

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON
THE ENHANCED ITE CURRICULAR**

1. How were these 16 courses selected to be part of the first phase of implementation of the enhanced ITE curricular structure? When will the rest of the courses be impacted?

These selected 16 courses cover all three course clusters in ITE and have a wide range of entry requirements to better cater to the diverse spectrum of students who enrol into ITE. Given the significant enhancement to the curriculum, ITE is adopting a phased implementation approach to carefully study the outcomes of the first phase before more courses are transitioned onto the enhanced curricular structure.

2. How will ITE streamline the curriculum such that students entering at Year 1 are able to complete their *Higher Nitec* in three years?

ITE will streamline its curriculum by removing overlapping competencies that exist today between complementary Nitec and Higher Nitec courses. For example, networking technology is currently taught in the Nitec in Infocomm Technology and Higher Nitec in IT Systems & Networks. With the removal of the overlapping competencies taught in the modules of these two courses, the curriculum can be streamlined to allow students to acquire and deepen the skills needed for specialisation alongside the broad skills needed for the sector.

3. Will students on courses not under the enhanced curricular structure be disadvantaged in their learning and academic progression?

Students who are on courses not under the enhanced curricular structure will continue to have access to *Higher Nitec* courses, polytechnic diplomas, Work-Study Diplomas and Technical Diplomas using their *Nitec* qualifications. These students will thus not be disadvantaged as they embark on their lifelong learning as compared to their peers on this new structure.

4. When will the admissions to the eight *Higher Nitec* courses for AY2022 take place?

Students can apply for admissions to the eight courses under the first phase of implementation through the Early Admissions Exercise (EAE) in May 2021, or the Joint Intake Exercise (JIE) in December 2021. These students will automatically be enrolled into the three-year curricular pathway leading to a *Higher Nitec* qualification.

5. Will students on these eight courses be expected to pay *Higher Nitec* fees throughout their three years of study?

Students enrolling in the enhanced three-year programme in AY2022 will pay the AY2022 *Nitec* fees for the first 2 years. When these students progress to the *Higher Nitec* component in January 2024, they will pay the AY2024 *Higher Nitec* fees, same as the new student intakes who start the typical *Higher Nitec* courses from April 2024.