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### **CaseTrust Suspends 16 Private Education Organisations for Lapse in the Student Protection Scheme**

On 3 November 2009, CaseTrust has suspended 16 Private Education Organisations (PEOs) from the CaseTrust for Education scheme for failure to put in place a Student Protection Scheme (SPS) facility.

As of 1 November 2009, NTUC INCOME has withdrawn as a SPS provider for the CaseTrust for Education scheme. In view of the withdrawal, CASE has been monitoring a particular group of CaseTrust accredited schools closely to ensure they put in place another Student Protection Scheme facility to safeguard their students' tuition fees.

Despite having served a number of advanced notices and reminders via letters and phone calls to PEOs, 16 of them were found to be without a valid SPS facility at the point when the suspensions were issued.

CASE made this move of suspension to protect the interest of new students to be enrolled by these 16 institutions. During the period of suspension, the schools would not be able to recruit international students. The suspension can be lifted when they procure a valid Student Protection Scheme facility for their school.

Students enrolled by these schools before 1 November 2009 should not be affected by NTUC Income's withdrawal as any Student Tuition Fee Insurance coverage which has been extended to students by NTUC INCOME on or before 31 October 2009 remains valid. Students are advised to have a valid insurance certificate with them if the school has opted for insuring their fees under the SPS.

Prospective students enrolling into private schools are encouraged to check out the list of accredited schools on [www.casetrust.org.sg](http://www.casetrust.org.sg) and the suspended PEOs at [www.case.org.sg/suspended\\_List.htm](http://www.case.org.sg/suspended_List.htm).

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\*Note: Aventis School of Management, Marketing Institute of Singapore and Turning Point Academy Pte Ltd managed to procure a Student Protection Scheme facility this afternoon and their suspension will be lifted soon, thereby reducing the number of suspended schools to 13. This information is accurate as of 3 November 2009, 6.30 pm.