

QUALIFYING CONDITIONS TO SERVE AS SURETY

A person serving as surety must fulfil the following conditions:

- 1) Be above 21 years of age and preferably under 65 years of age;
- 2) Not a bankrupt;
- 3) Not a party to an existing scholarship, bursary or study loan agreement;
- 4) Fulfil the following nationality requirements;

For Singapore Citizen or Singapore PR Students

- 1st surety – Singapore Citizen
- 2nd surety – Singapore Citizen or Singapore PR

International Students

- 1st surety – Singapore Citizen or Singapore PR
- 2nd surety – Singapore Citizen or Singapore PR

Both sureties can be non-citizens if they are parents of the student.

- 5) Able to provide **proof of financial means** to pay the liquidated damages (LD) should the LD become due. For students enrolling in 2024, the LD¹ is estimated to be about \$636,000 for medical students and \$484,000 for dental students. A surety will need to produce one of the following as proof his or her financial means:

- (i) Income statement indicating that the surety is gainfully employed and drawing an income of at least S\$1,000 per month; or
- (ii) Banker's Guarantee
The value of the Banker's Guarantee should be equivalent to or more than the estimated amount of LD. The surety has to set aside and lock in the full amount of estimated LD for the entire duration of studies and bond period; or
- (iii) Title Deed
Property can be accepted as a proof of assets if the mortgage on the property is fully paid and the value of the property is equivalent to or more than the estimated amount of liquidated damages. Both private and public property can be accepted as long as the mortgage is paid up.

See useful links to get market valuation:

Private property:

<http://www.ura.gov.sg/realEstateIIWeb/transaction/search.action>

HDB property:

<http://services2.hdb.gov.sg/webapp/BB33RTIS/BB33PResITrans.jsp>

¹ The LD values are calculated using estimated annual tuition grant disbursed by the Ministry of Education (MOE) over the course of student's study, with 10% annual compound interest added.

Notes

- 1) The financial status of each surety will be assessed independently.
- 2) Surety's CPF savings and insurance policies are NOT accepted.
- 3) Parents who are currently serving as sureties for their other child(ren) for similar Agreements with the Government of Singapore will only be permitted to serve as sureties for this current Agreement using different proof of financial means. For example, if the parent uses his monthly income statement as proof of financial means to qualify as a surety for his first child, he has to provide a different proof of financial means such as Title Deed to qualify as surety for his second child. This provision applies to parents of students only.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO BE PRODUCED BY SURETY

Original and photocopy of the following documents:

- 1) Identity Card or Passport
- 2) One of the following documents as proof of the surety's financial means:
 - (i) Income Statement: Latest pay statement, or latest IRAS income tax return
 - (ii) Banker's Guarantee
 - (iii) Title Deed (for HDB flat-owners, please print and bring along a copy of the valuation of a resale unit that is similar in size and location to your unit available from <http://services2.hdb.gov.sg/webapp/BB33RTIS/>)