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**MOST PRIVATE EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS COMPLIED WITH
NEW REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS**

Singapore, 20 July 2017 – Most Private Education Institutions (PEIs) have complied with the latest regulatory requirements by 1 June 2017. These requirements were introduced by Committee for Private Education (CPE) in October 2016 to further strengthen student protection and increase information transparency for prospective students. Details of these measures are listed in [Annex A](#).

2 However, two PEIs did not meet the minimum credit rating requirement. They are Fur & Away School of Pet Stylists and Stansfield College. Accordingly, these two PEIs' registration will be cancelled. Twenty-one students will be affected. To protect the interests of these students, CPE has directed the PEIs to place out these students or give them a full refund.

3 PEIs offering external degree programmes (EDPs) or programmes that articulate into EDPs are also required to obtain EduTrust (4-year) certification. Seventeen PEIs did not have the required certification, of which 12 PEIs have applied for certification by 1 June 2017 and will have until 1 June 2018 to attain EduTrust (4-year) certification. Four PEIs have not applied for certification and will be teaching out their remaining students in such programmes. One PEI did not meet the minimum credit rating requirement and its registration will be cancelled. These PEIs are listed in [Annex B](#).

4 As at 30 June 2017, there are 290 PEIs registered with CPE.

5 Mr Brandon Lee, Director-General (Private Education), SkillsFuture Singapore said, "These new measures aim to better protect the interests of students who are pursuing their studies in PEIs. Nevertheless, we encourage prospective students to consider their options carefully before enrolling into a PEI."

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About SkillsFuture Singapore

SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG) drives and coordinates the implementation of the national SkillsFuture movement, promotes a culture of lifelong learning and strengthens the ecosystem of quality education and training in Singapore. Through a holistic system of national

SkillsFuture initiatives, SSG enables Singaporeans to take charge of their learning journey in their pursuit of skills mastery. SSG also works with key stakeholders to ensure that students and adults have access to high quality and industry-relevant training that meet the demands of different sectors of the economy for an innovative and productive workforce. For more information, visit www.ssg.gov.sg

About Committee for Private Education

The Committee for Private Education (CPE) was appointed by SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG) Board in October 2016 to carry out its functions and powers relating to private education under the Private Education Act. The CPE is supported by a team of dedicated staff from SSG to regulate the sector, provide student services and consumer education to uplift standards in the local private education industry. For more information, please visit our website at www.cpe.gov.sg

List of New Measures Introduced in October 2016

	New Requirements	Details
1	Minimum financial requirements for all PEIs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum paid-up capital of \$100,000 is required for new PEIs with immediate effect. • The requirement for credit rating is now part of registration requirements for all PEIs as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PEIs that have a 1-year Enhanced Registration Framework (ERF) registration period must have at least a Band 2 credit rating. ○ PEIs that have at least 4-year ERF registration period must have at least a Band 3 credit rating.
2	EduTrust certification requirement for PEIs that offer EDPs programmes and/or programmes that articulate into EDPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enhance protection for students, all PEIs that offer EDPs programmes and/or programmes that articulate into EDPs are required to first obtain an EduTrust (4-year) certification. • This requirement takes immediate effect for new PEIs or existing PEIs that do not currently offer such programmes. • Existing PEIs that offer such programmes but do not have an EduTrust (4-year) certification must apply for certification by 1 June 2017 and attain EduTrust (4-year) certification by 1 June 2018.
3	Mandatory participation in CPE's graduate employment survey for PEIs offering EDPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enable prospective students to make informed education and career choices, PEIs that offer EDPs will be required to participate in an annual Graduate Employment Survey. This survey will be centrally administered by CPE to ensure independence and neutrality. • The survey results will be published on CPE's website at the institution level.
4	Minimum academic entry requirements for all EDPs and/or programmes that articulate into EDPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission to an EDP will require: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GCE A-Level, IB Diploma, or other equivalent pre-university certifications; or ○ Polytechnic diploma or equivalent; or ○ PEI qualification that provides direct articulation into an EDP • Admission to a programme that articulates to an EDP will require: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GCE O-Level or equivalent; or ○ <i>Nitec, Higher Nitec</i> or equivalent. • This is with immediate effect to all new EDPs and/or programmes that articulate into EDPs. • Existing PEIs offering such programmes which do not meet the stipulated guidelines were given up

		till 1 June 2017 to revise the admission criteria for its programmes.
5	Enhancements to EduTrust standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only PEIs that have at least a 4-year ERF registration period are able to apply for EduTrust certification with immediate effect. • EduTrust standards have been enhanced to place greater emphasis on academic processes and student education outcomes through new requirements and greater score weightage. • The Guidance Document version 3.0 (GD3) articulating these enhanced standards was released in February 2017 and came into effect on 1 June 2017.

Table 1 List of PEIs that offered External Degree Programme (EDPs) or programmes that articulate into EDPs and have applied for EduTrust by 1 June 2017	
S/N	Private Education Institution
1	Academies Australasia College
2	American Center for Education
3	Arium School of Arts And Sciences
4	Aventis School of Management
5	CSM Academy International
6	Global School of Technology & Management
7	HTMI Hotel and Tourism Management Institute
8	ITC School of Laws
9	JE Educational College
10	Nurses Learning Hub
11	SHRI Academy
12	The Logistics Academy

Table 2 List of PEIs that offered External Degree Programme (EDPs) or programmes that articulate into EDPs and have not applied for EduTrust by 1 June 2017	
S/N	Private Education Institution
1	FY Institute of Technology (Singapore)
2	Informatics Global Campus
3	Institute of Chinese Medical Studies
4	SEED Institute

Table 3 PEI that offered External Degree Programme (EDPs) or programmes that articulate into EDPs whose registration will be cancelled	
S/N	Private Education Institution
1	Stansfield College