

Semester 2, AY2025/2026 January Intake This Guide serves to assist incoming Masters students of College of Design and Engineering in completing the various formalities towards being officially registered as a student of the National University of Singapore (NUS).

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### **REGISTRATION PROCEDURES**

You must be registered before commencing your course of study at the NUS. Registration refers to a formal process whereby a candidate enrolls at the start of his/her period of study to become part of the NUS student community. Students who fail to complete <u>any part</u> of the Registration process within the stipulated timeline(s), are considered to be no longer interested in the programme and NUS's offer of admission will be withdrawn.

# 1. DOCUMENT VERIFICATION (ONLINE) - to be completed from 10 Nov - 31 Dec 2025

Following your admission offer to a CDE Master's programme, you are required to complete online verification of the following documents as part of your student registration formalities:

### 1.1 Student Visa/ Entry and Exit Records/ Any Other Form of Evidence

You are required to provide proof of residence in the country or city where your degree was obtained if you completed your bachelor's degree outside your home country. This should be uploaded to Graduate Admission System (GDA3) under the 'Verified Document(s)' option.

Please provide at least one of the following:

- Student Visa
- Entry and Exit Records/ Any Other Form of Evidence of residence in that country/city for the duration of the programme of study
- For students from <u>Mainland China</u>: Overseas Credential Evaluation Report issued by the <u>Chinese Service</u>
   Centre for Scholarly Exchange (CSCSE). You can request for the report <u>here</u>.

### 1.2 Degree Scroll, Transcript and Verification Report Requirements

You are required to provide the most recent electronically signed **degree certificate**, **transcripts**, **and their verification reports**.

### a. Official degree certificate and transcript

If you have not submitted your official degree certificate and full academic transcript during the application process, please proceed to upload them to Graduate Admission System (GDA3) under the 'Official Degree Scroll/ Certificate' and 'Official Transcript' option respectively.

Figure 1: Screenshot – Upload Materials section in Graduate Admission System (GDA3)

Upload Materials  You may upload additional materials.	Choose file No file chosen	Upload
Official Degree Scroll / Certificate		
Official Transcript		
Verified Document(s)		

Note: Subject to the rules governing your university, the transcript should include the following:

- Date of enrolment
- List of subjects taken (with dates), and the grades obtained
- Degree Title and date of conferment (if any)
- Interpretation or explanation of the grades, marks or scores.

### b. <u>Verification Reports of Official Degree Certificate and Transcript</u>

Please refer to the table below for the relevant verification agencies depending on your country of university, and their specific upload procedure:

Country of University	Verification Agency	Details and upload procedure
Australia/ New Zealand	My eQuals	Designate NUS as a recipient on My eQuals and provide PIN to the Office of Graduate Programmes
		to access.

China	a. Verification Report of China Higher Education Student's Academic Transcript (中国高等学校学生成绩验证报告) b. Online Verification Report of Higher Education Degree Certificate -scroll down to view the third sample(中国高等教育学位在线验证报告)	Obtain verification reports in <b>English</b> issued by China Credentials Verification (CSSD 学信网).  Upload both reports to Graduate Admission System (GDA3) under the 'Verified Document(s)' option.
Singapore	<u>OpenCerts</u>	Email the OpenCerts file (.opencert format) directly to the Office of Graduate Programmes.  The email subject should include your Application Number for identification purposes.
United Kingdom	The Higher Education Achievement Report (HEAR)	Designate NUS as a recipient and share the verification link to the Office of Graduate Programmes to access.
United States of America	Parchment	Complete the verification through Graduate Admission System (GDA3) according to this guide.
Other countries/ no official verification platform available	Office of the University Registrar or equivalent authority	Request for your Office of the University Registrar or equivalent authority to email directly to the Office of Graduate Programmes.  *Emails forwarded by students will not be accepted.

#### **Important Notes:**

- Documents which are not in English must be accompanied by a certified translation provided by the issuing authority, a lawyer, a notary public, a consulate general or certified/ court translator.
- Emails and transcripts provided by your department or professors/ lecturers to certify your results/ transcripts will not be accepted.
- Graduating students who are unable to provide their degree certificate by our deadline should obtain an official letter from their university confirming the awarded degree and the expected graduation or conferment date.
- You will be required to submit a consent form for degree verification when requested.

