported by UTAP?

UTAP supports courses that enhance members' employment and/or employability. The Training Provider can get in touch with e2i to list course(s) if they meet all the UTAP criteria,

subjected to evaluation and approval for UTAP support. Training Provider may write in to **feedback@e2i.com.sg**.

Q10: Why are NTUC LearningHub courses not found on the website?

If you are an NTUC Member, NTUC LearningHub will offer UTAP support at the point of course registration thus saving you the trouble of applying for UTAP reimbursement after course completion. You may enquire directly with NTUC LearningHub at their sales sites or visit website https://www.ntuclearninghub.com on the courses available and supported by UTAP.

Applying for UTAP

Q11: How do I apply for UTAP?

Please refer to the following steps

- Login to https://www.ntuc.org.sg
- Select "E-services"
- Select "UTAP Application" and follow the steps thereafter

A step-by-step user guide is also available at "Welcome to SKILLSUPGRADE Portal (https://skillsupgrade.ntuc.org.sg/), under UTAP & Member Benefits". Or click "Downloads" at the bottom of the page.

Please note that UTAP application shall be made within 6 months after the course completion, for example, if your course end date is 2 Nov 2021, the application must be made by 1 May 2022. Please note that late applications will be rejected.

Q12: Is there a limit to the number of courses that I can apply under UTAP?

You may apply for more than one course, for reimbursements up to the maximum cap allowed. The maximum claimable is capped annually at:

- \$250 for members below 40 years old
- \$500 for members aged 40 and above, where training must have commenced within 1st July 2020 to 31st December 2025

Q13: Can I choose the amount I want to claim from UTAP?

UTAP reimbursement is fixed at 50% of the course fees paid out-of-pocket, capped at \$250 or \$500 per calendar year (depending on member's eligibility). Please refer to the payment amount made as indicated in the proof of payment (e.g. invoice or receipt) and key in accordingly.

Q14: What is the amount I should fill in for "Nett Course Fee Paid" during online application?

Nett Course Fee Paid refers to the out-of-pocket amount paid for course fee after deduction of all other subsidies (including SFC). This should be found in the proof of payment (e.g. invoice or receipt).

For Illustration Purpose Only:		
(a) Full Course Fees (before Subsidy):	\$2,000	
(b) 7% GST	\$140	
(c) Less Government Subsidy (e.g. 90%)	(\$1,800)	
(d) Course Fee Payable (after Subsidy):	\$340	

(d) SkillsFuture Credit:	(\$200)
(e) NTUC member pays (Nett Course Fee Paid):	\$140
(f) UTAP Funding (50% calculated by system)	\$70

Q15: What are the documents required for UTAP claim?

You are required to upload 2 documents to support the claim. These documents are essential as proof of course fee payment and completion before e2i can process any reimbursement:

- i. Proof of payment (e.g.: Course Invoice / Receipt)
- ii. Proof of completion (e.g.: Certificate / Result Slip)
 - max file size to upload is 3MB per file
 - file type PDF, JPEG, JPG, PNG

Q16: If my course start date is on the previous year but will end this year, which year will my UTAP balance be taken?

UTAP utilization is calculated based on the year the course commenced. If your course commencement date was in the previous year, you would be utilizing previous year's UTAP balance.

Q17: How can I check the status of my UTAP application?

- Login in to http://www.ntuc.org.sg
- Select "E-Services" and log in with Singpass or U Portal account.
- Click on 'eStatement' you will be directed to a page where you can view your UTAP balance and UTAP transaction.

Q18: What should I do if I received email notifications that my application is not processed?

This could happen due to membership issues. You are either not an NTUC member at the point of application, or you could have membership arrears, or your membership could have expired.

Kindly follow the instructions from the email notification. If your application is not processed due to membership issues, please contact your respective union or NTUC Membership Hotline at <u>6213 8008</u>. You may <u>chat with us</u> if you need to renew your membership or pay the arrears. Your application will be processed once your membership has been reinstated.

