

**FACTSHEET ON THE CET QUALIFICATION AWARD**

An increasing number of workers are undertaking modular CET courses to meet immediate skills needs. While this is encouraging, workers stand to benefit even more if they go on to achieve a full qualification that will equip them with a more comprehensive skills set. This is especially beneficial to those who may have missed out on formal qualifications, those seeking a career change or those for which a formal qualification is beneficial to their career progression or job search.

2. A new CET Qualification Award (CQA) will be introduced to encourage Singaporean Citizen (SC) workers to attain a full skills qualification.

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3. Singaporeans who successfully attain a WSQ Diploma/Specialist Diploma or part-time Polytechnic Diploma for the first time after 1 March 2011 will be eligible for a CQA of \$1,000 in cash.

4. Singaporeans who successfully attain a WSQ Certificate/Higher Certificate/Advanced Certificate or part-time NITEC/Higher NITEC certificates for the first time after 1 March 2011 will be eligible for a CQA of \$200 in cash.

5. The difference in award values is due to differences in duration and cost of attaining the qualifications. Part-time Polytechnic Diploma and WSQ Diploma/Specialist Diploma programmes are typically of higher cost and longer duration than Certificate programmes.

6. In total, the Government has set aside about \$5.5 million per year to award first-time trainees who complete these qualifications.