

ANNEX C: PHASING OUT OF SKILLSFUTURE QUALIFICATION AWARD

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SSG will phase out the SkillsFuture Qualification Award, which was first introduced in 2011, as it has met its objective of encouraging take up of Singapore Workforce Skills Qualification (WSQ) full qualifications.

2. This is in line with the SkillsFuture messages for individuals to take up continual training to meet evolving industry needs and navigate their career pathways. Beyond WSQ full qualifications, there is a growing range of modular, bite-sized training that meet industry and individual needs. To this end, we have introduced the SkillsFuture Credit and provided top-ups to the Credit last year that will empower Singaporeans to take up such modular courses.

3. To provide a transition period for the phase out, eligible Singaporean trainees who wish to apply for the SkillsFuture Qualification Award will have up to **31 December 2022** to complete their WSQ qualifications. The date of completion is based on the date of passing the assessment of the last module that completes the requirement of the WSQ full qualification, inclusive of any re-assessments.

4. Trainees who have attained the eligible WSQ qualifications will have up to **31 March 2023** to submit their SkillsFuture Qualification Award applications via the MySkillsFuture portal at <https://programmes.myskillsfuture.gov.sg/QualificationAward/ProgrammeDetails.aspx>. No applications nor appeals will be accepted thereafter.

5. The key cut-off dates for the phase out of the SkillsFuture Qualification Award are summarised in Table 1. The existing eligibility criteria for SkillsFuture Qualification Award applies.

Table 1: Cut-off dates for eligibility for SkillsFuture Qualification Award

WSQ Full Qualification Attainment Date <i>(Based on date of passing the assessment of last module to make up the qualification, inclusive of any re-assessments)</i>	By 31 December 2022 (inclusive)
SkillsFuture Qualification Award Application Date	By 31 March 2023 (inclusive)

6. Should you require further assistance, please contact SSG at 6785 5785 or submit your enquiries via SSG's feedback portal at <https://portal.ssg-wsg.gov.sg/feedback>.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **When am I considered to have completed and attained a WSQ full qualification?**

Trainees are considered to have completed and attained a WSQ full qualification upon successful completion of the training and assessments. The date of completion is based on the date of passing the assessment of the last module that completes the requirement of the WSQ full qualification, inclusive of any re-assessments.

2. **I have enrolled for/am in the midst of taking my WSQ full qualification , and will only complete the qualification after 31 December 2022. Can I appeal for more time to complete the full qualification and be eligible for the SkillsFuture Qualification Award?**

We are unable to accede to your appeal as advance notice of more than 18 months has been provided before the discontinuation of the SkillsFuture Qualification Award. You may also wish to check with your training provider whether the course schedule allows you to complete the qualification by 31 December 2022. Alternatively, you may explore whether the required modules are offered by other training providers at an earlier date. Nonetheless, we encourage learners to complete the course modules from the perspective of how it contributes to their learning and development, instead of the quantum of the SkillsFuture Qualification Award provided upon completion.

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