Q19: When can I receive my claims?

If you have completed your claim successfully and fulfilled the claim criteria, you should receive your claim(s) in 4 weeks after the submission of the relevant information. An email notification will be sent to you upon successful disbursement.

Q20: What does the UTAP application status reflected on the "Status Remarks" mean?

Please refer to the table below:

'Status Remarks'	What does it mean?	What should you do?
Pending Approval	Application is pending approval.	You may check your application status again in 2-3 weeks' time.
On-Hold	Application is put on-hold due to outstanding arrears or invalid membership status.	Your application will be on-hold for 30 days from the submission date. Please call our NTUC membership hotline at 62138008 to settle your arrears or approach your union for assistance.
Endorsed	Application submitted successfully.	Application has been submitted successfully and moved into processing.
Processing L1 / L2	Application is being checked.	You may check your application status again in 2-3 weeks' time.
Pending Disbursement	Application has been approved and is in the process of disbursement.	Please wait for the disbursement to reach your bank account. You will receive an email notification upon disbursement.
Disbursement Success	UTAP has been disbursed to you	Please check your bank account for the amount credited (thru GIRO) and your email for the disbursement notification.
		Should you find discrepancies or if you have not received payment, please write in to UTAP@e2i.com.sg to check.
Disbursement Fail	The GIRO crediting was unsuccessful.	You may be contacted by UTAP team to verify your bank details.
Auto-Rejected	The application was automatically rejected due to failure to meet criteria.	Please refer to the reason stated on the rejection email. For further clarification, please email to <a href="https://www.utana.com/utan</td></tr><tr><td>Rejected</td><td>UTAP application was rejected by UTAP officer.</td><td>Please refer to the reason stated on the rejection email. For further clarification, please email to <a href=" https:="" td="" utan<="" utana.com="" www.utana.com="">

Q21. How do I fill up Bank Details for UTAP?

If there is no bank account information displayed on UTAP, please key in your bank details. Please refer to the table below for reference on the account number format for the following banks.

Bank Name	Bank Branch	Account Number	Remarks
POSB	7171 <u>081</u>	123456789	All POSB Account Bank Branch is 7171 081
			Account Number is total 9 digits
DBS	7171 <u>120</u>	<u>120</u> 1234567	All Bank Branch is 7171 and first 3 digits of
			the Account No.
			Account Number is total 10 digits
OCBC	7339 <u>591</u>	<u>591</u> 123456789 –	All Bank Branch is 7339 and first 3 digits of
		input 123456789 as	the Account No.
		Account Number	Account Number is total 7 digits or 9 digits
		or	
		<u>591</u> 1234567 – input	Please do not include 591 (first 3 digits) in
		1234567 as Account	the Account Number field
		Number	

Troubleshooting

Q22. Having difficulty logging in at U Portal or applying for funding online?

If you encounter problems logging in or applying for funding while online, please feel free to contact our Membership hotline at 6213 8008 (Mon - Fri 9.00am to 5.30pm and Sat 9.00am to 12.30pm).

Q23. How can I reset my login password?

- Login in to http://www.ntuc.org.sg
- Select "E-Services"
- Click on 'Change Password' and follow the instructions thereafter

Alternatively, you may contact NTUC membership hotline at 6213 8008 for assistance.

Q24: I have other / general questions on UTAP. Where can I get assistance?

For any enquiry related to UTAP, you may write in to UTAP@e2i.com.sg. For application matters, please provide us the following information in the email:

- Last 4 characters of your NRIC (last 3 digits and alphabet)
- Full Name (as printed on NRIC)
- Full Course Title
- Name of Training Institution
- Course Start and End dates

Q25: Where can I get more help?

General Enquiry

You may contact NTUC Membership through the following channels:

- 1. Click <u>here</u> to chat with us.
- Membership Hotline: 6213 8008 (Monday - Friday 9.00am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9.00am to 12.30pm)

We thank you for your understanding.