Recent NUS graduates are not required to undergo this verification process. However, if online verification is not feasible, in-person verification might still be necessary.

### 1.3 English Requirement Check

If you are required to meet the English language requirement, please ensure that your official IELTS or TOEFL score sheet has been uploaded in Graduate Admission System (GDA3) for our verification. Applicants who have submitted a TOEFL score are reminded to use institution code 9084 to enable NUS to conduct online verification.

### **1.4 Identity Document**

If you have not submitted your identity document during the application process, please proceed to upload them to Graduate Admission System (GDA3):

- NRIC (Singapore citizens and Singapore Permanent Residents)
- Passport (Full-time International students)
- Employment Pass / S Pass / Work Permit (Part-time International Students)

### 1.5 Continuous Compliance Check

Verification exercises will take place before, and both during your candidature and after graduation. The authenticity of your documents will be validated through a credential verification agency and the respective university that issued your qualifications.

Submitting incomplete, inaccurate, or inauthentic documents can lead to denial or withdrawal of admission, cancellation of academic credits, suspension, expulsion, or revocation of your degree.

# 2. CHECK-IN AND ONBOARDING PROCESS (ONLINE) - to be completed from 19 Nov - 14 Dec 2025

The NUS email to start the compulsory Check-in and Onboarding process will be sent progressively from **19 Nov 2025.** Please ensure that you complete the Check-in and Onboarding process by **14 Dec 2025**.

#### 1.1 Check-In Process

Login to the system using the link in the email. Here, you will obtain your NUS-ID and be required to upload your photo and submit the required declarations (personalised based on your student profile). Please refer to the step by step instructions and screenshots for the Check-in process here, or email itcare@nus.edu.sg if you require further assistance.

### Notes on NUS-ID account

For new NUS students, after your NUS-ID account has been created successfully, you will receive an email providing instructions on completing the MFA process to activate your account.

For previous NUS students who graduated after 2014, you will retain and reuse your NUS-ID for your Masters candidature. If you have forgotten your NUS-ID password, you may reset it <a href="mailto:here">here</a> or email <a href="mailto:itcare@nus.edu.sg">itcare@nus.edu.sg</a> for further assistance.

Your NUS-ID account will allow you access to NUS online services, e.g. your <u>NUS Email</u> and the **Student's Education Records Systems (MyEduRec)** which is a single-entry point for students to manage a wide range of student transactions relating to academic, finance and personal information matters. Please record your NUS-ID and password securely and do not share with anyone else.

### 1.2 Onboarding Tasks Portal

After completing the Check-in process, you will be auto directed to the Onboarding Portal to continue with the Onboarding tasks. Here, you will be required to verify your academic and personal details and provide any additional required information and declarations (personalised based on your student profile). Please refer to the step by step instructions and screenshots for the onboarding process here and FAQs here, or seek help through the FAQ Portal if you require further assistance.

As the Onboarding Portal cannot be assessed directly, please login to the system using the same email link to enter the Onboarding Portal again if you need to continue completing any unfinished tasks.

Upon completion of the onboarding tasks, you will receive another onboarding confirmation email which will include your **Student Number**, and useful links to the overview of other important follow-up action items and registration guidelines.

# 3. REGISTRATION (ON-SITE) - to be completed between 5 - 6 Jan 2026

Registration (On-site) will take place at National University of Singapore between **5 – 6 Jan 2025**. You are required to book a timeslot during 1 of the days (at first come first serve basis) through our booking system and attend in person to complete the below required exercises. Booking details will be shared in Dec 2025 through your NUS email account. The process will take about 20 minutes or more, depending on the waiting time.

### a. Document Verification (On-site)

You are required to bring the following documents for verification, failure to do so will result in you being unable to complete the registration:

Docume	ents for Verification and/or Submission	Remarks	
1)	Admission offer email and booking confirmation		
2)	Original NRIC	For Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents only	
3)	Original Passport	For International Students only	
4)	Original Employment Pass / S Pass / Work Permit	For International Students taking up	

		part-time studies only
5)	<b>Original</b> University official transcript <b>and</b> Degree Certificate/scroll	
6)	Original IELTS/TOEFL official scoresheet	If applicable
7)	Any other outstanding document(s) as requested	

<sup>\*</sup> If the transcript/ degree certificate is not in English, please provide an official translation.

