



Continuing Education Fund (CEF)

The Continuing Education Fund (CEF) subsidises adults with learning aspirations to pursue continuing education and training. The CEF enhancement measures have been implemented from 1 August 2022. To tie in with the enhancement measures, the School is actively expanding the scope of our CEF reimbursable courses to areas of Chinese Medicine, Health Care, Education, Arts, etc., in response to the learning needs of different learners.

The following information is extracted from the website of the Continuing Education Fund at wfsfaa.gov.hk/en/ce/cef/overview.php, whichever is subject to it.

Enhancement Measures of Continuing Education Fund* (Effective from 1 August 2022)

- increase of the CEF subsidy ceiling from \$20,000 to \$25,000 per person;
- the co-payment ratio by learners (i.e. the percentage of course fee to be borne by learners) for the first \$10,000 subsidy remains to be 20% of the course fee, and that for the remaining \$15,000 subsidy is 40% of the course fee; and
- removal of the upper age limit for CEF applicants.

^ The enhancement measures are applicable only for CEF courses commencing on or after 1 August 2022.

Note: For CEF reimbursable courses that commenced before 1 August 2022, reimbursement claims will be processed by Office of Continuing Education Fund (OCEF) in accordance with the requirements in force before 1 August 2022.

Eligibility for Application

Persons who meet the following criteria can apply for CEF:

- Hong Kong residents who have the right of abode or the right to land or to remain in Hong Kong without restriction; or holders of one-way permit from Mainland China;
- **Aged between 18 and 70 (i.e. before reaching the age of 71) both at the time when the CEF reimbursable course under application commences and at the time when an application for fee reimbursement is submitted, which should be within one year upon the *successful completion of the CEF reimbursable course. Late applications will not be accepted;
- Have enrolled in and paid the tuition fee for the CEF reimbursable course; and
- Have not obtained any other public funds or assistance under any other publicly-funded financial assistance schemes for the same course.

* "Successful completion of the CEF reimbursable course" means the claimant has an attendance rate of not less than 70% (or such higher attendance requirement as prescribed for the course) and has passed the course assessments as required by the School. Applicants studying language proficiency course are required to pass a specified benchmark test/examination (if applicable) at the specified (or higher) level to be eligible for fee reimbursement.

** Please note the Enhancement Measures (Effective from 1 August 2022) as mentioned above.

Reimbursement Procedures

- Applicants are only required to complete Application Form, which is a combined application form for both account opening and fee reimbursement.
- The CEF Application Form can be obtained from OCEF/Home Affairs Enquiry Centres/the School or downloaded from the website of CEF.
- Applicants may request the relevant CEF course information from our School to complete the application form (if necessary).
- Please scan the QR Code or visit the School website: www.cuscs.hk for details of the reimbursement procedures.

For enquiries, please contact OCEF at 3142-2277 or the School at 2209-0478/2209-0260.

Tax Deduction for Expenses of Self-Education

Students pursuing a course at CUSCS to gain or maintain qualifications for use in either the current or a planned employment are eligible to apply for the tax deduction in respect of the tuition fee. Students should keep official receipt issued by the School and place the application with Inland Revenue Department via annual tax return. The upper limit for amount deduction is HK\$100,000 for the year of assessment 2017-18 and after.

For more information, please visit website of IRD at www.ird.gov.hk or contact IRD 24-hour hotline at 187-8088.

Non-means-tested Loan Scheme for Post-secondary Students (NLSPS) / Extended Non-means-tested Loan Scheme (ENLS)

The HKSAR Government Student Finance Office (SFO) has extended its Non-means-tested Loan Schemetostudentspursuinglocalaward-bearing programmes at the post-secondary level and above offered by the UGC-funded institutions' schools of professional and continuing education. For details of the Scheme and updated course list, please contact SFO at 2150 - 6222 or visit SFO website: www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo. You may also contact us at 2209-0290.