

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY APPLICANTS SHORTLISTED FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

TEACHING SUBJECTS

1. I would like to teach a non-PE subject as well, is it possible for me to take on a second teaching subject other than PE?

After you have completed your pre-service teacher training in PE, there may be opportunities for you to be trained to teach a non-PE subject when you are an in-service officer.

2. How do I indicate my preference?

You may indicate your preference when you discuss your career aspirations with your School Leaders and reporting officers. Please note that the yearly opportunities to acquire a second subject proficiency would be communicated in the 2nd half of the year, taking into account various considerations, including your eligibility for the subject and course availability.

3. What are some of these possible subjects?

Possible subjects include English Language, Mathematics and Science at the primary level.

4. Could I request to teach at the secondary/primary level instead of the level I was assigned?

The assignment of teaching level takes into account various considerations, including organisational requirements. After you have served your first school posting, you may apply to teach at another level. However, as school postings are subject to organisational requirements, we strongly advise you to gain confidence with the teaching level of your first posting and meet the eligibility criteria before you apply for cross level teaching positions at the Annual Posting Exercise (Open).

PPT

5. When is the Physical Proficiency Test (PPT)?

The next PPT will be held on 10 March 2023 at the National Institute of Education. The test and registration details will be sent to you two weeks before the test date via email if you are required to sit for the PPT.

You may wish to note that all applicants being considered for the teaching of Physical Education are required to sit for and pass the PPT, subject to them meeting the relevant selection requirements (e.g., interview). Therefore, we advise that you make yourself available for this session.

6. What does the PPT entail?

The PPT comprises five separate stations:

- Agility Run
- Gymnastics
- Possession Game
- Badminton
- Swimming

To pass the PPT, applicants are required to meet the minimum requirements of all five stations. We strongly encourage applicants to refer to the [NIE](#) and [MOE website](#) for more information on the test and its requirements.

7. What should I do if I am not interested to teach PE?

You may let us know your decision by replying to the interview invite sent to you. Your application will be considered for alternative teaching subjects, in competition with other applications received in the same window. If you are shortlisted for an alternative teaching subject, you will be contacted by 17 March 2023. If you do not hear from us by 17 March 2023, you may consider your application to be unsuccessful.

8. What happens if I am unable to attend the PPT?

If you are unavailable for the PPT, please note that the rescheduling of the PPT is on a case-by-case basis. Please write to us for further assistance. You may expect to hear from us by 17 March 2023 on the request of your rescheduling.

TEACHER TRAINING

9. How long is the teacher training and bond period for PE?

Teacher training for those teaching PE is two years for both the PGDE and Dip Ed programmes. Trainees will be trained to teach at both the primary and secondary levels at NIE. Trainee teachers will be required to serve a three-year teaching bond upon successful completion of their teacher training.

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10. Why is there dual level training for PE at NIE?

Dual level training will be applicable to you if you are being considered for the teaching of PE on the Postgraduate Diploma in Education programme (PGDE) or the Diploma in Education programme (DipEd). Trainee teachers on these programmes will be trained to teach PE at the primary and secondary levels. Professionally, it will help teachers to understand growth and motor development across the schooling years, and their implications on teaching and learning, and student development.

Upon completing your pre-service teacher training, your posting will be to your first teaching level, as indicated in your Letter of Offer. Subsequent deployment will be subject to opportunities for movement (e.g. cross level deployment) and organisational requirements.

11. What happens if I am injured during training or as a PE teacher?

If your injury is work-related, you will be covered under the Work Injury Compensation Act (WICA), more information can be found on MOM's website.

In the event you are unable to perform the duties of a PE teacher because of the injury, the Ministry will review your case and advise you accordingly.