#### **b. Student Card Collection**

All the original documents indicated above has to be verified by us before your **NUS Student Card** is issued to you.

For Overseas international candidates, Registration (On-site) is subjected to the approval from ICA of your Student's Pass and prevailing entry requirements. Please ensure you have received your in-principle approval (IPA) letter from ICA and cleared all entry requirements by the Singapore Immigration before departure. If you are unable to arrive by the stipulated date in your offer email because of extraordinary circumstances, please inform us accordingly as your offer of admission may be withdrawn if you are unable to complete all registration formalities before our deadlines.

For registered students, you are liable for fees if you request to take LOA or withdraw after the <u>2nd instructional</u> <u>week of the semester.</u> Acceptance fee paid is not refundable.

### 4. MEDICAL EXAMINATION

### 1.1 NUS Pre-Admission Medical Examination (PAME)

All incoming students are required to undergo a <u>Pre-Admission Medical Examination (PAME)</u>. The University reserves the right to refuse your admission or exclude you from any particular course of study if you decline to undergo such health examinations or refuse to undergo any prescribed tests.

- The medical check-up consists of the following:
  - Physical Examination
  - Laboratory Examination<sup>®</sup>
  - Chest X-ray
  - HIV Test (only for full-time international students applying for Student's Pass)
- The Pre-Admission Medical Examination may be done:
  - i) at the **University Health Centre (UHC)** located on NUS campus at 20 Lower Kent Ridge Road, Level 1, Singapore 119080. Please check UHC's website for more information.
  - ii) by any registered health physician in Singapore\*; or
  - iii) by any registered health physician in your home country\*.

### Submission of PAME medical reports to UHC:

- If you choose (ii) or (iii), please ensure that the <a href="Pre-Admission Medical Examination Report">Pre-Admission Medical Examination Report</a> (Graduate Students) where Part 1 self- declaration & Part 2 doctor's certification are completed in English.
- Any completed medical reports and X-ray reports must have a validity date of 6 months or less.
- Save completed <u>Pre-Admission Medical Examination Report (Graduate Students)</u> and chest X-ray report in PDF and email to <u>preadm\_med@nus.edu.sg</u> by 9 Jan 2026.

CAUTION: If you do not complete the Medical Examination by the deadline stipulated by UHC, a **Negative Service Indicator (NSI)** will be checked against you. As a consequence, you may be locked out of access to certain key student services, including examination results, transcripts, etc.

<sup>\*</sup> Failure to complete any part of the registration within the stipulated deadlines may result in your NUS offer of admission being withdrawn.

<sup>\*</sup>Students may be required by the University/UHC to undergo further medical exams or tests if we find their medical exam incomplete / results unsatisfactory.

<sup>\*\*</sup> If students have done any similar ME previously, they will still need to get the NUS Admission Medical Examination Report endorsed by a doctor, and to submit the completed form (along with a copy of their x-ray report) to UHC.

#### **Instructions for Overseas International Students**

Overseas international students <u>should complete</u> their <u>Pre-Admission Medical Examination Report (Graduate Students)</u> together with their ICA medical examination in their <u>home country</u> <u>before their departure</u>. The ICA medical examination is separate from Pre-Admission Medical Examination (PAME). Please refer to 'Section 11. Additional Information for International Students' for more details.

For more details on Pre-Admission Medical Examination (PAME), please refer to UHC's FAQ section at <a href="https://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/clinical-services/medical-examination/student-pre-admission-medical-examination">https://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/clinical-services/medical-examination/student-pre-admission-medical-examination</a>. Alternatively, you may contact UHC at Tel: +65 6601 5035 or email at <a href="https://www.nus.edu.sg">uhc\_health@nus.edu.sg</a> for further enquiries.

### 5. ACADEMIC PLAN DECLARATION (ONLINE) - to be completed from 30 Dec 25 - 19 Jan 26

Students from Masters programmes with offered specialisation will also be required to complete your online declaration of specialisation through the **Academic Plan Declaration** online exercise **from 30 Dec 2025 - 19 Jan 2026** in the <a href="MyEduRec system">MyEduRec system</a> before proceeding to register for Courses. Detailed information will be sent to you from your respective Departments.

