

QUICK GUIDE to Applying for Enterprise Development Grant (EDG) for Data Protection (DP) Certifications*

Companies should use the Guide and be familiar with the [EDG application process](#) before applying to Enterprise Singapore (ESG).

<p>Step 1: Before applying for the EDG</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apply for the relevant DP certification(s) online at www.imda.gov.sg/dpcertifications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMDA's approval email is required for submission as part of EDG application. 2. Secure quotations from: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) your preferred Assessment Body <i>(List of Appointed Assessment Bodies can be found at www.imda.gov.sg/dpcertifications)</i> & (ii) your preferred consultant. You may refer to IMDA's list of Data Protection Service Providers, but do ensure your selected provider is an approved CQI consultant to be eligible for EDG funding. <i>[List of certified management consultants can be found at Consultant Quality Initiative (CQI)]</i>
<p>Step 2: Applying for the EDG</p>	<p>Be informed of the pre-application details before applying here:</p> <p>Important Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DP certifications are applied under the category - Market Access > Standards Adoption. Please use the correct Proposal Template/forms. • Information on what is not covered under EDG (Standards Adoption) can be found here. • Applicants may apply for the EDG for a single, or multiple certifications (e.g. DPTM + CBPR).
<p>Step 3: Approval of the EDG application and Claims Process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants may officially appoint and commence work with your selected consultant and Assessment Body once you submit your EDG application. Do note however, that your application is still subject to approval. • Kindly note that EDG is based on reimbursement upon successful certification. Refer to ESG's website for claims process.

*Consisting of IMDA's Data Protection Trustmark (DPTM) and APEC Cross Border Privacy Rules (CBPR) & Privacy Recognition for Processors (PRP)

FAQ

Please access ESG's [FAQ](#) for more information on the EDG.

Q1: For the DP certifications, what are the supportable components under EDG?

A: Areas of support include (i) the assessment fee (payable to the IMDA appointed Assessment Body of your choice), and (ii) the 3rd party consultancy fees. The EDG will not support the application fee payable to IMDA.

The consultant must be a certified management consultant under Enterprise Singapore's [Consultant Quality Initiative \(CQI\)](#). Companies may also refer to the IMDA's [list of Data Protection Service Provider](#) but do ensure your selected provider is an approved CQI consultant to be eligible for EDG funding. Please exercise due care and judgement when selecting your consultants to ensure that they have the relevant experience in DP certifications.

Q2: Can I apply to the EDG to engage a consultant to meet my PDPA compliance?

A: No, the EDG does not support standards referred to in local regulatory acts.

Q3: I am a non-profit organisation; what support can I tap on for the DP certifications?

A: Non-profit organisations which are National Council of Social Service (NCSS) member or Ministry of Social & Family Development (MSF)-funded social service agencies may approach NCSS to tap on the [VWOs-Charities Capability Fund \(VCF\) Organisational Development Grant \(ODG\)](#).

Q4: My company intends to apply for multiple DP certifications (i.e. DPTM and CBPR) concurrently, will the EDG support my application?

A: Yes, applicant may apply for multiple DP certifications concurrently in one application and ESG will evaluate on a case-by-case basis.

IMDA has introduced an integrated application process for organisations which wish to apply for both DPTM and the APEC CBPR and PRP certifications. As the DPTM includes elements of both the CBPR and PRP, the assessment process can be streamlined if done concurrently.

Q5: What is the amount of grant or percentage of grant that my company will get from the EDG for DP certifications?

A: The EDG funds up to 70% of qualifying costs for SMEs, and up to 50% of qualifying costs for non-SMEs, for the DP certifications. For updated information on EDG support level, please refer to this [link](#) to find out more.