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# Introduction to Sports Education Programme (SEP)



#### **ABOUT SEP**

Introduced in 2007, the Sports Education Programme (SEP) aims to advocate the importance of sport education, encourage sport participation in schools and increase sporting opportunities for students by augmenting existing sport offerings in schools.

SEP also serves as an integrated and structured approach to link sport service providers with schools.



#### SEP CORE OBJECTIVES

Provide schools with access to a wide variety of quality sport programmes and in turn, increasing sporting opportunities for students, generating greater interest in sport and deepening acquisition of sport skills and knowledge for continual sport participation.



**Archery** 



**Fencing** 



**Tennis** 

#### SPORT EXPOSURE



 An introductory · A structured, developmental programme designed programme that to offer students the facilitates the learning opportunity to experience the sport. and development of Students should sport skills. Students should understand the understand the rules rules and gameplay and and basic gameplay and acquire basic develop their skills of skills to engage in the the sport to an sport upon completion intermediate or advance of the programme. level upon completion of the programme.

SPORT

DEVEL OPMENT

#### SPORT INCLUSIVE



A customised programme for students in the special education schools to learn and experience sport.

SPORT SPED

A customised programme for students in the mainstream schools to develop a deeper understanding of individuals with disabilities through sport and for students of all

abilities to play together.







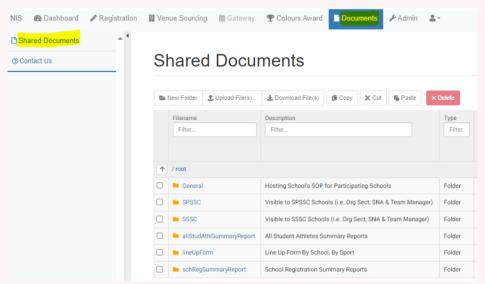


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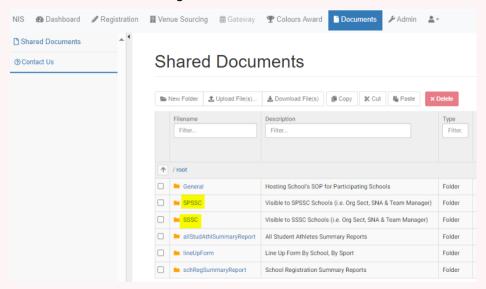


# ACCESSING SEP PROGRAMME LISTING VIA NIS

1. After logging in to NIS, click on 'Documents' tab. Next, click on 'Shared Documents' on the side panel.

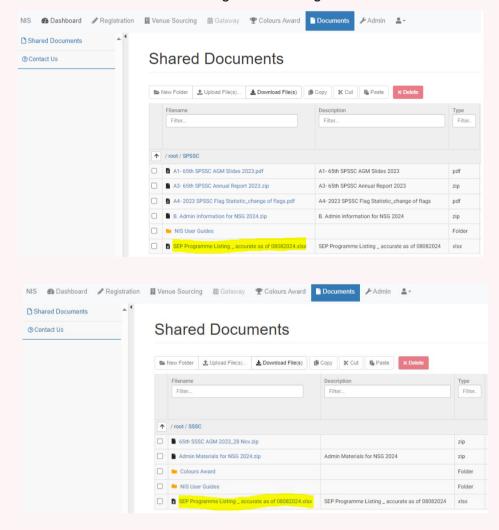


2. Select the folder ending with 'SPSSC' or 'SSSC'.



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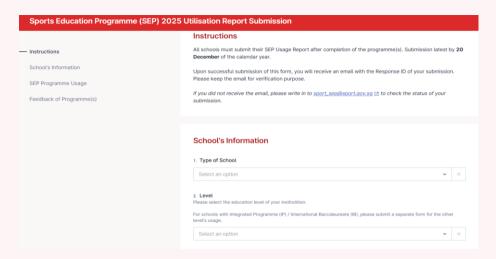
3. Select the file titled 'SEP Programme Listing'.



#### SUBMITTING SEP UTILISATION REPORT

All schools (Government, Government-aided, Independent, Specialised Independent, Specialised and Special Education (SPED) schools) must submit their SEP Utilisation Report through an online form (https://go.gov.sg/sep-report-2025) upon completion of the programme.

The final SEP Utilisation Report for a calendar year must be submitted by **20 December** of that calendar year.



#### **Government, Government-aided schools**

Proof of SEP Grant Utilisation will be based solely on the SEP Utilisation Report submitted by schools. Failure to submit the SEP Utilisation Report may result in recovery of the Grant.

## Independent, Specialised Independent, Specialised and Special Education (SPED) schools

Reimbursement will be based solely on the SEP Utilisation Report submitted by schools.

#### PROVIDING PROGRAMME FEEDBACK

Please submit feedback of the SEP programme together with the SEP Utilisation Report (https://go.gov.sg/sep-report-2025).





# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



#### FAQS: GETTING STARTED WITH SEP

#### 1. What is the Sports Education Programme?

The Sports Education Programme (SEP) is a partnership between Sport Singapore (SportSG) and Ministry of Education (MOE) with the objective of promoting sports participation in schools. Schools that offer SEP-endorsed programmes to their students will receive a dollar-to-dollar matching grant of up to \$10,000 per school, which can be used to defray up to 50% of the incurred costs (before GST).

#### 2. How can schools subscribe to a programme under SEP?

Schools may refer to the SEP programme listing on the NIS portal and proceed to contact the service provider directly to arrange for the programme to be delivered.

#### 3. Do schools have the flexibility to schedule the delivery of SEPendorsed programmes for students during or outside of school curriculum hours?