## 6. COURSE REGISTRATION (ONLINE) - to be completed from 2 Jan - 9 Jan 2026

The online course registration exercise (Course@Reg) for you to select your course for Semester 2 2025/2026 will open from 2 Jan – 9 Jan 2026 through the MyEduRec system. All students who have completed the Check-in and Onboarding tasks (Refer to section 1) will be able to register for their intended courses this semester.

You will receive instructions, information on the available courses, class timetable and other details from your <u>Department from mid-Dec via email</u>. For more details on courses selection, please contact your respective <u>Department Administrator</u>. For semester dates, please refer to the academic calendar at <a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/calendar">http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/calendar</a>.

Note: Students who have completed their registration formalities but do not register for courses by the 2nd instructional week of the semester will be deemed to be no longer interested in their programme and their candidature will be dismissed. If you are unable to commence your studies after you have registered as a student due to unforeseen circumstances, please refer to section '9. Leave of Absence / Withdrawal' below.

### 7. WELCOME TALK

- a. We encourage all newly registered graduate students to attend a Welcome talk by the Vice Dean of Office of Graduate Programmes (OGP) College of Design and Engineering (CDE) on **8 January 2026**. You will expect an email from us in late December. Please register early as limited slots are available.
- b. For international students, please find the wide variety of events and available resources at the Office of Student Affairs website here and the OSA Graduate Welcome Session (in-person) for January here.

### 8. PAYMENT OF STUDENT FEES

Tuition and miscellaneous student fees are payable in advance on a semester basis (unless otherwise indicated) by the deadlines stipulated by the Office of Financial Services. Please refer to your respective <u>Department websites</u> for programme fees payable. You may view and print your 1st semester's student bill from the <u>MyEduRec system</u> from the commencement of the semester.

If fees are not paid by the due date, a late fee would be imposed and a Negative Service Indicator (NSI) will be tagged against your Student Account. For more information on due dates and modes of payment, please refer to the Office of Finance website at https://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/students/student-finance-matters.html.

Students should also take note of the deadlines for conversion; leave/withdrawal and change of citizenship will affect their fees after the 2nd week of the semester. For assistance, please approach your respective <a href="Department">Department</a> Administrator.

# 9. LEAVE OF ABSENCE / WITHDRAWAL

Requests for deferment will not be considered unless there are exceptional reasons. Candidates who are unable to commence their studies for the semester will have to re-apply for admission by submitting a fresh application in a subsequent admission exercise. However, if you have **registered** as a graduate student (completed Registration (Onsite)) and is **unable to attend classes regularly** during your 1st semester of study, you can undertake one of the following actions:

- a. Apply for leave of absence for your 1st semester of study online through the <a href="MyEduRec system">MyEduRec system</a>. Requests for leave are considered on a case-by-case basis. For work commitment reasons, please provide an official letter from your company. For medical reasons, please consult the University's Health Physician (<a href="University Health Centre">University Health Centre</a>) from NUS before submitting your online application.
- b. Withdraw from your current candidature through the <u>MyEduRec</u> system and re-apply for admission by submitting a fresh application in a subsequent admissions exercise. The application will be considered competitively together with other applicants applying at that time.

Note: If you apply for leave of absence or withdraw from your candidature (or have your candidature terminated) after the 2nd instructional week of the semester, you will be required to pay full tuition fees for the whole semester.

### 10. STUDENT ACADEMIC AND ADMINSTRATIVE POLICIES

Upon registering as a student of NUS, you are expected to familiarise yourself with the requirements of your candidature as set out in each relevant NUS website below:

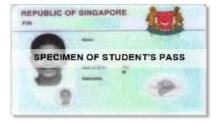
- a. Student Handbook for Masters Programmes uploaded in CDE Graduate Student Portal
- b. Administrative Policies for Graduate Students <a href="https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/administrative-policies-procedures/graduate">https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/administrative-policies-procedures/graduate</a>
- c. Academic Information for Graduate Students <a href="https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/graduate">https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/graduate</a>
- d. Degree requirements published on Department websites
- e. College of Design & Engineering website

For candidature changes requests e.g. conversions (full-time or part-time load), citizenship changes requests, credit transfers from previously taken candidatures, withdrawal, please submit your requests to your Department by the 2nd instructional week of the semester through forms available at My Student Portal.

