

BCA-Industry iBuildSG ITE Scholarship

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is the BCA-Industry iBuildSG ITE Scholarship?

The BCA-Industry iBuildSG ITE Scholarship is an industrial scholarship to attract ITE students and graduates to join the built environment sector (also known as building and construction industry). The Scholarship offers an attractive award quantum of \$14,000 during ITE studies and a structured development phase (known as Stage 2) for ITE graduates joining the built environment sector. Recipients of the Scholarship are required to serve a 2-year bond in the built environment sector.

2. How do I fulfil my Scholarship bond?

You are required to work in a Singapore-registered firm, recognised by BCA as related to the built environment sector. You will be required to be employed by such firm(s) for a minimum of 2 years.

3. Am I assured of a job through the Scholarship?

Upon completion of ITE studies (and National Service if applicable), you will seek employment with a Singapore-registered firm which is recognised by BCA as related to the built environment sector. As with usual hiring practices, employment is subject to firms' interview and other assessment criteria.

If you are awarded a joint-scholarship by BCA and a sponsoring firm (Stage 2), you will be offered employment by the sponsoring firm upon completion of ITE studies (and National Service if applicable) where you will serve your 2-year bond.

4. Am I allowed to pursue further studies?

Subject to BCA's approval, you may seek a **one-time** deferment of the scholarship bond if you are admitted to a full time built environment Diploma course at the local Polytechnic or the BCA Academy. Progression from current NITEC to a tenable built environment Higher NITEC course is not considered as a one-time deferment.

For a list of built environment Diploma courses at local Polytechnics and BCA Academy, please refer to the BCA-Industry iBuildSG Diploma Scholarship/Sponsorship website at <https://www.buildingcareers.gov.sg/Programmes-Initiatives/Scholarship-and-Sponsorship-Programmes/diploma>

5. What is a Scholarship deed? Who is required to sign on the deed?

The Scholarship deed is a legal document which binds you to the Scholarship obligations. To be awarded the Scholarship, you and your sureties have to sign a Scholarship deed with BCA, or sponsoring firm.

The 2 Sureties must be:

- a) Singapore Citizens or Singapore Permanent Residents residing permanently in Singapore;

- b) above 21 years and preferably under 65 years of age;
- c) gainfully employed and drawing an income of at least \$1,000 per month;
- d) not a declared bankrupt; and
- e) not a party to an existing scholarship / sponsorship, bursary or study loan agreement, and not bonded to an existing scholarship / sponsorship, bursary or study loan agreement.

6. How do I receive the Scholarship allowance?

The Scholarship allowance will be disbursed to you via GIRO in tranches, based on the semesters in the ITE academic calendar (i.e. twice per academic year). For a 2-year course duration, you will receive \$3,500 per semester upon submission of your results (subjected to passing of all modules).

7. What are the minimum results I have to achieve under the Scholarship?

You are required to pass all modules and graduate from your course of study within the specified study period in the Scholarship deed.

8. Is there any penalty if I break the bond?

If you break bond, you will need to repay liquidated damages (LD) comprising of the scholarship sum with 10% interest compounded annually. The LD for a 2-year Scholarship is more than \$16,000. We would advise you to consider carefully before making your decision.

9. What is the Stage 2 phase?

The Stage 2 phase offers employment and provides a clear progression path such as training opportunities and attractive salary for ITE graduates who are keen to start work immediately upon graduation from ITE, subject to the support of a sponsoring firm.

10. Are the Stage 2 benefits guaranteed after I graduate from ITE?

The Stage 2 is jointly offered with the industry. You will need to secure a sponsoring built environment firm in order to enjoy the benefits as a joint scholar. As the Stage 2 phase involves employment with a particular firm, built environment firms will have the discretion to select candidates for interviews and other forms of assessment processes.