

# Sec 1 e-Registration Briefing on Mother Tongue Languages

# Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Policy

The Mother Tongue Language (MTL) policy requires **all students (including foreign students)** to study MTL.

MTL is an **entry requirement** to Junior Colleges.

# Importance of Mother Tongue

Learning Mother Tongue Languages is more than just obtaining a grade. It's about knowing our roots and culture.

We seek the partnership of parents/guardians to continue to inculcate the interests and love of the Mother Tongue Languages in our students at home.



# List of Mother Tongue Subjects

## In GESS

- a) **Mother Tongue** (CL/ML/TL)
- b) **Higher Mother Tongue** (HCL/HML)

## In external venues

- a) **Higher Mother Tongue** (HTL)
- b) **Non-Tamil Indian Languages** (NTIL)  
(Bengali/ Gujarati/ Hindi/ Panjabi/ Urdu )
- c) **MTL-in-lieu:** Foreign Languages  
(French/German/Japanese/Thai/Burmese)

# Higher Mother Tongue (HCL/HML/HTL)

- From 2026 S1 onwards, eligible students may offer HMTL instead of MTL should they meet the following criteria.
  - PSLE MTL score of **AL1/AL2**; or
  - HMTL score of **Distinction/Merit**
- **Only eligible Sec 1 students** will be offered Higher Mother Tongue. Please indicate your decision to the form that has been sent out via PG today.
- Please submit the form **by 26 Dec 2026**.

# Higher Mother Tongue (HCL/HML/HTL)

- **Higher Chinese and Higher Malay** is offered in **GESS**
- **Higher Tamil** students need to opt for their **preferred centres** (UPTLC, Jurong West Sec, Marsiling Sec, Pasir Ris Crest Sec)

**Please indicate your preferred HMT centre asap as we need to help to register your child with the centre by 26 Dec.**

# **Criteria for transfer from Mother Tongue to Higher Mother Tongue (end of Sem 2)**

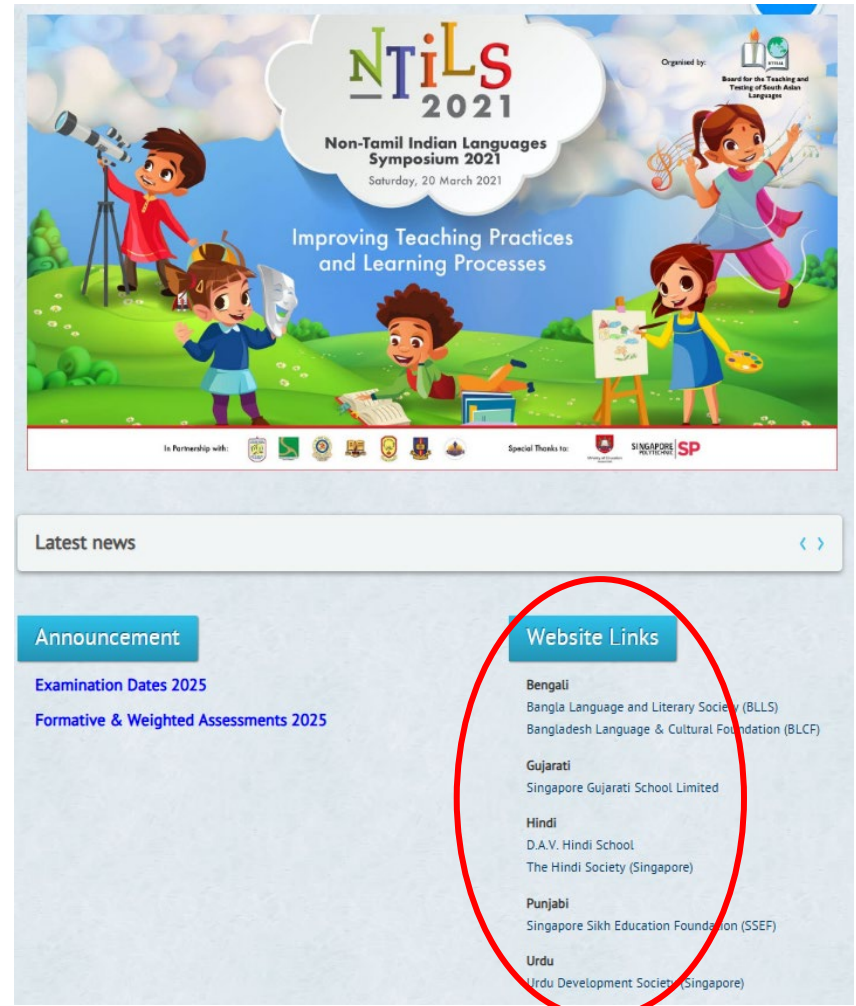
Students in G3 posting group who attain at least an

- a) overall result of 75% for Mother Tongue &**
- b) an average of 70% or higher for all subjects overall**

may be considered for Higher Mother Tongue in the following year.

