
FAQ for International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme students (IBDP)

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1) When can I apply for admission?

You may apply for admission from **4 December 2024** to **9 February 2025**.

2) Where can I obtain the application form meant for International Baccalaureate Diploma students?

The electronic application form will be available at <https://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/admissions>.

3) What are the admission requirements for IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) students?

Only IBDP students who have been awarded an IB Diploma will be considered for admission. Please note that this is only the minimum eligibility criteria. Entry to the various programmes at NUS is very competitive and applicants who gain admission, typically attain very good scores.

4) How do I submit my IBDP results?

It is **mandatory** for **all** applicants to authorise the International Baccalaureate (IB) to release their IB official transcripts to NUS. Applicants can do so by informing their school's IB coordinator. Please key in your IB Personal Code in the application form for NUS to verify your results from the IB. If you are applying with IB predicted grades and do not have your IB Personal Code, you may leave the field blank. We will email you to provide us with the IB Personal Code on a later date. Please refer to www.ibo.org/university-admission/support-students-transition-to-higher-education/requesting-and-sending-transcripts/ for details on how to request your transcripts via the IB.

5) Do I need to meet the Mother Tongue Language (MTL) requirement like the Singapore-Cambridge GCE A-Level students?

Some applicants are required to meet the Mother Tongue Language (MTL) requirement as set by the Ministry of Education (MOE), Singapore:

School Name	Singapore Citizens and Singapore Permanent Residents	International Students
Independent/ Specialised Independent Schools in Singapore (Anglo-Chinese School (Independent), School of the Arts, Singapore Sports School, St Joseph's Institution)	Applicable	Applicable
Other IB World Schools within and outside Singapore	Applicable	Not Applicable

The MTL requirement can be fulfilled through one of the following:

- IB Diploma Programme: Pass at Standard or Higher Level in MTL A: Literature; or MTL A: Language and Literature; or Language B MTL (the IB Standard Level Language *ab initio* does not fulfil the requirement)
- Singapore-Cambridge GCE O-Level: Minimum D7 grade for Higher MTL (IGCSE MTL First Language examination does not fulfil the requirement)
- Singapore-Cambridge GCE A-Level:
 - Minimum S grade for H1 MTL; or H1 General Studies in Chinese; or H2 MTL Language & Literature
 - Pass in MTL Syllabus B paper
- Pass MTL-in-lieu subject approved by MOE at the Singapore-Cambridge GCE O-Level/ A-Level/ IBDP
- Exemption from MTL approved by MOE

Submission of the official MTL examination results slip/ transcript/ exemption approval is required for the University to review your fulfilment of the MTL requirement.

Applicants who have been away from Singapore's school system for some years and have not kept up with the study of their MTL or a language that can be offered as MTL-in-lieu may apply for MTL exemption.

The MTL exemption application will be facilitated by the universities as part of the university application, and the results will be made known to applicants who receive NUS admission offers. Please note that MOE does not accept direct applications for MTL exemption. The application for MTL exemption will also not prejudice the evaluation of the application for a place in the university.

Applicants who are unable to fulfil the MTL requirement for admission but satisfy all other admission requirements may still apply for admission with no prejudice to their application. Successful applicants will be admitted on a **provisional basis** and are required to fulfil the MTL requirement, by attaining the **minimum grade** as listed above, during their course of undergraduate studies, to graduate from NUS.

Information on the Singapore-Cambridge GCE A-Level MTL paper or Singapore-Cambridge GCE O-Level Higher MTL paper for private candidates are available on the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) website: www.seab.gov.sg/.

6) How and when will I know the outcome of my application?

You will be informed of your application outcome via the [Applicant Portal](#). You may wish to check regularly for updates. This online portal will be made available after you have successfully submitted your online application. An email notification will also be sent once you have an admission outcome. Please check your junk/spam folders and mark NUS emails as "not spam". You will only be offered one programme of study from NUS if you are successful for admission.

Applicants who are successful for admission and have a valid local mobile number will receive an SMS notification. As the outcome will be released electronically, the electronic letter for the offer of admission will serve as the official document from the University. No hardcopy letter or email will be sent to you.

Application outcomes are typically released by 3rd week of May 2025 for applicants who have submitted their actual IBDP results by application closing date, 9 February 2025. Applicants taking the IBDP examination in May 2025 will receive their application outcomes from 2nd week of July 2025, after the submission of their final IBDP results to NUS **via the IB** by 7 July 2025.

The Applicant Portal for your AY2025-2026 application can only be used during the admission period from point of application till **31 August 2025** to check your application status online. This online facility will close after 31 August 2025 and after which, it will **no longer be available**. Hence, applicants are encouraged to **download and save the offer letter for future reference**.

