

Eligibility of grants

Grants	Music professionals	Freelance music professionals	New entrant professionals, career switchers or unemployed professionals who want to enter the music industry
<u>MDA</u> Talent Assistance - Up to 90% of course fees	Y	Y	Y (Capped at 70% of course fees)
<u>MDA</u> Training Allowance - \$7.50 per training hour	N	Y	N
<u>WDA</u> Training Allowance* Up to \$1,000 per month for 3 months	N	N	Y

* Subject to eligibility terms and conditions

Illustrations**For Music Professionals**

- If they are interested in taking Ocean Butterflies' *Music Arrangement* course at \$9,000, they will be able to claim up to \$8,100 (90% of \$9,000) from MDA's Talent Assistance Grant Scheme.
- If they are interested in taking up Funkie Monkeys' *Career in Hit Melodies Writing* course, they will be able to claim up to \$2,835 (90% of \$3,150) from MDA's Talent Assistance Grant Scheme.

For Freelance Music Professionals

- If they are interested in taking in taking Ocean Butterflies' *Music Arrangement* course at \$9,000, they will be able to claim up to \$8,100 from MDA's Talent Assistance Grant Scheme. In addition, they can also claim \$2,250 in Training Allowance from MDA (\$7.50 per training hour x 300 hrs, capped at \$1,800 per month and \$9,000 over 5 years).
- If they are interested in taking up Funkie Monkeys' *Career in Hit Melodies Writing* course at \$3,150, they will be able to claim up to \$2,835 from MDA's Talent Assistance Grant Scheme. In addition, they will be able to claim \$405 in Training Allowance from MDA (\$7.50 per training hour X 54 hrs, capped at \$1,800 per month and \$9,000 over 5 years).

For New Entrant Professionals, career switchers or unemployed professionals who want to enter the music industry

- If they are interested in taking Ocean Butterflies' *Music Arrangement* course at \$9,000, they will be able to claim up to \$6,300 (70% of \$9,000) from MDA's Talent

Assistance Grant Scheme. In addition, if they are eligible for WDA's Training Allowance, they will be able to enjoy additional \$3,000 (for 3 months). During this 3-month period, they have to complete a Workforce Skills Qualification (WSQ) course in Business Management, Marketing, Project Management or Creative Entrepreneurship. They can also use the training allowance to help defray part of the cost in creating a professional music portfolio for pitching their newly-acquired skills to music companies. Interested individuals will be screened by each of the two music companies for their suitability to be eligible for WDA's Training Allowance. The training allowance will apply to the last 3 months of the music training programme.

- If they are interested in taking Funkie Monkeys' *Career in Hit Melodies Writing* course at \$3,150, they will be able to claim up to \$2,205 (70% of \$3,150) from MDA's Talent Assistance Grant Scheme. In addition, if they are eligible for WDA's Training Allowance, they will be able to enjoy additional \$3,000 from WDA. The trainees have to take a WSQ course in Business Management, Marketing, Project Management or Creative Entrepreneurship. They can also use the training allowance to help defray part of the cost in creating a professional music portfolio for pitching their newly-acquired skills to music companies. Interested individuals will be screened by each of the two music companies for their suitability to be eligible for WDA's Training Allowance. The training allowance will apply to the last 3 months of the music training programme.

See Annex C for more details of WSQ courses.