FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON THE CONDUCT OF THE EAE SELECTION PROCESS

1. The modality of ITE and polytechnic EAE selection for 2022 will vary depending on the course, and could be virtual or in-person. Why are the institutions not carrying out in-person selections for all courses?

The conduct of EAE selection is course-specific and will vary depending on the course requirements. Incorporating the lessons learnt from online selection in 2020 and 2021, institutions will conduct their selection in the modality which fits the course best. Prior to COVID-19, some institutions were already conducting online selections for some courses and will thus continue doing so. For EAE selections conducted virtually, the institutions are well prepared to conduct the online sessions, learning from their experiences in the past two years. In-person selection will be carried out for courses where online assessments are not suitable. These include selections for ITE's Nitec in Opticianry, as well as Nanyang Polytechnic's Diploma in Oral Health Therapy.

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 virtual 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. 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 require more assistance 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 ITE and the polytechnics 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.