Please note that inaccurate or false information or omission of material information will render your application invalid. NUS reserves the right to reject applications that are incomplete or inaccurate. Persons admitted on the basis of inaccurate or false information may be expelled from NUS.

7) What are the programme prerequisites for the undergraduate programmes?

Please refer to this [webpage](#) for the list of programme prerequisites.

8) Besides my IB grades, what other factors will be taken into consideration for admission to NUS?

The University is adopting a holistic approach to assess applicants for admissions into their chosen degree programmes. This means that besides academic grades, other factors, such as the applicant's interest, aptitude, and prior preparation, will also be used to admit the applicant. All applicants for all degree programmes will now be required to list up to three of their achievements, or co-curricular activities, or non-academic activities (e.g. volunteering work, competitive sports) and to answer short response questions, besides providing their grades.

For the University to better evaluate your application, you may list up to four achievements in the "Achievement" section of the application form. Examples of relevant achievements you may indicate include (but are not limited to):

- Medals won at the International Olympiads (Biology, Chemistry, Informatics, Mathematics and Physics)
- Representing Singapore in arts or sports competitions
- Active participation in community service and volunteering work
- Internship or substantial work experience that is related to your degree choices
- Key leadership positions in community service, or sports/arts associations, outside the school environment
- Leading role in entrepreneurship efforts
- Creation of a new software or app, or contribution to an open-source software, that is used by many people

If you do not wish to list any achievements, please select the "Not Applicable" option.

9) When and how will I be informed if I am shortlisted for a faculty interview/ test?

Applicants will be notified via the [Applicant Portal](#) in April 2025 if they are shortlisted for selection tests and/or interviews. Some applicants may be invited for selection tests and/or interviews in May. Those who provide a valid Singapore mobile number in their application will be notified via SMS. Shortlisted candidates should download and/or print the electronic invitation letter for retention.

10) Do I need to attend interviews/ tests for admission to the undergraduate programmes?

Applicants who apply for admission to Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Industrial Design, Dentistry, Law, Nursing and Medicine programmes are required to attend selection tests and/or interviews. As part of the University's holistic assessment, some faculties might also require applicants to attend an interview for single/double/concurrent degree programmes. The shortlisted candidates will be informed to attend the interview(s).

11) When will the faculty interviews/ tests take place?

Details of faculty interview/ tests for Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Industrial Design, Dentistry, Law, Nursing and Medicine programmes are available [here](#).

12) How and where do I submit my supporting documents?

You will be prompted to upload all relevant supporting documents when completing the online application form. If you wish to submit additional documents after you have submitted the online application, you may do so via the [Applicant Portal](#) by 9 February 2025.

All supporting documents must be submitted by 9 February 2025 for your application to be complete and considered for admission.

The list of supporting documents to be submitted after submitting an online application can be found [here](#).

**13) Can I apply if I am taking my IBDP examinations in May 2025, and will receive my actual results in July 2025?
If so, what kind of supporting documents do I need to submit?**

If you are taking the IBDP examinations in May 2025 and receiving your actual results on 6 July 2025, you can apply with your **predicted IB results as attested and endorsed by your school** (i.e. with school stamp).

The list of supporting documents to be submitted after submitting an online application can be found at [here](#).

It is **mandatory for all applicants to authorise the International Baccalaureate** to release their International Baccalaureate (IB) transcripts to NUS. You can do so by informing your school's IB coordinator. Failure to submit your May 2025 IBDP results by 7 July 2025 will result in your application being deemed as incomplete and be excluded from admission consideration.

If you do not have your Personal Code at the time of application, we will contact you via email in May 2025 with instructions on how to submit it to us.

14) Do I need to indicate my National Service (NS) status on the application form?

The "National Service in Singapore" section on the application form is only applicable to Singapore Citizens and Singapore Permanent Residents who will serve/ are serving/ have served the National Service in Singapore.

If you have registered but have not enlisted or have not yet been notified to enlist, you do not need to provide the enlistment date in the application form. You should choose your NS status as "Registered / Waiting to be enlisted". However, should you register at any point in time, you should inform the Office of Admissions immediately.

Based on your NS status, you should also submit the relevant supporting documents (Projected ORD screenshot taken from OneNS Portal / NS Service Transcript / Proof of Enlistment into Regular Service / Notice of Exemption from full-time National Service) for our verification.

If you are an international student who is going to serve/ serving/ have served your home country's compulsory military service, you do not need to indicate this information on the application form.

15) If I am exempted from National Service (NS), do I need to indicate it on the application form?

