

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON THE CONDUCT OF THE EAE
SELECTION PROCESS IN VIEW OF THE COVID-19 SITUATION**

1. Why has MOE decided to conduct the EAE selection online, rather than wait until the situation has stabilised, so that we can carry out face-to-face selection for all courses?

Learning from the experience of online EAE selection last year, the polytechnics and ITE are well prepared to conduct the EAE selection through electronic means this year for most courses. MOE will work closely with ITE and the polytechnics to ensure EAE selection is conducted fairly and rigorously for all students, regardless of modality.

2. How will the ITE and the polytechnics ensure the online EAE selection is fair and rigorous?

Institutions have made the appropriate adjustments to their assessment rubrics and criteria, to ensure that the online selection format can continue to be carried out seamlessly this year. They will also continue to document the EAE selection process, including recording interviews (where appropriate), and the evaluations made by the selection panels. The assessments will continue to be carried out objectively and rigorously, in a fair and inclusive manner.

3. How will MOE and the institutions support students from disadvantaged backgrounds, who might experience difficulties with the online selection process?

Following the experience of Home-based Learning (HBL), our students are now more adept at using various online communication platforms and interacting online for interviews and assessments. Nonetheless, the polytechnics and ITE will be ready to render additional support to applicants who face difficulties with the online selection process.

Students who require additional support with the online process can also approach their schools for assistance. For example, the online interviews and assessments may be conducted in school instead of at home, with IT equipment loaned from the school. School staff will also be present to provide technical support where necessary.

4. If the COVID-19 situation improves, will ITE and the polytechnics allow an increased number of courses to hold their EAE selection on campus?

We will monitor the COVID-19 situation closely, and make the appropriate adjustments. We will ensure applicants have enough time to prepare and adjust, should there be further changes to the EAE selection process.