### 11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

### a. Application for Student's Pass

All Full-Time International Students **must** have a valid Student's Pass (see Figure below) which is issued by the Immigration Checkpoints Authority (ICA) for their programme of study.



NUS will initiate a registration with ICA on your behalf, for your Student's Pass application. You will receive a separate email instruction from mid Nov 2025 to submit an eForm16 to apply for Student's Pass and/or Visa online via the Student's Pass Online Application & Registration (SOLAR) system after you have accepted your offer of admission.

If the Student's Pass application is approved, ICA will grant you an In-Principle Approval (IPA) letter. If you are

from a <u>visa-required country</u>, you may also use the IPA letter, as a single-entry visa to enter Singapore. Please follow the instructions given by ICA to print out the IPA letter from the SOLAR system <a href="https://eservices.ica.gov.sg/solar/index.xhtml">https://eservices.ica.gov.sg/solar/index.xhtml</a>.

After your IPA application is approved, please follow the steps as indicated in the letter to prepare for Student's Pass issuance. The issuance of the Student's Pass is subject to the applicant fulfilling all the requirements stated in the IPA letter.

#### **Medical Report**

For international students, in addition to the NUS Pre-Admission Medical Examination (PAME), you are required to complete an <u>additional</u> ICA's prescribed Medical Examination Report Form for the Student's Pass application. You should complete the medical examination and the additional HIV test in your home country, prior to travel to Singapore whenever possible.

If you are completing the ICA medical examination together with the Pre-Admission Medical Check at the same time, please be reminded to request the physician to <u>complete</u> the <u>2</u> prescribed <u>medical report forms</u> below

- ☑ NUS Admission Medical Examination Report Form (to be submitted directly to UHC, NUS)
- ☑ <u>ICA Medical Examination Report Form</u> (to be submitted to <u>ICA</u> when applying for Student's Pass)

#### Note:

- The medical reports must be completed in English. The original HIV laboratory test and chest X-ray reports, together with the <a href="ICA Medical Examination Report Form">ICA Medical Examination Report Form</a> for Student's Pass, must be submitted to the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) within 3 months of issue for your Student's Pass completion formalities.
- The ICA medical report must be uploaded to the SOLAR portal following the instructions in your IPA letter. Do not upload a blank report as this will lead to your application being rejected.

If you choose to take the medical examination at NUS University Health Centre (UHC) in Singapore instead of completing it in your home country, please allow an additional 5 working days for UHC to process the report and 3 working days for ICA to process after it is uploaded online. Students must ensure that the medical report is approved before attending the ICA's Offsite Student's Pass Enrolment appointment. Please refer to section '4. Medical Examination' for more information on UHC's details.

Note: Students who <u>fail</u> to fulfil the medical requirements <u>will not</u> be issued with a Student's Pass and hence will not be allowed to register as a student of NUS. Therefore, you are strongly advised to clear your medical examinations before travelling to Singapore.

For more information on the medical examination requirements for Student's Pass, please check ICA's website.

## b. Completion of Student's Pass formalities after arrival

Your Student's Pass will only be issued if you meet all the requirements stipulated in the IPA letter. You are required to complete all the steps indicated in your IPA letter within its validity, failing which, your IPA will be withdrawn. Candidates without a valid Student's Pass will have their candidature revoked.

Students who do not have a valid Student's Pass by the OSE period will be liable for warning first; and subsequent dismissal from NUS if they do not heed the warning within 7 days.

#### Validity of In-Principle Approval (STP)

Please note the In-Principle Approval (IPA) issued by ICA will be valid for **4 months** from the date of issuance. The validity of the IPA letter does NOT constitute a valid pass to remain in Singapore. Students are required to complete their Student's Pass formalities within the validity period of their IPA letter OR their Short-Term Visit Pass (STVP), whichever is earlier.

Upon your arrival, you will be issued a Short-Term Visit Pass (STVP) at checkpoints (refer to the expiry stamp on your passport). If your visa is expiring before the OSE or ICA e-appointment date for completion of your Student's Pass formalities, please submit a request to extend your visit pass at ICA e-service portal at least 1 working day prior to the expiry.

