

Media Advisory

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### **DE-REGISTRATION OF BROOKES BUSINESS SCHOOL**

With effect from 14 July 2009, the Ministry of Education (MOE) has cancelled the registration of Brookes Business School.

Affected students may seek the following recourse listed below.

#### **Current students**

Option for students who wish to continue their studies:

- (1) Those who wished to be emplaced in another private school may approach the Association of Private Schools and Colleges (ASPC), with their student contracts, payment receipts, course schedules, completed assignments, past tests scripts and results.

Association of Private Schools and Colleges (ASPC)  
9 Ah Hood Road, Singapore 329975  
Helpline: 62523192 / 62526134  
Email: [secretariat@aspc.org.sg](mailto:secretariat@aspc.org.sg)

Option for students who wish to seek a refund:

- (1) Students who are insured by insurance and wish to seek a refund on their course fees can approach NTUC Income to check on the remaining balance of their course fees. They can also approach CASE and we will assist them to file claims with the insurer. There will also be 2 staff from NTUC Income stationed at CASE to assist the students from 16 to 31 July 2009.
- (2) They can also lodge a claim at the Small Claims Tribunal (SCT) to get a judgement against the school or approach a lawyer to sue against the school in a magistrate court depending on the value of their claims.

Note:

- (1) Students whose student passes are expiring soon may approach Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) to request for an extension of the passes pending a resolution of the claims or the issues.
- (2) Students may also consider more than 1 option stated above.

### Graduates of the school

For students who have completed the courses and suspected that they may be issued the fake degrees may wish to check the authenticity of the certificates with the accrediting university. If they found the certificates to be fake, consult a lawyer to sue against the school or lodge a claim at SCT depending on the value of their claims.

### Our advice

CASE strongly emphasise that students should do a thorough research on the school conducting the course. For courses that claim to be accredited by an overseas university, check with the embassies of the countries and the university concerned and get an official confirmation from the university as far as possible before signing up for the degree programme.

Private education organisations (PEOs) that attain the CaseTrust for Education trust mark are required to put in place fee protection for all students, regardless of nationality. Local students also enjoy this protection if they choose to opt-in for the Student Protection Scheme. Students protected under the schools should have the following

- A signed standard student contract which states the Student protection requirement among other terms and conditions
- A Certificate of Insurance should be given to each student if the school is under insurance aspect under the Student Protection scheme.
- An Escrow account in which students will require to deposit their fees directly.

For assistance, consumers can call us at 6463 1811 or walk in to CASE's office at Ghim Moh.

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