



FACTSHEET: NEU PC PLUS

IDA's effort in equipping needy households with computer ownership started in 1999. As of August 2015, our effort in providing assistance towards computer ownership has benefited close to 43,500 low-income households whose gross monthly household income do not exceed \$3,000 or whose per capita monthly income do not exceed \$800.

To address today's dynamic school curriculum, IDA enhanced the programme for a fourth time in 2014, to keep the scheme relevant and also to benefit more low-income households with school-going children, as well as persons with disabilities (PWDs). Please refer to **Annex A** for details of current criteria. The enhanced NEU PC Plus Programme includes provision of new computers at an affordable price. Since the launch of the programme in November 2006, close to 23, 500 low-income households have benefitted from the programme.

The NEU PC Plus Programme, which aligns to IDA's Smart Nation vision, is administered through 2 modes: IDA-led and Grant to schools. Under the IDA-led mode, the schemes are managed by appointed Lead Agencies (LAs) while under the Grant mode, the schools that are offered the grant will process, procure and deploy specific infocomm devices, software or broadband services to their students from low-income families, so as to meet the schools' and students' learning objectives and needs.

The two schemes under the NEU PC Plus Programme are:

1. **PC-Bundle Scheme** – This scheme is applicable to students whose gross monthly household income does not exceed \$3,000 or per capita income does not exceed \$800. The scheme offers new computer (desktop or laptop) bundled with 3-year of free broadband access and software at an affordable price through a two-tier subsidy. The following table summarises details of this funding scheme:

Income Citizenship	Total Monthly Household Income \leq \$3,000 or Per Capital Monthly Income (PCI) \leq \$800 (\$875 if there is a disabled member) OR recipient of MOE FAS		
	MOE- FAS	PCI \leq \$600	PCI $>$ \$600
Singapore Citizen	Up to 75%	Up to 75%	Up to 50%
Permanent Resident	NA	Up to 50%	Up to 50%

2. **iNSPIRE Fund Scheme** – This scheme, introduced in November 2007, helps NEU PC Plus applicants who cannot afford the co-payment to earn their PC by doing some form of community service. As of August 2015, the iNSPIRE fund has benefitted more than 1, 600 students.

The following table summarises details of the iNSPIRE Fund Scheme:

Criteria	Requirements
Total monthly household income, or Per capita monthly income	\leq \$2,300 \leq \$600
No of hours of community service	a. aged below 15 years old to render 3 or 6 hours of community service for desktop or laptop respectively b. aged 15 years old and above to render 6 or 12 hours of community service for desktop or laptop respectively

Support from the Community and Industry

Lead Agencies (LAs) are appointed by IDA to support the programme in application processing. The LAs are the Association of Muslim Professionals, Chinese Development Assistance Council, Institute of Technical Education, Singapore Indian Development Association, SPD, The Eurasian Association and Yayasan MENDAKI.

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ANNEX A

NEU PC PLUS PROGRAMME POLICIES

Applicant Type	Criteria	PC-Bundle Scheme		iNSPIRE Fund Scheme
School-going Applicant	Schooling Status	A full-time student in a Government/Government-Aided School, Junior College, Centralised Institute, Independent School, Specialised Independent School, Specialised School, Institute of Technical Education, Polytechnic or MOE-funded Special Education School.		
	Age	25 years and below		
Disabled Applicant	Disability Status	Persons with Permanent Disability		
	Household Income or Per Capita Income (PCI)	Monthly Household Income ≤ \$3,000 or PCI ≤ \$800 (or ≤ \$875 if there is a permanently disabled family member)		Monthly Household Income ≤ \$2,300 or PCI ≤ \$600
	Subsidy Level	Tier 1 PCI ≤ \$600	Tier 2 PCI > \$600	
School-going Applicant	Singapore Citizen	Up to 75% subsidy	Up to 50% subsidy	Eligible
	Permanent Resident	Up to 50% subsidy		
	MOE FAS beneficiaries	Up to 75% subsidy		
Disabled Applicant	Singaporean AND Permanent Resident	Up to 50% subsidy		Not Applicable

- Every Household is entitled for a PC regardless of the number of school-going children.
- Unless there is a school-going child who is enrolled to 1-to-1 computing programme, then he or she is eligible to apply for a PC-Bundle regardless of the fact that the household had benefitted from the programme within the qualified period.

A. Community service hours required for iNSPIRE Fund Scheme :

iNSPIRE Fund Scheme	Required Hours	
<i>Community Service hours</i>	<i>Desktop</i>	<i>Laptop</i>
Applicants age below 15 years	3 hours	6 hours
Applicants age 15 years & above	6 hours	12 hours ¹

B. The following enhancements were also implemented in October 2014:

- **Broadband connectivity provided under the PC-Bundle is raised from 1Mbps to minimally 25Mbps and up to 200Mbps (choices include cable, fibre and mobile broadband).**
- **Specifications of PCs available under the PC-Bundle are also revised.**

¹ It is observed that the proposed 12 hours can be achieved by participating in two full day events or three to four half-day events.