

SPERS and SPE Format

Eligibility Phase – Applicable to SPERS-Sec, SPE & SPERS-JC/MI

1. **SPERS-Sec and SPE**: Under the Eligibility Phase, applicants will sit for English and Mathematics tests to determine the schools they would be eligible for. Besides assessing applicants' literacy and numeracy skills, the tests will also include non-content-based general ability items which assess reasoning and thinking skills. This will provide a more holistic assessment of RS who have attended overseas schools with curricula different from Singapore's.
2. Based on their performance in the tests, applicants will each be provided with a list of schools that they are eligible to apply for. This will ensure that RS are of similar abilities as the students in the schools that they are applying to. The RS can indicate their school preferences during the School Option Phase, and they will be posted to a suitable school with vacancies.
3. **SPERS-JC/MI**: Under the Eligibility Phase, applicants will sit for the English, Mathematics and General Ability tests to determine the schools they would be eligible to apply for.
4. As the number of RS seeking admission to JC/MI is usually small, there is no need for MOE to conduct a centralised posting exercise for this group. Hence, there is no School Option Phase or School Posting Phase under SPERS-JC/MI. After the RS students receive the list of JC/MI they are eligible to apply for, they can approach that JC/MI for the school's admission consideration.

School Option Phase – Applicable to SPERS-Sec and SPE Only

5. During the School Option Phase, applicants will be required to submit their school choices online. Applicants can submit a maximum of six choices based on the list of eligible schools given to them.

School Posting Phase – Applicable to SPERS-Sec and SPE Only

6. At the School Posting Phase, secondary schools will admit a small number of RS, over and above their planned capacity. This recognises that overseas Singaporean children may have similar abilities as the local cohort in these schools, even though they have been away and thus were unable to seek admission into these schools with other Singaporean children who had taken the PSLE. This will not reduce the chances for students in Singapore to get into the schools of their choice, as there will be no reduction in the number of school places available to them.
7. The School Posting Phase will take into account the performance of the RS at the SPERS-Sec and SPE tests, their school choices, and the places available in these schools. In the event that an applicant is not successfully posted to any of the chosen schools, MOE will assign the applicant a place in a secondary school with vacancies near the applicant's residence.

8. After receiving their postings, the RS should complete the admission formalities at their posted school. If they choose not to accept the posting, they may approach another school directly to apply for admission. The child will be admitted if the school approached has a suitable vacancy and is on the child's list of eligible schools. The school also has the discretion to assess the child, such as through the use of school-based assessments, before deciding whether to admit the child.

Schedule for 2020 SPERS-Sec

Phase	Period	Events
Eligibility Phase	15 Jul - 4 Sep 20	Application for SPERS-Sec tests
	22 Sep 20	Conduct of SPERS-Sec tests - (Sec 1)
	23 Sep 20	Conduct of SPERS-Sec tests - (Sec 3)
	24 Sep 20	Conduct of SPERS-Sec tests - (Sec 2)
School Option Phase	19 Nov 20	Applicants to receive lists of secondary schools that they are eligible for
	20 Nov – 24 Nov 20	Applicants to submit secondary school choices to MOE
School Posting Phase	15 Dec 20 (tentative)	Release of school posting results (Sec 2 & Sec 3)
	16 Dec – 30 Dec 20	Sec 2 & 3 applicants to report to school
	22 Dec 20 (tentative)	Release of school posting results (Sec 1)
	23 Dec – 30 Dec 20	Sec 1 applicants to report to school

Schedule for 2020 SPERS-JC/MI

Phase	Period	Events
Eligibility Phase	15 Jul – 23 Oct 20	Application for SPERS-JC/MI tests
	12 Nov 20	Conduct of SPERS-JC/MI tests
School Admission	28 Dec 20 (tentative)	Applicants to receive lists of JC/MI that they are eligible for and to email/call the listed JC/MI to arrange for an appointment to complete admission formalities

Supplementary Placement Exercise (SPE)

9. The SPE is applicable for admission to Secondary 1 to 3 and intended for RS who are unable to take part in the SPERS-Sec exercise. The SPE is similar in structure to SPERS-Sec and involves the same three phases - namely the Eligibility Phase, the School Option Phase and the School Posting Phase.

Schedule for 2020 SPE (Tentative)

Phase	Period	Events
Eligibility Phase	1 Oct – 27 Nov 20	Application for SPE tests
	10 Dec 20	Conduct of SPE tests
School Option Phase	18 Jan 21	Applicants to receive lists of secondary schools that they are eligible for
	19 Jan – 21 Jan 21	Applicants to submit secondary school choices to MOE
School Posting Phase	3 Feb 21	Release of school posting results (Sec 1 to 3)
	4 Feb – 10 Feb 21	Applicants to report to school