\*IMPORTANT\* - In the event that you are unable to extend your STVP or book an OSE slot/e-appointment to complete your Student's Pass formalities before the expiry of your IPA or STVP, please report to Immigrations & Checkpoint Authority (ICA) immediately to avoid being charged for overstaying.

### <u>Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) Offsite Enrolment Exercise (OSE)</u>

To complete your Student's Pass formalities in Singapore after you arrive, you are required to book an appointment to attend one of our Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) Offsite Enrolment Exercise (OSE) at NUS campus. Students will receive an email through their NUS email account in early Dec 2025 to invite you to book an appointment online for the OSE at NUS.

Students attending the ICA OSE at NUS will have to ensure that they have:

- a. Short-term visit pass/IPA expiring after their OSE appointment date.
- b. Submitted all required documents and completed all the necessary payments in SOLAR at least 3 working days prior to OSE.
- c. Report to OSE Venue at the date and time that they have booked for the OSE.
- d. Prepare a printed copy of all the <u>required documents</u> and payment receipts as stated in Annex A of the STP In-Principal Approval IPA.
- e. Students who do not come at the appointed time and/or without the <u>required documents and payment</u> <u>receipts by ICA</u> may be rejected.
- f. **Ensure that their photos meet <u>ICA's photo requirements</u>.** Photo-taking service (Passport Photo (4 pc)) is also available at the venue during the OSE period for **SGD 15**, **payment by cash only**.
- g. To prepare a Singapore mobile number and write the mobile number legibly on the first page of the printed IPA letter.

### Note on Student's Pass Issuance

From 27 February 2023, ICA will issue the Student's Pass in digital form only. **NO** physical card will be issued. **The email address provided in the application will be used to access the digital STP.** Pass holders may retrieve the digital STP via Singpass if they have a valid Singpass account.

For pass holders <u>without</u> a valid Singpass account, one-time passwords will be sent via SMS to the <u>Singapore</u> mobile number for the retrieval of the digital STP. <u>Please ensure that the Singapore mobile number provided at OSE is able to receive SMS</u>. For ease of operation during OSE, students are to write their <u>Singapore mobile number legibly on the first page of the printed IPA letter.</u>

### c. Dependant's Pass holders

Students who are currently Dependant's Pass holders do not have to apply for Student's Pass via the SOLAR system. A **Letter of Consent (LOC)** from ICA (Student's Pass Unit) is not required. However, if the existing pass expires or is cancelled during the duration of their studies, students **will need** to submit an application for a Student's Pass to continue his/her studies. The prevailing Student's Pass eligibility criteria will apply.

#### d. University Sponsorship of Social Visit Pass for Spouse and children

The University <u>does not</u> sponsor spouses and/or children of international graduate coursework students' visa and Social Visit Pass applications. Application of their Social Visit Pass (SVP) must be made directly at the Visitor Services Centre, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, ICA Building, and a bond is required. The amount of the bond is established by ICA. Students must have already obtained a Student's Pass issued by ICA at the time of application. A local sponsor (Singapore Citizen/Permanent Resident) is required to apply for an SVP for spouse and/or children. The SVP granted is usually up to a maximum period of 6 months. It is renewable, subject to ICA's approval (details can be found at the ICA website at <a href="http://www.ica.gov.sg">http://www.ica.gov.sg</a>).

### e. Employment Pass and other Work Pass Holders

Employment Pass (EP) and other Work Pass holders can only study part-time as full-time study requires a Student's Pass. EP and other Work Pass holders who wish to study full time will have to surrender their work passes and then apply for a Student's Pass. International candidates who are pursuing the degree as a part-time registered student should hold a valid work pass to stay in Singapore.

### f. Housing / Accommodation

Matters relating to accommodation and off-campus housing can be obtained from The Office of Student Affairs website at <a href="https://osa.nus.edu.sg/accommodation/hostel-application/application-guide-graduate/">https://osa.nus.edu.sg/accommodation/hostel-application/application-guide-graduate/</a>. Coursework graduate students are also advised to budget and source for off-campus accommodation as demand far exceeds supply. More information on off-campus housing can be found at <a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/student-services/hostel-admission/other-accommodation">http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/student-services/hostel-admission/other-accommodation</a>.

