

FAQs on New Senior Secondary Curriculum Migration Grant (NSSCMG)

1. Will special schools benefit from NSSCMG?
 - Special schools will also benefit from NSSCMG as other schools. The rate of calculation of NSSCMG for special schools is the same as ordinary schools.
2. If it is anticipated that schools will close down in the following years (not offering new senior secondary classes), will they be eligible for the NSSCMG?
 - Schools that will close down on or before 2009/10 school year will not be provided with NSSCMG.
3. Will new secondary schools be eligible for NSSCMG?
 - New secondary schools that start operation between the 2006/07 school year and the 2008/09 school year will be eligible for NSSCMG for the relevant years.
4. When will the NSSCMG be disbursed to schools?
 - NSSCMG has been disbursed to schools starting from the 2006/07 school year for a period of 3 years.
5. Can NSSCMG be used for hiring of services?
 - The aim of this grant is to help schools to prepare for migration to NSS. It cannot be used for hiring of services. Schools can use the grant to procure learning and teaching materials, equipments, etc relating to the NSS subjects to be offered (e.g. reference books on NSS subjects and audio-visual equipment). It is also used to cover start-up expenses (including minor conversion, furniture and other necessary items) for migration to the NSS curriculum.
6. Can the surplus of NSSCMG be rolled over to the next year?
 - Yes, until the end of the 2011/12 school year, i.e. 31 August 2012.
7. How is NSSCMG different from the non-recurrent grant for major repairs/alterations?
 - As different from the grant for major repairs/alterations, NSSCMG does not require application. The grant for major repairs/alterations is for schools to apply for works of repairs or improvement that are essential/desirable. NSSCMG is used to cover start-up expenses (including minor conversion, furniture and other necessary items) for migration to the NSS curriculum. For example, schools can make use of the grant for partitioning a room to facilitate group discussion.
8. NSSCMG is calculated on the basis of the total number of classes. However, as class structure may vary from year to year, on which year is it calculated?
 - This grant is calculated on the basis of actual number of operating secondary classes in September of the school year concerned.