A Guide to Post-Secondary Admissions Exercises

A list of pathways that you could choose after secondary school
Admissions Exercises for Ordinary (O) Level Students

Where am I now?
- DSA*
- JAE

What can I apply for?
- POLY EAE*
- JAE

Where do I want to go?
- ITE EAE*
- JIE 'O'

- ITE EAE*
- JAE

JC
DSA-JC exercise applies only to JC and not MI

Polytechnic

ITE (Nitec**)

ITE (Higher Nitec**)

Diploma Course
Students should submit their applications directly to these institutions

When can I apply?
- May
  - DSA*
  - ITE EAE*
- Jun
  - POLY EAE*
  - LASALLE
- Oct/Nov
  - JAE
  - JIE 'O'
  - NAFA
- Jan
- Feb

*Students can apply through these admissions exercises before their examinations.
**Certain Nitec and Higher Nitec courses are available in traineeship mode. For more information on applying to these courses, you can visit https://www.ite.edu.sg/admissions/traineeship
Details of Admissions Exercises

**Arts Institutions - NAFA/ LASALLE**
GCE O-Level holders with the aptitude and interest to pursue the creative arts at the tertiary level may apply for diploma programmes at the Arts Institutions (AI). Each AI runs its own admissions exercise, and interested students should apply directly to the institution of interest.
NAFA: [www.nafa.edu.sg](http://www.nafa.edu.sg)
Lasalle: [www.lasalle.edu.sg](http://www.lasalle.edu.sg)

**DSA - Direct School Admission**
DSA provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate a more diverse range of achievements and talents in seeking admission to JC.
[go.gov.sg/applyjcdsa](http://go.gov.sg/applyjcdsa)

**ITE EAE - ITE Early Admissions Exercise**
ITE EAE is an aptitude-based admissions exercise that allows students to apply and receive conditional offers for admission to ITE based on their aptitude and interest, prior to receiving their final O-Level examination results. It allows students to demonstrate their aptitudes and interests apart from academic grades, thus allowing a wider range of talents to be recognised.
[go.gov.sg/applyeae](http://go.gov.sg/applyeae)

**JIE 'O' - Joint Intake Exercise 'O'**
The JIE 'O' is conducted to enable GCE O-Level holders to apply for the two-Year Nitec courses conducted by ITE.
[go.gov.sg/applyforjie](http://go.gov.sg/applyforjie)

**JAE - Joint Admissions Exercise**
JAE enables GCE O-Level holders to apply for admission to courses offered by JC, MI, Polytechnics and ITE Higher Nitec courses.
[go.gov.sg/iae](http://go.gov.sg/iae)

**Poly EAE - Polytechnic Early Admissions Exercise**
Poly EAE is an aptitude-based admissions exercise that allows students to apply for and receive conditional offers for admission to polytechnics prior to receiving their final grades. It allows students to demonstrate their aptitudes and interests apart from academic grades, thus allowing a wider range of talents to be recognised.
[go.gov.sg/polyeae](http://go.gov.sg/polyeae)
There is the option to progress to secondary 5 to take the O-level Admissions Exercises for Normal Technical (N(T))/Normal Academic (N(A)) Students

ITE (Nitec)
ITE (Higher Nitec)
Polytechnic
NAFA

Where am I now?

N(T)-Level Student
ITE EAE*
JIE 'N'/JIE 'E'

N(A)-Level Student
There is the option to progress to secondary 5 to take the O-level
ITE EAE*
JIE 'N'
DPP
NFP

Where do I want to go?

ITE (Nitec)
ITE (Higher Nitec)

What can I apply for?

N(T)-Level Student
ITE EAE* • JIE 'N'/JIE 'E'

N(A)-Level Student
ITE EAE* • JIE 'N'

When can I apply?

May (N-Level Exams) • ITE EAE* • NFP* (Conditional Admission)
Oct (N-Level Results) • JIE 'N'/JIE 'E' • DPP • NFP
Dec (Start of Nitec Term) • PFP
Jan (Start of Poly & Higher Nitec Term) • DPP (2nd window of applications)
Apr

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Details of Admissions Exercises

**DPP - Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme**
DPP allows secondary 4N(A) students to be admitted directly into a two-year *Higher Nitec* programme at ITE without having to sit for the O-Level examinations or undergo a *Nitec* programme. DPP students who successfully complete their *Higher Nitec* courses at ITE and attain the required qualifying Grade Point Average (GPA) scores are guaranteed a place in a polytechnic diploma course mapped to their *Higher Nitec* course.

[go.gov.sg/dpp](http://go.gov.sg/dpp)

**ITE EAE - ITE Early Admissions Exercise**
ITE EAE is an aptitude-based admissions exercise that allows students to apply and receive conditional offers for admission to ITE based on their aptitude and interest, prior to receiving their final GCE N-Level examination results. It allows students to demonstrate their aptitudes and interests apart from academic grades, thus allowing a wider range of talents to be recognised.

[go.gov.sg/applyeae](http://go.gov.sg/applyeae)

**NFP - NAFA Foundation Programme**
NFP is a one-year practice-based programme that prepares N(A)-Level holders to pursue a diploma in the creative arts.

[go.gov.sg/applynafafp](http://go.gov.sg/applynafafp)

**JIE 'N'/JIE 'E' - Joint Intake Exercise**
The JIE 'N' is for GCE N(T)/N(A)-Level holders to apply for the two-year *Nitec* course.
The JIE 'E' is for GCE N(T) students to apply for the three-year *Nitec* course with Enhanced *Nitec* Foundation Programme.

[go.gov.sg/applyforjie](http://go.gov.sg/applyforjie)

**PFP - Polytechnic Foundation Programme**
PFP is a one-year programme that offers a practice-oriented curriculum taught by polytechnic lecturers to better prepare polytechnic-bound N(A) students for entry into relevant polytechnic diploma courses. PFP students are given provisional places in diploma programmes, subject to them passing all modules in the one-year PFP.

[go.gov.sg/pfp](http://go.gov.sg/pfp)
Wondering where you can go after ITE, Poly or JC/MI?

For more information, visit:

- Polytechnics: www.polytechnic.edu.sg
- ITE: www.ite.edu.sg
- LASALLE: www.lasalle.edu.sg
- NAFA: www.nafa.edu.sg
- NUS: www.nus.edu.sg/oam/apply-to-nus
- NTU: go.gov.sg/applyntu
- SMU: go.gov.sg/applysmu
- SUSS: go.gov.sg/applysuss
- SUTD: go.gov.sg/applysutd
- SIT: go.gov.sg/applysit
- Work-learn programmes: go.gov.sg/applyearnlearn
  go.gov.sg/applyworkstudy