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) |
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| 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

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).

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

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 will be available for you from 3 May. 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.