

# Kindergarten Fee Assistance Scheme (KiFAS)

To help keep the programme affordable and accessible for Singapore Citizen children



## 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 is \$12,000<sup>^</sup> and below, or per capita income is \$3,000\* and below for larger families.

<sup>^</sup> Before CPF deduction and include bonuses, commissions, overtime pay and allowances.

\* 5 or more family members living in the same household (applicant's spouse will be included by default regardless of residential address) with at least 3 dependants who are not earning an income.



## How much can I receive?



### ▶ KiFAS subsidy is means-tested

➢ Ranges from \$17 to \$161.

➢ Lower-income families will receive more assistance.

▶ The subsidy will be directly disbursed to your child's kindergarten and you pay only net fee which can come from your Child Development Account.



## What is Special Approval for KiFAS?


Applicants in the following groups may apply for higher subsidy support under Special Approval:



▶ Non-parent caregivers who are caring for the child such as **grandparents, legal guardian, foster parents and children's home.**



▶ Children under HDB's **Public Rental Scheme** or **ComCare Short-To-Medium-Term Assistance (SMTA)** or **Long-Term Assistance (LTA)** will automatically qualify for maximum preschool subsidies upon application for Special Approval.



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

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

**Subsidy will remain unchanged between fixed points of subsidy assessment.**

ECDA will notify you before the re-assessment of your household/per capita income is done, and update you of the outcome.

## 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.
- ▶ Remember to give your telephone numbers and email address.
- ▶ ECDA will send you an SMS and email to acknowledge your application and its outcome.



## 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)

### Yearly grant covering initial costs

e.g. registration fee, deposit, school uniform, insurance, educational material fees etc.

### Who is eligible?

- ▶ Singapore Citizen child.
- ▶ Families with monthly gross income of up to \$1,900 or 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.