

Professional Conversion Programme (PCP)

Background

The Professional Conversion Programme (PCP) for Fashion Textile Professionals (WSQ) Diploma in Fashion Technology is a joint initiative by the Singapore Workforce Development Agency (WDA) and the Textile & Fashion Industry Training Centre (TaFtc) to offer competency-based training to locals who aspires a career in the textile and fashion industry.

The PCP is a 5-months duration where selected trainees study full-time for a WSQ Diploma in Fashion Technology for the first 3 months.

Entry Requirement

- ❖ Preferably possess GCE "O" levels or WSQ ESS Workplace Literacy & Numeracy 5 and above.
- ❖ Must be unemployed throughout the period of application

Programme Structure

- i) Candidate must go for interview arranged by the company / TaFtc, and secure an internship placement before the start of course.
- ii) Selected trainees will attend full time diploma classes at TaFtc for 3 to 3.5 months.
- iii) Upon completion of the diploma course, the trainee will be attached full time to a host company for 2 months. During this period, the trainee will gain some industry knowledge and skills.
- iv) Trainees will enjoy monthly training stipend of \$1,000 throughout the 5-months PCP
- v) After the PCP, the host companies have the first option to offer a job to its trainees. TaFtc shall also facilitate the placement of the trainee into suitable jobs in the industry.

Programme Commencement

There are 4 intakes scheduled throughout the year, and it falls on January, April, July, and October.

Funding Details

With up to 90% SPUR funding, the nett course fee payable will be as follows for the different specialisation diploma course.

1. Fashion and Textile Merchandising and Marketing
2. Industrial Engineering, Quality and Production
3. Design and Product Development

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FAQs

PCP for Fashion Textile Professionals

Textile & Fashion (WSQ) Diploma in Fashion Technology

SN	Question	Answer
1	What is the name of the program?	<p>Professional Conversion Programme (PCP) for Fashion Textile Professionals</p> <p>Upon completion, trainee will be awarded the WSQ Diploma in Fashion Technology (<i>with the respective specialization that you are in</i>)</p>
2	How does this programme fit into the Textile & Fashion WSQ?	<p>The WSQ Diploma in Fashion Technology is the highest level programme in the Textile & Fashion WSQ framework. It is a new qualification that offers trainees competency-based training in textile and fashion.</p>
3	Is this a full time or part time course? What is the program structure like?	<p>The PCP is a 5-months full-time programme.</p> <p>Trainees for this PCP are interviewed and selected by host companies in the textile and fashion industry. Selected trainee will attend full time classes at the Textile & Fashion Industry Training Centre (TaFtc) to study the Diploma course for about 3 to 3.5 months. Upon successful completion of the diploma course, the trainee will be intern full time at the host company for about 2 months.</p> <p>Trainees will receive a monthly training stipend of \$1,000 throughout the 5-months PCP.</p>
4	Who should sign up for this course?	<p>Locals who has a passion to pursue a dynamic career in the exciting world of fashion and textile.</p> <p><u>Who is eligible?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Singapore Citizens & Permanent Residents of Singapore who are unemployed throughout the application period ❖ Preferably holders of GCE O levels or WSQ ESS WPLN 5 & above. ❖ Passionate about the textile & fashion industry and willing to travel sometimes <p><i>Please note that only eligible applicants selected by host companies will be accepted to the PCP programme. Applicants have to go through interview selections by host companies.</i></p>