Yes, schools can decide whether they would like to schedule the delivery of their preferred SEP-endorsed programmes for students during or outside of school curriculum hours.

## 4. Why doesn't SEP include certain types of defense and martial arts programmes?

For safety reasons, sports programmes incorporating physical contact striking or sparring between participants will not be endorsed. Judo, wrestling and similar programmes may include only safe grappling. Any form of striking and choking is strictly not allowed.

# FAQS: ABOUT SEP GRANT

#### 5. What can the SEP Grant be used for?

The SEP Grant can be used by schools to subsidise up to 50% of the costs of SEP-endorsed programmes (before GST). The remaining 50% of the costs will have to be borne by participating schools. The grant can only be used by schools which have successfully opted in for SEP in any given year to pay for SEP-endorsed programmes.

For guidelines on utilisation of the grant, schools will have to refer to notification GA/04/25 dated 20 January 2025. Claimable expenses under the SEP grant include what have been quoted in each programme as the programme cost.

Additional costs not listed in the description of programmes (e.g. transportation of students, costs of buying equipment, rental of safety boats, entry fees to facilities, hiring of venue etc.) shall be borne by schools.

### 6. Can the SEP Grant be used to support Co-Curricular Activities in schools?

Schools can tap on the SEP grant to support the design and planning of their Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) with the intent to provide greater breadth in the activities to enhance the students' CCA experiences.

However, the SEP grant cannot be used to pay for the fees of the coach/ instructor, who is engaged to provide coaching services to the students in the core CCA activity.

For example, a school cannot use the SEP grant to engage a badminton coach for their badminton CCA. However, the grant can be used by the school to pay a vendor for delivering another type of sport activity to facilitate team building among students in the badminton CCA.

# FAQS: ABOUT SEP GRANT

7. Can the SEP Grant be used to defray the costs of multiple SEP-endorsed programme subscribed to by the same school?

Yes, schools can use the SEP grant to defray up to 50% of their costs of subscribing to multiple SEP-endorsed programmes, for up to \$10,000 per school.

8. Can schools carry forward any unused portion of the SEP Grant to the following year?

Schools are encouraged to utilise as much of the SEP grant as possible by the end of each calendar year as schools will not be allowed to carry forward any remaining balance of the SEP grant to the following year.

9. Can schools engage a service provider that does not offer any SEP-endorsed programmes and still be able to utilise the SEP Grant to cover 50% of the programme costs?

No. The SEP Grant can only be utilised for procuring SEP-endorsed programmes.

10. How can schools proceed to claim 50% of programme expenses that can be covered by the SEP grant?

Starting 2024, the SEP grant shall be downloaded to schools on IFAAS in January and schools are not required to exercise Opt-In via the SEP portal for the grant.

(a) For Government and Government-aided schools:

Schools will need to charge 50% of claimable expenses (before GST) to IFAAS Project Code 500042 (SportSG-SEP Grant) while the remaining 50% of the payment must be borne by schools.

# FAQS: ABOUT SEP GRANT

## (b) Independent Schools/ Specialised Independent Schools/ Special Education Schools:

Independent and Specialised Independent Schools will need to pay 100% of their expenses upfront using their own funds. They will be reimbursed 50% (before GST) of their expenses subsequently based on the SEP Utilisation Report(s) submitted.

All schools must submit their SEP Utilisation Report through an online form (<a href="https://go.gov.sg/sep-report-2025">https://go.gov.sg/sep-report-2025</a>) after completion of the event(s) / programme(s), latest by 20 December of the calendar year.

# FAQS: ABOUT SEP SERVICE PROVIDERS

## 11. What qualifications do coaches/ instructors who are delivering SEP-endorsed programmes possess?

Coaches/ instructors who are tasked to deliver SEP-endorsed programmes are required to possess the following qualifications:

- Valid National Registry of Coaches (NROC) membership relevant to the sport of the SEP programme.
- A recognised and valid Standard First Aid and AED certification
- Fulfil requirements stated in the MOE notification PA/25/20 on 'Engagement and Registration of Instructors Offering Co-Curricular and Enrichment Activities to Schools'. The circular can be found at (http://intranet.moe.gov.sg/sdcd/sdco/Pages/Circulars-and-Notificationsnew-page.aspx) in the Student Development Coordination Office (SDCO) intranet site

Schools are advised to ensure the instructors/ coaches whom they have engaged to deliver SEP-endorsed programmes for their students possess the aforementioned qualifications.

12. Can schools accept a discount off the listed prices that SEP service providers offer for their programmes and still be able to utilise the SEP grant to cover 50% of the programme costs?

Yes. As long as the programme has been listed as an endorsed programme under SEP and the service provider makes it clear in the invoice that a discount has been offered, schools can still utilise the SEP grant to cover 50% of the programme costs.

# FAQS: ABOUT SEP SERVICE PROVIDERS

## 13. Can schools recommend new service providers to be incorporated in SEP?

If schools would like to recommend the incorporation of service providers whose programmes are currently not endorsed under SEP, they can email to <a href="mailto:sport.sep@sport.gov.sg">sport.gov.sg</a> with details of their recommended service provider and the SEP team will follow up with the service provider accordingly. Please note that schools are only allowed to use the SEP grant to participate in a programme after it is SEP endorsed.

## 14. When will programmes under the new category – "Sport Inclusive" be available for use?

Programmes under the "Sport Inclusive" category will be shared with schools from June 2025 via the SEP programme listing on the NIS portal. Schools can proceed to contact service providers directly to arrange for programmes to be delivered.

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