BRIEFING FOR GROUP C – POTENTIAL PFP STUDENTS

PROGRESSION PATHWAYS FOR 4N (ACADEMIC)

No	Item	Eligibility Criteria	Remarks
1	*Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)	**ELMAB3 ≤ 12** (Excl CCA pts) + course entry requirement	Apply when O-levels results are released in **Jan 2023 : fr 2pm on release day (Day 1) – 4pm on Day 5**
2	*Direct-Entry-Scheme to Poly Prog (DPP) – Higher NITEC	**ELMAB3 ≤ 19** (Excl CCA pts) + course entry requirement	Application from **2.30pm (Today) – 5pm on 22 Dec (Thurs)**
3	Progression to **ITE for NITEC / 3-Year Higher Nitec** course	Prerequisites & bonus pts stated in booklet	**Same as above**
4	**Repeat 4NA**	ELMAB3 ≤ 21 or ELB3 ≤ 14 or MAB3 ≤ 14 or Other prerequisites	**Depends on Vacancy** & students need to submit a formal appeal to school
5	**Progression to 5NA**	ELMAB3 ≤ 19 AND at least an NA Grade 5 for all subjects used in the computation of ELMAB3	

DIFFERENT PATHWAYS TO POLY/UNI

Year	To 5NA	To PFP	To DPP	
2022	4NA	**4NA**	4NA	
2023	5NA – O Lvl	**PFP**	DPP (HIGHER NITEC)	
2024	Poly Yr 1	**Poly Yr 1**	DPP (HIGHER NITEC)	
2025	Poly Yr 2	**Poly Yr 2**	Poly Yr 2* (GPA≥3.5^)	Poly Yr 1 (GPA≥2.5^ or 3^)
2026	Poly Yr 3	**Poly Yr 3**	Poly Yr 3	Poly Yr 2
2027	**Move on to University Yr 1**			Poly Yr 3

* Progression to Polytechnic 2nd year is only applicable for some courses

^ Minimum Qualifying Higher Nitec GPA

EDUCATION

Sec 5 studies less popular as new paths to poly open

Chances of entering poly are better via new courses, say N(A) students who choose them

Pearl Lee

> We monitor borderline cases in three ways: remedial sessions, counselling them and working with their parents, and giving them personal tuition.

MR PATRICK PHANG, Singapore Poly's vice-chair for the PFP course

With the introduction of alternative routes to post-secondary education for students in the Normal (Academic) stream, more of them are taking up these options instead of going to Secondary 5.

Data from the Ministry of Education (MOE) showed that before 2012, about 70 per cent of the Sec 4 N(A) cohort went on to Sec 5. Sec 5 students take the O-level exams at the end of the one-year programme.

This year, 74.9 per cent of students in the Sec 4 N(A) batch made the cut for Sec 5. But not all of them will pick this course, going by recent trends.

Since the year-long Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP) and the two-year Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) began in 2012, the proportion of students moving on to Sec 5 has fallen to 50 per cent.

Students in the two programmes

Singapore Polytechnic's Mr Patrick Phang uses pop quizzes and friendly competitions to engage students in the Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP). Normal (Academic) students in the year-long PFP skip the O levels and go straight to polytechnic. PHOTO: DESI KINGOY JR FOR THE STRAITS TIMES

– which are meant for the better performers – told The Straits Times that they had chosen these routes as these give them a better chance of getting into a polytechnic diploma course.

In fact, almost all students who completed the PFP and about 60 per cent of those who finished the DPP made it into the polytechnics.

Top N(A) students, who receive a score of not more than 11 points, with at least a grade three for both English and mathematics in their N levels, are eligible for the PFP.

They go on to the polytechnics to do a one-year preparatory course that covers English, mathematics, and domain-specific modules such as life sciences or physics.

If they pass all their modules, they will move on to the first year of their chosen diploma course.

Each year, about 1,200 places are offered.