5	What are the benefits of this programme? (How will it benefit me? Why should I enroll in this programme?)	<p>The PCP programme gives locals the rare opportunity to pursue the nationally-recognized WSQ Diploma qualifications at a heavily subsidized rate, intern in the textile & fashion industry and start a career in this exciting industry.</p> <p>Trainees also receive a \$1,000 monthly training stipend for 5 months.</p>
6	What are the prospects in terms of job availability & sector growth for graduates of this course?	According to industry sources, there are job prospects for professionals in the textile and fashion industry in areas of merchandising, production, compliance, quality control, marketing, design, etc. 400 jobs mainly for PMEs are expected to be created in the next 3 years.
7	How many subjects/modules are there?	All of the Diploma programmes consist of 14 modules regardless of the specialization.
8	How are these modules conducted?	The modules will be conducted in the form of lectures, discussions, demonstrations, case-studies, practical exercises, role plays and hands-on activities.
9	What is the minimum passing mark?	There is no minimum passing mark. The candidate will be assessed based on the required competencies demonstrated during assessments. The assessment will be carried out after each module in the form of written test, role play, project submission, Oral test etc.
10	When will the course commence and what is its academic calendar like?	There are 4 intakes scheduled yearly which will falls during January, April, July and October.
11	What is the duration of the programme?	5 months.
12	How many students are expected in the first and subsequent cohort?	30 training places for the first cohort.

13	Course Fee & Payment	<p>With SPUR funding, the course fee payable are as follow:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="695 317 1391 522"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="695 317 1192 348">Course</th> <th data-bbox="1192 317 1391 348">Fees</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="695 348 1192 411">Fashion and Textile Merchandising and Marketing</td> <td data-bbox="1192 348 1391 411">S\$1,157</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="695 411 1192 474">Industrial Engineering, Quality and Production</td> <td data-bbox="1192 411 1391 474">S\$1,341</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="695 474 1192 522">Design and Product Development</td> <td data-bbox="1192 474 1391 522">S\$1,444</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Aligning with CPE regulation, course fee payment will be under installment scheme with 2 equal payments; first installment payment dues before the course commencement date and final installment payment dues 6 weeks after course commencement date.</p>	Course	Fees	Fashion and Textile Merchandising and Marketing	S\$1,157	Industrial Engineering, Quality and Production	S\$1,341	Design and Product Development	S\$1,444
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14	Will trainee receive any stipends during training?	Trainees will receive a \$1,000 training allowance on a monthly basis during the 5-months PCP.								
15	Can I defer my study?	No.								
16	What if I cannot serve the attachment / break bond?	WDA reserves the right to claim back any funds incurred.								
17	What happens after my industrial attachment?	After the programme, the host company has the first option to offer a job to its trainees. TaFtc shall also facilitate the placement of trainees into suitable jobs in the industry.								
18	Can I take the WSQ Diploma in Fashion Technology on its own (not under PCP / GFTP / GFGP)?	Yes, participants still pay the nett course fee (after SPUR funding) and will not receive any training stipend. Companies who sponsor their employees for this full-time diploma can also claim absentee payroll via the SRP Net.								
19	How will this new qualification value add to the careers of existing industry practitioners?	Participants will gain the necessary skills, knowledge and attitude to further their career in the industry. The WSQ Diploma gives industry practitioners a nationally recognized qualification and in the process certifies their skills and work experience.								

20	<p>What are the candidate's obligations under PCP programme?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attend interview sessions organized by TaF.tc in participating textile and fashion organizations. 2. Secure placement for internship. 3. To pay the required course fees before each installment due date (Nett amount after SPUR funding) 4. Meet 75% attendance during the 3 months training in WSQ Diploma in Fashion Technology 5. Pass competency assessments at the end of each module in WSQ Diploma in Fashion Technology 6. Candidate has to work in the host company as intern for 2 months 7. Candidate has to work in the host company or any organization in the textile and fashion industry for a minimum of 5 months after the 5 months PCP program.
21	<p>What if I cannot complete the programme under any of the following scenarios:</p> <p><u>Scenario 1:</u> 3 months training and achieve competency in the given assessment.</p> <p><u>Scenario 2:</u> 2 month internship</p> <p><u>Scenario 3:</u> 5 month work in the in the host company or any organization in the textile and fashion industry</p>	<p>In the event that candidate is unable to complete the programme during the 3 given scenarios:-</p> <p>Candidate will have to pay for the full amount of subsidy by SPUR funding and refund the \$1000 per month training allowance given.</p>