# Non-Tamil Indian Languages (NTIL) (Bengali/ Gujarati/ Hindi/ Punjabi/ Urdu )

- Please register for NTIL **before the start of the new school term** through the respective links found in <http://www.bttsal.com>
- **BTTSAL- Board for the Teaching and Testing of South Asia Languages)**





# Non-Tamil Indian Languages (NTIL) (Bengali/ Gujarati/ Hindi/ Punjabi/ Urdu )

- For NTIL, only marks provided by MOELC will be recorded and used for promotion purposes.
- Lessons at MOE Language Centres are **compulsory**. Students who are unable to attend with valid reasons must produce supporting documents(e.g. Medical Certificate)

# **Students who are offered MTL-in-lieu/ Foreign Languages (Not Exemption)**

## **Important:**

- **Students who are offered Foreign Languages in-lieu of MTL (French/German/Japanese) or Thai/Burmese at Primary are NOT exempted from Mother Tongue Languages.**
- **Students are to continue taking the subject with private study arrangements and sit for the national examination in 4 years' time.**

# Students who are exempted from MT in Primary school

- Students **exempted** from the Mother Tongue Languages **at PSLE by MOE** will continue to be exempted in Secondary Schools.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Language:

Malay (Special Programme), Chinese (Special Programme),  
Bahasa Indonesia, Arabic,

## Eligibility Criteria for Offering Asian Languages [C(SP), M(SP), BI or Arabic]

S/N	LANGUAGE	REMARKS
1	Chinese (Special Programme)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Offered at zonal centres and in some schools (in-house).</li><li>Student <u>must not</u> have offered CL/HCL at PSLE.</li><li>Student must obtain a PSLE Score of 24 or better.</li></ul>
	Malay (Special Programme)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Offered at zonal centres and in some schools (in-house).</li><li>Student <u>must not</u> have offered ML/HML at PSLE.</li><li>Student must obtain a PSLE Score of 24 or better.</li></ul>
2	Bahasa Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Offered only at MOELC Bishan (Bahasa Indonesia is also offered at Victoria School for students posted to VS only).</li><li>Student must obtain a PSLE Score of 24 or better.</li><li>For Bahasa Indonesia, student must not have offered ML/HML.</li><li>SC/PR or children of SC/PR.</li></ul>
3	Arabic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Offered only at MOELC Bishan.</li><li>Student must obtain a PSLE Score of 24 or better.</li><li>SC/PR or children of SC/PR.</li></ul>

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Language Application

Malay (Special Programme), Chinese (Special Programme),  
Bahasa Indonesia, Arabic,

- The Third Languages (L3) which students are eligible for are indicated in their **Eligibility Letter and S1 Option Form**.

If a particular L3 is not indicated, students are not eligible for that L3.

- Students who have applied for **3<sup>rd</sup> Language**, will be informed by their Form teachers by today, 22 December, on the outcome of their application.

# **3<sup>rd</sup> Language Application**

**Malay (Special Programme), Chinese (Special Programme),  
Bahasa Indonesia, Arabic,**

- **Successful applicants** are to register for 3<sup>rd</sup> Language at MOE Language Centres or Zonal Centres via their website **between 26 Dec 2025 to 7 Jan 2026.**
- **Places of students who failed to register by the stipulated dates will be allocated to other applicants on the waiting list.**

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Language Application

Malay (Special Programme), Chinese (Special Programme),  
Bahasa Indonesia, Arabic

Language Centre Posted To	Registration
<b>MSP Zonal Centre</b> (Zhonghua Secondary School)	<p>Students to click on the link below to complete registration for your MSP.</p> <p><a href="https://go.gov.sg/msp-registration-zhonghuasec">https://go.gov.sg/msp-registration-zhonghuasec</a></p> <p>(Form will open from 26 Dec to 7 Jan)</p> <p>If the centre is unsuitable for your child and you want to switch centre, do register first via the link above and indicate your interest to transfer centre in the same registration form.</p>

