

## PRESS RELEASE

### Release of the Singapore Standard Educational Classification 2026

1. The fifth edition of the Singapore Standard Educational Classification (SSEC) has been released and supersedes the previous editions. The SSEC is the national standard for classifying educational programmes and qualifications and is used for censuses of population, household surveys, and administrative databases. The SSEC consists of three sub-classifications – Classification of Level of Education Attending (LEA), Classification of Educational Qualification Attained (EQA), and Classification of Field of Study (FOS).
2. The review of the SSEC was undertaken by the Singapore Department of Statistics and a working group comprising representatives from various agencies. The SSEC 2026 maintains the basic classification principles from the last edition, SSEC 2020, and accounts for the latest updates in Singapore’s educational landscape.
3. Key changes in the SSEC 2026 include a revised EQA classification following the implementation of Full Subject-Based Banding and the introduction of a new national certification, the Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate, for secondary school students graduating from 2027 onwards. An EQA alphabetical index is introduced in the SSEC 2026 to facilitate accurate coding of both current and defunct educational qualifications given the numerous changes in EQA over time.

More information is available on the SingStat Website:

SSEC 2026 report and accompanying materials  
(alphabetical index and correspondence tables)

<https://go.gov.sg/ssec>



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