

Kindergarten Fee Assistance Scheme (KiFAS)

Ensures kindergarten programme remains affordable and accessible to Singaporean children from low- and middle-income families



Who is eligible?

- a** Child is a Singapore Citizen and enrolled in an Anchor Operator (AOP) or Ministry of Education (MOE) kindergarten;
- b** Family's gross monthly Household Income (HHI)[^] is \$12,000 and below, or Per Capita Income (PCI)[^] is \$3,000 and below for larger families.*

[^] Before CPF deduction and include bonuses, commissions, overtime pay and allowances

* With 5 or more family members living in the same household, with at least 3 dependants who are not earning an income



How much can I receive?



▶ KiFAS subsidy is means-tested:

- ▶ Ranges between \$21 to \$170
- ▶ Lower-income families will receive more assistance

▶ The subsidy will be directly disbursed to your child's kindergarten. You should only pay the net fee after the subsidy.

▶ The net fee can also be paid out of your child's Child Development Account (CDA) balance.

What is Special Approval for KiFAS?



▶ Under **Special Approval**, (1) **non-parent caregivers** such as grandparents, legal guardians and children's homes may be granted KiFAS subsidy on a **time-limited basis**, depending on the circumstances; and (2) families under **HDB's Public Rental Scheme** or **MSF's Comcare Short-to-Medium-Term Assistance (SMTA)** or **Long-Term Assistance (LTA)** will be granted maximum KiFAS subsidy **up to the next fixed point of assessment**.



▶ Each application will be assessed on a **case-by-case** basis. Relevant supporting documents (where applicable) are required. If granted, assistance will be provided for a **limited period of time**, depending on the circumstances.



When will my subsidy eligibility be assessed/re-assessed?

- ▶ When your child enrolls at a new kindergarten
- ▶ When child changes from Nursery 2 (N2) to Kindergarten 1 (K1), i.e. at the end of N2

The level of subsidy will be first assessed at the point of enrolment and re-assessed at fixed points thereafter. Subsidy level will remain unchanged between points of assessment.

ECDA will notify you before the re-assessment of your household/per capita income is done, and update you of the outcome. No further action is required from you.

How do I apply?

- ▶ Complete the KiFAS Application Form, (i.e. KF1) with the relevant supporting documents and submit it to ECDA through your child's kindergarten.
- ▶ Ensure that your contact details (mobile number and email address) are provided in the form.

You will receive a **SMS and email acknowledgement** when ECDA receives the application. You will also be notified of the outcome via SMS and email.



What else do I need to note?

- ▶ Your child needs to attend preschool for at least one day in a month to receive the subsidy for that month.

KiFAS Start-Up Grant (SUG)

A yearly grant provided to cover the initial costs of enrolling a child in a kindergarten, such as the registration fee, deposit, school uniform, insurance, education material fee and supplementary fee.

Who is eligible?

- Child is a Singapore Citizen
- Families with a monthly gross household income of up to \$1,900, or a gross per capita Income of up to \$650

How much can I receive?

- Each application will be assessed on a case-by-case basis
- Capped at \$240 per year

How do I apply?

Fill in the KiFAS Application Form, (i.e. KF1) with the relevant supporting documents, and submit it to ECDA through your child's kindergarten.