### g. International Students Orientation by Office of Student Affairs (OSA)

The Office of Student Affairs also provides information and activities that are designed to help you adjust into life in Singapore and NUS. For more information, please visit their website at <a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/student-life/international-students">http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/student-life/international-students</a> and look out for their Orientation programme at <a href="https://osa.nus.edu.sg/experience-communities/international-student-experience/orientation/">https://osa.nus.edu.sg/experience-communities/international-student-experience/orientation/</a>.

#### h. Bank Account

International students who wish to open a bank account in Singapore are required to produce their Student's Pass, as well as a letter of proof of residence. The nearest bank in NUS is OCBC bank located at NUS University town, which opens Mon to Fri, 11am to 7pm. Alternatively, please feel free to visit any other bank branch in Singapore.

### i. Scam Alert

Scams are a rising crime in Singapore as digital finance becomes more widespread. Learn how to protect yourself from scams. Spot the signs and avoid being a victim.

- National Crime Prevention Council
- Scam Alert

# 12. IMPORTANT DATES

The following schedule serves as an overview to help you plan ahead for your registration formalities at NUS. Please refer to the detailed sections provided earlier for more information.

Description	Date	Remarks	Relevant Section in this Guide
SOLAR application for Student's Pass (after acceptance of offer)	From Nov 2025	International Full- time students only	11
Pre-Admission Medical Examination (PAME)	before 9 January 2026	All students	4
ICA Medical Examination for Student's Pass Application	For students taking ICA medical exam in home country: At least 3 working days before OSE appointment  For students taking ICA medical exam at NUS UHC: At least 8 working days before OSE appointment (5 working days for UHC, 3 working days for ICA to process)	International Overseas Full-time students only	4
Document Verification (Online)	10 Nov – 31 Dec 2025	All students	1
Check-in and Onboarding	19 Nov – 14 Dec 2025	All students	2
Registration (On-site) at NUS (in person at NUS)  *To book an appointment (on a 1st come 1st serve basis)	Attend on 1 of the days from 5 – 6 Jan 2026 (Check email from OGP to your NUS email for online appointment booking in Dec 2025)	All students	3
Academic Plan Declaration (online declaration of specialization)	30 Dec 2025, 9am (Fri) to 19 Jan 2026 5pm (Mon)	Only for students from programmes that offer specialisation (excluding MSc CE)	5
Online Course Registration  * Please complete Check-in and Onboarding tasks before selecting your Courses	From 2 Jan 9 am – 9 Jan 2026 12 noon (Check email from Dept to your NUS email in mid-Dec 2025)	All students	6
Orientation for Graduate Students by OSA	Please check the OSA website <u>here</u> for updates.	International Full- time students only	7
Welcome Talk for Graduate Students by College of Design & Engineering (CDE)	8 January 2026	All students	7
ICA's Offsite Enrolment Session (OSE) for Student's Pass Application at NUS	Attend 1 of the following OSE sessions: 8 & 9 January 2026 (Check for email from Registrar Office to your NUS email for online appointment booking in early Dec 2025)	International Full- time students only	11
Apply for conversion, citizenship changes, LOA, Withdrawal, Credit transfers  *Fees apply after this period	By 2nd instructional week of the semester (via My Student Portal)	All students	9 & 10

# 13. USEFUL CONTACTS

Further questions?	Click on the links!
Immigration Requirements	Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA)
	https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart
	ICA Helpline and Enquiry Form Contact-Us
	https://www.ica.gov.sg/contact-us
Student's Pass Application	Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA)
	ICA's FAQs
	Immigration & Checkpoints Authority - SOLAR (ica.gov.sg)
	Email:ica_stp1@ica.gov.sg
Registration-related & Candidature Matters	Office of Graduate Programmes, CDE
Course/Timetabling/Fee Rebate Matters	Respective Departments for your MSc Programme
Accommodation/Housing	Office of Student Affairs
Fee-payment Matters	Office of Finance
Health-related Matters	NUS University Health Centre (UHC)

# 14. NUS MAP

An interactive version of our campus map can be found at http://map.nus.edu.sg

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