The PFP, which takes in students in April, took in its third batch of about 1,000 students this year, a number similar to its second batch. It had 837 students for its pioneer batch.

Lee Jing Hua, 17, who is in the PFP in Singapore Polytechnic (SP), sees the programme as a stepping stone. The former Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School student, who dreams of flying a plane one day, hopes to enter the aerospace electronics diploma course next year.

He said: "Here, we do a lot of group work and projects. There are more hands-on activities and

Beyond N levels

More applying for poly entry programmes

1st scheme lets top students gain direct entry; 2nd one requires two-year stint at ITE first

CHANGE OF PACE WELCOME

Most of our assignments are completed in school and we do more practical tasks, like coding and setting up a router.

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POH JIA QI, 17, a Higher Nitec student at ITE College West who hopes to move on to an information technology diploma course as part of the DPP.

Yuen Sin

Schemes that provide alternative routes for N-level students to gain entry to polytechnic – instead of moving on to Secondary 5 to sit the O levels – have been attracting more applications since they were first launched in 2012.

Since 2013, the proportion of eligible students who applied for the two-year Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) has grown by 10 per cent.

The proportion of those who applied for the year-long Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP) has grown by 5 per cent over the same period, said the Ministry of Education (MOE).

These schemes are reserved for Normal (Academic) students who have done well in their N levels.

Madam Sung Mee Har, principal of Hong Kah Secondary School, said that most of her students who were offered a chance to go for the PFP will take it up.

"In the past, everyone will choose to move on to Sec 5 if they can, because that was how they could get a place in polytechnic. But that has changed," she said.

Top N(A) students, who receive a score of not more than 11 points in their N levels and have at least a grade three for both English and mathematics, are eligible for the PFP.

They go on to the polytechnics to do a one-year preparatory course, taught by polytechnic lecturers, that covers English, mathematics, and domain-specific modules such as life sciences or physics. If they pass all their modules, they will move on to the first year of their chosen diploma course.

Temasek Polytechnic student Chew Harris Rezal opted for the PFP when he scored 11 points for his N levels in 2012.

"My learning style is more hands-on and practical so I thought I'd prefer the PFP over Sec 5," said Mr Chew, 20, who is in his final year of an infocomm and network engineering diploma course.

Like the PFP, the DPP guarantees students a place in a polytechnic if they meet the qualifying grade. N(A) students are eligible for the DPP if they score not more than 19 points, with at least grade four for English and mathematics, in the N-level exams.

Under the DPP, students spend two years in a Higher Nitec course at the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) and are guaranteed a spot in a polytechnic if they meet the minimum grade point average, which is between 2.5 and 3. This year, about 1,000 students have been admitted to the DPP, similar to the past few years.

The students attend a 10-week preparatory course, starting in January, that covers oral and communication skills and topics such as maths and business. They then go on to the Higher Nitec courses, which begin in April.

Poh Jia Qi, 17, was one of those who chose to go for the DPP when he got his N-level results last year. He is now doing a Higher Nitec course in information technology at ITE College West, and said that he enjoys the change of pace from a secondary school timetable.

"Most of our assignments are completed in school and we do more practical tasks, like coding and setting up a router," said Jia Qi, who hopes to study information technology in polytechnic.

