

FAQs for Accelerated Pathway Programme

1. Who is eligible for the SCAQ Accelerated Pathway Programme?

ISCA will be piloting this scheme to local accountancy degree undergraduates (direct degrees) who are studying at the local autonomous universities.

Criteria:

- a. Accountancy undergraduate at National University of Singapore (NUS), National Technology University (NTU), Singapore Management University (SMU), Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) or Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS).

Nanyang Technological University	- Bachelor of Accountancy - Master of Science in Accountancy [previously known as Master of Business Administration (Accountancy)]
National University of Singapore	- Bachelor of Business Administration (Accountancy)
Singapore Management University	- Bachelor of Accountancy
Singapore University of Social Sciences	- Bachelor of Accountancy (part-time included)
Singapore Management University	- Master of Professional Accounting
Singapore Institute of Technology	- Bachelor of Accountancy

2. What is covered under the APP?

Under the APP, ISCA will subsidise the following:

- a. Annual candidature fees (till graduation)
- b. Module exemption fees (up to 2 module exemptions)
- c. Module examination fees (subsidised up to one-time* per module, except the IB module)
- d. Complimentary revision classes for Assurance (AS) and Business value, governance and risk (BG) modules

** One-time resit fees will be provided to candidates under FAQ Qn 13*

3. How to apply for the APP?

If you are an undergraduate from one of the courses listed above, you can apply to become a SCAQ candidate through the SCAQ website (<https://scaq.isac.org.sg>).

Your application fee will be waived. You will need to obtain a letter from your school as supporting documentation that you are enrolled into the degree courses listed.

Enrolment for the SCAQ exams is available for APP candidates from 3 May 2024. Subsequently, you will be able to enrol for the module exams and sign up for the complimentary revision classes.

4. Is the Complimentary Revision Classes available to international students?

Yes. International students are eligible if they are studying the accountancy course at the local autonomous universities with direct entry into the SCAQ.

5. Are there any restrictions based on nationality or residency for eligibility?

There are no restrictions based on nationality or residency for this initiative.

6. Is there a limit to the number of candidates who can sign up for the APP, does it vary each year?

The APP will be piloted for a period of 2 years. There is no limit to the number of candidates under the APP. Undergraduates who sign up as SCAQ candidates within the 2 years will be eligible. The APP will apply till the candidate has graduated from the university.

7. Are there any obligations or commitments beyond meeting eligibility criteria?

Candidates under the APP who sign up for the revision classes are required to attend the classes. Attendance will be tracked. Candidates who fail to attend the classes after signing up will be barred from attending future classes.

8. Can I sign up for the complimentary revision classes without enrolling for the examinations?

You will need to be enrolled for the relevant examinations to be able to enrol for the revision classes. Communications will be sent to enrolled candidates to sign up for the revision classes.

9. Can I withdraw the SCAQ after submitting application?

Yes, candidates may withdraw from the SCAQ by submitting a withdrawal request through the SCAQ candidate portal (<https://scaq.isca.org.sg>).

10. Is there any obligation attached to the APP? (i.e. Assist in any SCAQ activities/events)

No, there is no obligation attached to the APP.

11. I have already signed up as a SCAQ candidate. Does the APP apply to me?

Yes, as long as you are an undergraduate in one of the direct degree programs, you will be eligible for the APP.

12. I have already signed up as a SCAQ candidate this year. Can I get a refund for the fees paid?

If you signed up as a candidate in 2024, ISCA will provide a sponsorship for the fees paid within the calendar year (2024). We will not be subsidising any fees that were incurred prior to 2024.

You may write to scaq@isca.org.sg to request for a refund of your fees paid in 2024.

13. I have already signed up as a SCAQ candidate previously and I have taken and failed a SCAQ module. Do I get subsidised for the resit fees under the APP?

ISCA will provide a one-time sponsorship for the examination fees under the APP. If you are resitting the module in 2024, ISCA will provide one-time sponsorship for the examination resit fee. Any subsequent resits are not subsidised.

14. Will the APP be extended past the 2 years?

ISCA will evaluate the take up and effectiveness of the programme before deciding if it would be extended.

15. Am I allowed to defer my examination under the APP?

Yes, you may defer your exam. However, deferment fees of \$109 are not included under the APP.

16. If I enrolled for the June exam and attended the complimentary revision classes in Jun, but later on deferred to December exam, am I allowed to attend the complimentary revision classes again for the December exam?

Yes, you may attend the December revision classes as long as you are still under the APP.

17. If I enrolled for the June exam and deferred to December exam, am I allowed to attend the complimentary revision classes for the December exam? I did not attend the complimentary revision classes for the June exam session.

Yes, you may attend the revision classes for the exam that you are enrolled in as long as you are still under the APP.

18. When are the complimentary classes held?

ISCA will provide virtual complimentary revision classes for the Assurance (AS) and Business Value, Governance and Risk (BG) modules for APP candidates who have enrolled for the December 2024 exams. The details of the revision classes are shown in the table below:

	Assurance (AS) module	Business Value, Governance and Risk (BG)
Class 1	2 December 2024, Monday, 7pm to 9pm	30 November 2024, Saturday, 10am to 12pm
Class 2	3 December 2024, Tuesday, 7pm to 9pm	30 November 2024, Saturday, 1pm to 3pm

*#Please note that you are required to attend **BOTH** sessions.*

19. How would I know if I have been enrolled in the complimentary classes?

As an APP candidate, you will receive a registration link in mid-October 2024.

You will receive an email confirmation and further information on the revision classes by 15 November 2024 (Friday).

If you did not receive the confirmation email by the end of 18 November 2024 (Monday), please write to us at scaq@isca.org.sg.

20. Will there be recordings from the complimentary revision classes made available and for how long?

Yes, the recordings of revision classes stated under FAQ 18 will be made available to enrolled candidates of the December 2024 exams in the month of December 2024. Please note that you are required to attend both revision class sessions.

21. In the event that I have registered for the complimentary revision classes but find myself unable to attend at the last moment, either one or both classes, what should I do?

Your attendance is mandatory for both sessions of each virtual class as scheduled, as attendance will be monitored. Please refer to FAQ 7.

22. I have already signed up as a SCAQ candidate previously, but I subsequently deferred my graduation from university. Can I continue in the SCAQ programme as an APP candidate?

If there are changes to your graduation date after your application as an APP candidate, please write to us at scaq@isca.org.sg for us to assess on a case-by-case basis.

23. What are the supporting documents required to be submitted under the APP enrolment in the SCAQ candidate portal?

The list of required documents includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. Latest academic transcript of university degree;
- b. Front and back copy of NRIC (for Singaporean & PRs) / Passport or front and back copy of FIN (for foreigners); and
- c. Certification letter from your university to certify your undergraduate status (including your current academic year and degree programme).