# **3<sup>rd</sup> Language Application**

## **Malay (Special Programme), Chinese (Special Programme), Bahasa Indonesia, Arabic**

<b>Language Centre Posted To</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>MOE Language Centre (Bishan or Newton)</b>  <b>For MSP, CSP, Bahasa Indonesia, Arabic,</b>	Students to confirm the acceptance of the offer and complete the online registration at:  <a href="https://www.moelc.moe.edu.sg/">https://www.moelc.moe.edu.sg/</a>  <b>Period of registration From 26 December 2025 (Fri) to 7 January 2026 (Wed)</b>



## **Frequently Asked Questions by Successful Applicants**

For **Ministry of Education Language Centre (MOELC)**:

<b>1</b>	<b><i>Why must I register at the Ministry of Education Language Centre (MOELC)?</i></b>
Ans.	You must register online at MOELC website to confirm your acceptance of the offer to study a 3rd language. Information on the class allocation, textbooks and supplementary materials can also be downloaded from the website.
<b>2</b>	<b><i>How do I get to the MOELC?</i></b>
Ans.	Please refer to the location maps at <a href="http://www.moelc.moe.edu.sg/contact-us">http://www.moelc.moe.edu.sg/contact-us</a> .
<b>3</b>	<b><i>How much do the textbooks and supplementary materials cost?</i></b>
Ans.	Chinese (Special Programme) and Malay (Special Programme) use local textbooks which cost about \$30. The cost of the other textbooks for the foreign languages range between \$80 to \$180. as these are published overseas. For Bahasa Indonesia, the textbooks are used over 2 years.
<b>4</b>	<b><i>I am under the Financial Assistance Scheme. Am I eligible for free textbooks?</i></b>
Ans.	The Financial Assistance Scheme is administered by your school. You will need to check with your school for eligibility.
<b>5</b>	<b><i>What are the day(s) and time of the lessons?</i></b>
Ans.	Lessons are conducted once a week during the school term. Class details and lesson commencement date will be provided through the online registration.
<b>6</b>	<b><i>Are there any fees to be paid?</i></b>
Ans.	No, there are no fees to be paid.
<b>7</b>	<b><i>Are 3rd languages examination subjects or are they enrichment subjects?</i></b>
Ans.	All the 3rd Languages are full curriculum subjects, like any other subject in school. Students sit for the GCE 'O' Level Examination at the end of the 4th year of study. In addition, the French, German, Japanese and Spanish programmes offer an extension into the Junior College years leading to the GCE 'A' Levels.

## **Frequently Asked Questions by Successful Applicants**

For the **Zonal Centres**:

<b>1</b>	<b><i>Why must I register at the Centre I am posted to?</i></b>
Ans.	You must register online at the respective Zonal Centre website to confirm your acceptance of the offer to study Malay (Special Programme)/Chinese (Special Programme) i.e. MSP/CSP as a 3rd language. Information on the lesson schedule, textbooks and supplementary materials can also be obtained from the website.
<b>2</b>	<b><i>What are the day(s) and time of the lessons?</i></b>
Ans.	Class details and lesson commencement date will be provided through the online registration.
<b>3</b>	<b><i>Are there any fees to be paid?</i></b>
Ans.	No, there are no fees to be paid.
<b>4</b>	<b><i>Is MSP/CSP an examination subject or enrichment subject?</i></b>
Ans.	They are full curriculum subjects, like any subject in school. Students sit for the GCE 'O' Level Examination at the end of the 4th year of study.

# Third Language Appeals

## Application Form

- From 2025, all late applications/appeals for C(SP), M(SP), BI and Arabic must be submitted using the Late Application/Appeal **online form via the following link or QR code:**

Link	<a href="https://go.gov.sg/midstreamapplications">https://go.gov.sg/midstreamapplications</a>
QR Code	 <small><a href="https://go.gov.sg/midstreamapplications">https://go.gov.sg/midstreamapplications</a></small>

# Clarifications on Specific Third Languages

- **Applicable Languages:**
  - French, German, Japanese,
- **Students must obtain a PSLE Score of 8 or better.**

If number of applicants is more than number of vacancies, applicants are selected based on PSLE results.

# For queries on Mother Tongue Languages

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