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Dear Members,

We are excited to inform you of new developments in government support for the upgrading of the jewellery industry.

SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG)'s Subsidies for Jewellery Training

28 specialised jewellery courses at JDMIS are now supported under SSG's initiatives. Please refer to table below :

Course Fee Funding for Training at JDMIS (with effect from April 2021 to 28 Feb 2023)

Category	Funding amount
Employer-Sponsored Singapore Citizens (SC) below 40 and Permanent Residents (PR)	Baseline Funding : \$435 + Absentee Payroll Claim capped at \$4.50/hr
Employer-Sponsored SC 40+	Mid-career Enhanced Support : \$1450 + Absentee Payroll Claim capped at \$4.50/hr
SME Employer-Sponsored SC (any age) and PR	Enhanced Training Support for SMEs : \$1450 + Absentee Payroll Claim capped at \$7.50/hr

For more details on SSG's support of JDMIS courses and the terms and conditions related to it, please read the information below.

SJA will continue to work diligently with the government agencies to support members in developing special skillsets to heighten business competitiveness during this difficult time. Then, when the pandemic is over and recovery takes place, members would be ready to conquer and command new opportunities that arise.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Regards,

Singapore Jewellers Association

Jewellery Training @ JDMIS

28 specialised jewellery courses at JDMIS are now supported under SSG's initiatives. This comes as a testimony of concerted efforts by SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG), Workforce Singapore (WSG), Enterprise Singapore (ESG), Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI), SJA and local jewellery businesses. These initiatives ensure that the jewellery industry in Singapore evolves with the changing economy and dynamic technologies. Jewellers and individuals can stay up-to-date with the latest technical knowledge and acquire new, valuable skills essential to the industry moving forward in these ever-changing times.

JDMIS's training programmes for jewellery include basic, intermediate and advanced courses in classical jewellery design, digital jewellery design, hand fabrication, casting, fashion jewellery and jewellery business operation. These professional certification courses are eligible for SSG's baseline funding for younger Singaporeans and permanent residents. Citizens over 40 can also tap on SSG's mid-career enhanced training subsidy. SMEs also have enhanced subsidies as well as the ability to claim enhanced absentee payroll for workers sent for training.

For more details on the terms and conditions related to SSG's support of JDMIS courses, please visit: <https://jdmis.edu.sg/admissions/skillsfuture-funding-for-jdmis-courses.html> or email registrar@jdmis.edu.sg

WSG Professional Conversion Programme for Jewellery Design and Marketing Professionals

During the pandemic in 2020, WSG (with support from SJA and JDMIS) launched a PCP (Professional Conversion Program) for companies hiring talent from outside the jewellery industry. This programme provides both 90% training and 35% - 45% salary support for trainees for a 10-month period as they come up to speed in their new positions. In line with government initiatives, PCP programmes are stackable with the Jobs Growth Incentive implemented by Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (IRAS).

So far, Singapore jewellery companies have brought in new hires with expertise and transferrable skills in other fields (like service, e-commerce and management) and are building their strengths in Jewellery Design, Gemmology, Marketing, Merchandising and Jewellery Trends.

This programme is coming to an end in 2021 and final registrations ought to be submitted by the end of the quarter. For more information on this jewellery-specific PCP programme, visit <https://jdmis.edu.sg/jewellery-diploma-courses/professional-conversion-program.html> or email alex@jdmis.edu.sg