If you are exempted from NS, please choose "Exempted" for the NS status and you are required to send the Notice of Exemption from full-time National Service (endorsed by MINDEF) to the Office of Admissions for our verification. We may request for you to share the reason for exemption. Refer to Question 12 for more information on submission of supporting documents.

16) How much is the application fee?

The application fee is S\$10 and is non-refundable.

17) When is the deadline for payment of application fee?

Payment of application fee is mandatory and must be made by 9 February 2025 for the application to be complete and considered for admission.

18) What are the modes of payment and processing times for application fee payments?

Refer to [here](#) for the accepted payment modes and processing times.

19) How do I apply for financial aid?

If you wish to apply for NUS-administered Financial Aid in support of your education at NUS, you should visit the Office of Financial Aid website at www.nus.edu.sg/oam/financial-aid for the latest information on application procedures and types of financial aid available. Applications for Financial Aid must be made after you have submitted your admission application to NUS. Applications are open throughout the academic year, however for an early consideration for NUS Donated Bursaries, please apply by the admission application deadline. In addition, please note that such Financial Aid applications should be made (1) after you have applied for admission and in the year you expect to begin your undergraduate studies., and (2) as soon as possible after you apply for admission if you require financial assistance to fund your study expenses and it is regardless of whether you have been offered admission to NUS, or if you intend to apply for scholarships and/or other forms of financial assistance offered or administered by sources other than the NUS Office of Financial Aid.

You may also wish to note that the Financial Aid website publishes information on other sources of financial assistance administered by external organizations (e.g. bank-administered Tuition Fee Loan (TFL) Scheme; CPF Education Scheme; Mendaki Tertiary Tuition Fee Subsidy~; and Post-Secondary Education Account~). In many instances, the respective administrators of such schemes require that applications be made immediately upon receipt of the admission offer from the University and within their stipulated deadlines. This is regardless of whether you have applied for NUS-administered Financial Aid.

~Applicable to Singapore Citizens only

20) How do I know if my application has been successfully submitted?

If you have successfully submitted your application, you will receive an acknowledgement email titled “Acknowledgement of Application to NUS Undergraduate Programmes” sent to the primary email address indicated in the online application. Your unique NUS application number will be shown on the acknowledgement email. You should *save and/or print a copy of the acknowledgement page/email for your own reference.*

21) After submitting my online application, how can I update my contact information, choice of programmes, achievements and/or household income?

You may log in to the [Applicant Portal](#) to update the following information before 9 February 2025:

You may submit multiple updates but only the last update received will be CONSIDERED. Each time you make a change, an acknowledgement email will be sent to the email address you have indicated on the online application form. The closing date for updating of contact information is 9 February 2025.

22) How do I appeal after receiving my application outcome?

The online appeal facility will be available after the release of application outcome in late May/ early June 2025. Please log in to the [Applicant Portal](#) if you wish to appeal against the admission decision. You may submit multiple appeals but only the last appeal received will be CONSIDERED. The outcome of your appeal will be released by end June 2025.

23) What documents should I submit if I am required to submit my predicted grades, but my school does not issue it directly to students?

You would need to apply with your latest set of IB / school results and submit it to us. You are required to request for your school to send NUS your predicted grades directly. Your school should indicate your full name, application number and endorse your predicted grades when submitting your predicted grades to NUS at oambox12@nus.edu.sg. Your school should send your predicted grades by 9 February 2025.



24) If I am requesting for a re-mark of my results, would you wait for the outcome of the re-marking before releasing an application outcome to me?

Your application will be reviewed based on your current set of results. If there are any changes to your results after the re-marking, your application will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

As it is **mandatory** for all applicants to authorise the International Baccalaureate (IB) to release their IB transcripts to NUS, we will be informed by the IB if there are any changes to your IBDP results due to re-marking.

25) How do I submit my results if I have re-taken exam papers after graduation?

You are required to **re-authorise** the International Baccalaureate (IB) to release your IB transcripts to NUS. For example, if you have sat for the IBDP examination in November 2024 for the first time and re-took some IB subject exams in May 2025, you are required to re-authorise the IB to release your May 2025 IB results. It is essential that you do so, if not we would not be able to review your entire set of results.

You may submit the request for the IB to send your **latest** IBDP transcript to NUS via the IB website [here](#).

26) I am a May 2025 IB Diploma Programme examination session applicant who is applying for NUS Medicine and would like to know where can I submit my UCAT scores?

You should submit your UCAT scores directly to the NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine via the [NUS Medicine Admissions Portal](#). The NUS Medicine Admissions Portal will open in February 2025.