

Sheltered Workshops

1. What is SG Enable's role in the application process?

SG Enable will provide you with information that will help you make an informed decision regarding the choice of service for persons with disabilities. Information shared will include location of services, types of services offered by the service providers (e.g. therapy) and estimated wait time to enrolment. Thereafter, SG Enable will submit a referral to the service provider.

2. How does the referral process work?

SG Enable will assess the referrals based on whether:

- the applicant meets the eligibility criteria for Sheltered Workshops
- the application form has been properly completed and accompanied with the necessary supporting documents

If the above criteria have been met, SG Enable will send the referral to the sheltered workshop.

The sheltered workshop will then arrange for an interview with the applicant to determine if he/she is suitable for its services/programmes. The workshop might also initiate a trial admission/transition programme to see if the applicant is able to adapt to the workshop's environment.

3. Can I place my family member on the waiting lists of different Sheltered Workshops at the same time?

No, your family member can only be referred to one sheltered workshop and be on one waiting list at one time.

4. Can I reapply if I have previously withdrawn my family member's application or turned down an offer for a Sheltered Workshop?

You may reapply for the programme, however, you are required to go through the application process again.

5. What is the difference between Sheltered Workshops and Day Activity Centres (DACs)?

Sheltered Workshops provide employment and/or vocational training to adults with disabilities who do not possess the competencies or skills for either open employment or production workshop. Sheltered Workshops provide jobs or tasks where the process are either simpler or can be broken down. Participants will also gain valuable experience at the workshop, thus improving their prospects for open employment.

DACs, on the other hand, provide programme that promote the development of cognitive, social, communication, language and motor skills. Some of the centres also provide physiotherapy and occupational therapy. DACs programme are suitable for persons with disabilities who are unable to take up open employment or attend sheltered workshops.

DACs also provide a form of respite for caregivers during the day.

6. What are the government-funded Sheltered Workshops?

You may download the [Sheltered Workshops Service Matrix \(PDF\)](#) to view the list of Sheltered Workshops.

7. Can I visit the Sheltered Workshops before deciding on my preferred choice for my family?

Yes. As it is up to the centres to decide if they allow visitors, you are advised to contact them to schedule a visit. The centres' contact details are available in the [Sheltered Workshops Service Matrix \(PDF\)](#).