

Annex

SPERS and Supplementary Placement Exercise Format

Eligibility Phase – Applicable to SPERS-Sec, Supplementary Placement Exercise & SPERS-JC/MI

1. SPERS-Sec and Supplementary Placement Exercise: Under the Eligibility Phase, applicants will sit for the English and Mathematics tests to determine the schools they would be eligible for. Besides assessing literacy and numeracy, the papers will also include non-content-based general ability items that assess reasoning and thinking skills. This will more holistically assess RS who have attended overseas schools with curricula different from Singapore's.
2. Following the conduct of the tests, applicants will each be provided with a list of schools that they are eligible for, based on their performance in the tests. This will ensure that RS are of similar abilities as the students in the schools that they are eligible for. They will proceed on to the School Option Phase.
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 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 Eligibility Phase, successful applicants will each receive a list of JC/MI they are eligible for and can approach any of the listed JC/MI directly for admission.

School Option Phase – Applicable to SPERS-Sec and Supplementary Placement Exercise 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 Supplementary Placement Exercise Only

6. Secondary schools will admit a small number of RS, over and above their planned capacity, at the School Posting Phase. This recognises that overseas Singaporean children may have similar abilities as the local cohort in these schools, even though they have been away and were thus unable to seek admission into these schools together 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 Supplementary Placement Exercise tests, 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 home.

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

Schedule for 2017 SPERS-Sec

Phase	Period	Events
Eligibility Phase	4 Jul - 31 Aug 17	Application for SPERS-Sec tests
	20 Sep 17	Conduct of SPERS-Sec tests
School Option Phase	16 Nov 17	Applicants to receive lists of secondary schools that they are eligible for
	17 Nov – 21 Nov 17	Applicants to submit secondary school choices to MOE
School Posting Phase	13 Dec 17 (tentative)	Release of school posting results (Sec 2 & Sec 3)
	14 Dec – 29 Dec 17	Sec 2 & 3 applicants to report to school
	21 Dec 17 (tentative)	Release of school posting results (Sec 1)
	22 Dec – 29 Dec 17	Sec 1 applicants to report to school

Schedule for 2017 SPERS-JC/MI

Phase	Period	Events
Eligibility Phase	4 Jul – 20 Oct 17	Application for SPERS-JC/MI tests
	16 Nov 17	Conduct of SPERS-JC/MI tests
School Admission	27 Dec 17 (tentative)	Applicants to receive lists of JC/MI that they are eligible for and to approach any listed JC/MI for admission

Supplementary Placement Exercise

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

Schedule for 2017 Supplementary Placement Exercise

Phase	Period	Events
Eligibility Phase	3 Oct – 5 Dec 17	Application for Supplementary Placement Exercise
	14 Dec 17	Conduct of Supplementary Placement Exercise tests
School Option Phase	15 Jan 18	Applicants to receive lists of secondary schools that they are eligible for
	16 Jan – 18 Jan 18	Applicants to submit secondary school choices to MOE
School Posting Phase	1 Feb 18 (tentative)	Release of school posting results (Sec 1 to 3)
	2 Feb – 8 Feb 18	Applicants to report to school