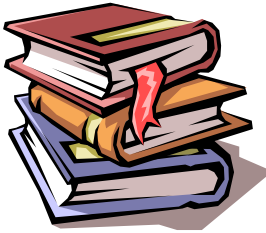


## 5 TIPS BEFORE YOU DECIDE ON PRIVATE EDUCATION

### 1. RELEVANCE



Besides looking at the cost and duration of courses, it is also important to check if the course **can provide you with the required knowledge and skills** to move on to your next phase of life, be it employment or further studies.

### 2. RECOGNITION



There is **no government authority in Singapore that accords recognition to PEI certificates and/or qualifications**. Find out if higher educational institutions or prospective employers recognise or accept the qualifications you are interested in.

### 3. SPEAK TO SCHOOL COUNSELLOR



Speak to your school counsellor to **get advice on education options**. The CPE does not rank or recommend PEIs or private education courses.

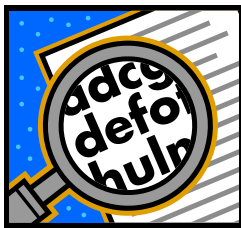
### 4. FINANCES



Generally, there are **no Government subsidies or grants** for courses offered in PEIs. Courses offered in PEIs are also **not covered under the Central Provident Fund (CPF) Scheme** and students cannot use their parents' CPF to pay for the private education course. So do give some thought about how you are going to pay for the course.


*Note: More details on the CPF Education Scheme can be found at [http://mycpf.cpf.gov.sg/Members/Gen-Info/Features/CPFEdn\\_Scheme.htm](http://mycpf.cpf.gov.sg/Members/Gen-Info/Features/CPFEdn_Scheme.htm)*

### 5. READ THE FINE PRINT




All PEIs and their students must sign a contract for any course (both full-time and part-time) that is longer than two months. Understand the student contract and your rights before you sign it, as the **contract is legally-binding**.

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