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To: Eligible students who have received the subsidy and will continue pursuing relevant programmes in the 2025/26 AY (to be distributed by Participating Institution)

Dear students,

**2025/26 Academic Year
Non-means-tested Subsidy Scheme for
Self-financing Undergraduate Studies in Hong Kong (NMTSS)**

You have been granted subsidy under NMTSS for pursuing full-time locally accredited local or non-local self-financing first-year-first degree or top-up degree programmes provided by eligible institutions in Hong Kong. I would like to set out below the related arrangements for the 2025/26 academic year (AY) for your attention and compliance.

Subsidy Amount for the 2025/26 AY

The annual subsidy amount of NMTSS will be increased from \$34,390 in the 2024/25 AY to **\$35,120** in the 2025/26 AY for both new and continuing eligible students. The subsidy is tenable for the normal duration¹ of the programmes concerned. Eligible students enrolling in the relevant programmes

¹ For details of the normal duration of individual programmes, please consult the institution concerned or refer to the websites of NMTSS (<https://www.cspe.edu.hk/en/nmt/>) or Information Portal for Accredited Post-secondary Programmes (iPASS) (<https://www.cspe.edu.hk/en/ipass/>).

will only be required to pay a tuition fee net of subsidy on a pro rata basis². Students in need may still apply for the grant and/or loan from the Student Finance Office (SFO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency in respect of the actual amount of tuition fee payable (please refer to the website of SFO (www.wfsfaa.gov.hk) for details).

Application Arrangements for the Subsidy in the 2025/26 AY

All applications for the subsidy under NMTSS should be made through the eligible institutions. Please approach the institution(s) concerned direct for the detailed arrangements and also pay attention to the following -

(a) **Update personal particulars, academic qualifications and records of post-secondary education**

If there are any changes to the information which you previously provided to the institution concerned/Education Bureau (EDB) in the application form for the subsidy under NMTSS, including your personal particulars³ and records of post-secondary education⁴, please notify the institution concerned in writing **immediately**. Please ensure that the information provided is true, complete and accurate.

(b) **Continue with the programme that you are now pursuing**

- (i) If you decide to continue with the programme that you are now pursuing (“current programme”) in the 2025/26 AY (which should fall within the normal duration of the programme), you need not submit an application afresh but may pay the tuition fee net of subsidy according to the advice of the institution concerned.
- (ii) Once you have paid the tuition fee net of subsidy under NMTSS for the current programme, it will be regarded as your agreement to apply for the subsidy in the relevant semester through the institution concerned, and EDB will accordingly disburse the subsidy amount to the institution concerned for offsetting the tuition fee payable for that semester.

² For an annual tuition fee to be paid by two installments, a subsidy up to \$17,560 (i.e. \$35,120/2) will be provided for offsetting the tuition fee payable for each installment.

³ Including information on the student name, HKID card number, contact method, etc., and the confirmation by the applicant that he/she does not have any relevant visa / entry permit / recognizance form issued by the Director of Immigration for the purpose of pursuing education in Hong Kong.

⁴ An applicant is required to confirm that he/she has not attained any Bachelor’s degree or above qualifications, and is not pursuing a subsidised undergraduate or sub-degree programme (such as University Grants Committee-funded programmes, subvented programmes of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts or subsidised places under the Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors (SSSDP)).

(c) Change to another eligible programme (once only under NMTSS)

- (i) If you decide to change to another eligible programme (“new programme”) in the 2025/26 AY, please notify the institution concerned of your decision to withdraw from the current programme as soon as possible and do not settle the advanced payment of the tuition fee for the current programme for that AY. Otherwise, subsidy will not be tenable for the new programme in that AY.
- (ii) You are allowed to change programme once only under NMTSS. If you change programme for the first time, please contact the institution offering the new programme for an application form (NMT01) and return the completed form to the institution concerned according to the deadline set by the institution. After the grant of approval for the change of programme for the first time, if you subsequently decide to change programme again, you will not be eligible for the subsidy.
- (iii) If you decide to change to the new programme after paying the tuition fee net of the subsidy for the current programme for the same semester, as the subsidy for that semester under NMTSS has already been used for offsetting the tuition fee payable for the current programme, you should not apply again for the subsidy under NMTSS in respect of the tuition fee payable in the same semester for the new programme, or in other words, pay the tuition fee in full without any deduction for the subsidy. However, if you meet the requirements stipulated in item (c)(ii) above, you may still apply for the subsidy for the new programme in the following semester, and by then the relevant application form (NMT01) should be obtained from and returned to the institution concerned direct for processing.

(d) Participate in overseas exchange or internship programme, pursue a subsidised undergraduate or sub-degree programme, withdraw / suspend / defer from study

If you will participate in an overseas exchange or internship programme, pursue a subsidised undergraduate or sub-degree programme (such as University Grants Committee-funded programmes, subvented programmes of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts or subsidised places under SSSDP), or withdraw / suspend / defer from your study in the 2025/26 AY, please notify the institution concerned in writing **immediately**. The institution and EDB will assess your

eligibility for subsidy and decide whether to disburse or adjust the subsidy as appropriate based on the updated information.

For detailed arrangements on tuition fees payment and subsidy application, etc., please contact the institutions concerned direct.



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