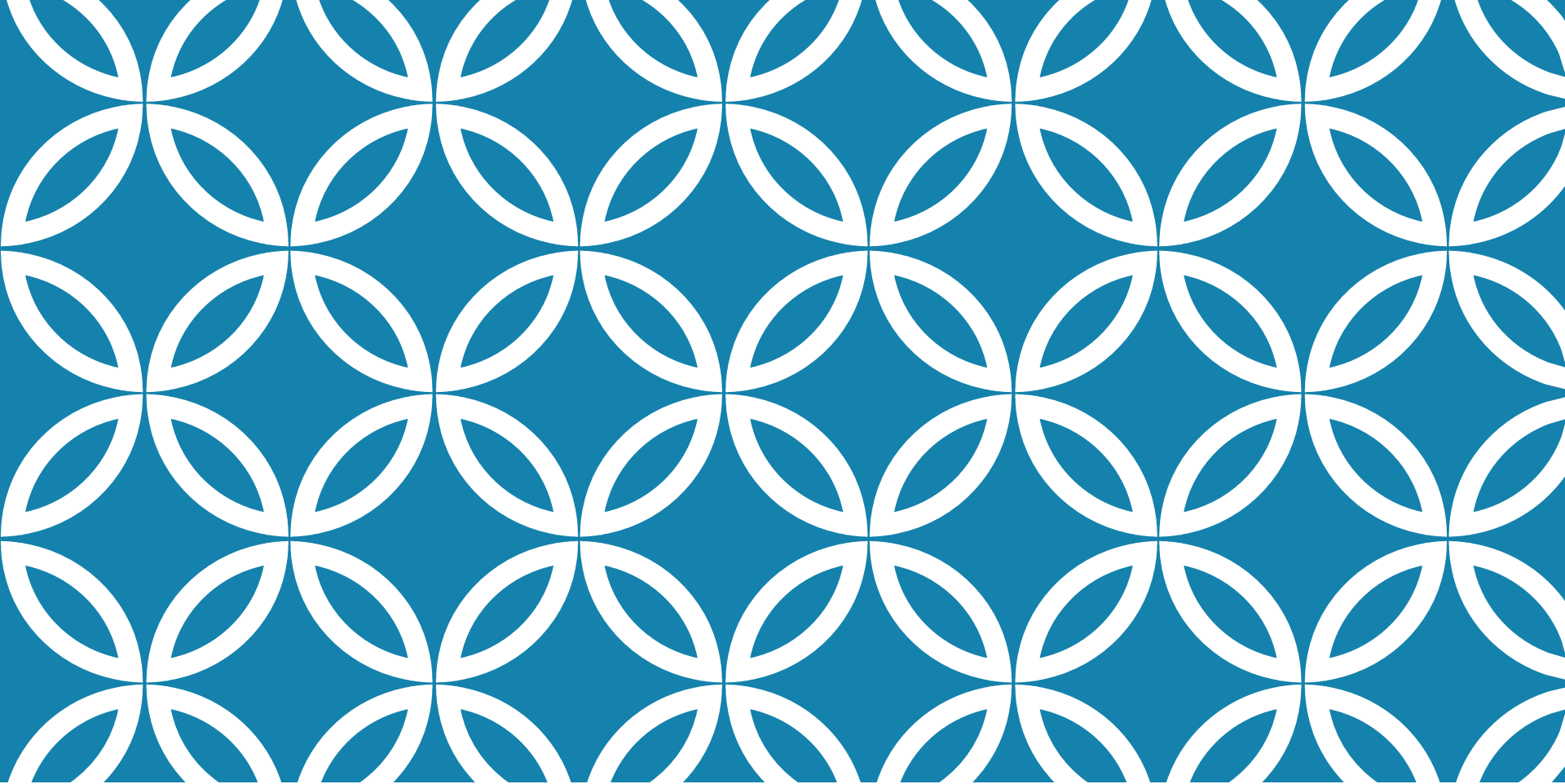The MOE said that most of students in the DPP have completed the programme and obtained a Higher Nitec, and a "significant proportion" of them have moved on to polytechnics, though it did not give specific figures. Most of the students in the PFP have also moved on to polytechnics.

Students who fail the PFP are not allowed to repeat. They may apply for the ITE's Higher Nitec programmes, approach their secondary schools for readmission in the following year or take the O-level exams as private candidates.

Dr Mike Cheong, assistant director of foundation and general studies at Nanyang Polytechnic, said that many PFP students have outperformed their O-level peers. Measures that the school has in place to help students cope with studies include providing remedial lessons and assigning mentors, who counsel students, to PFP classes.

Mr Loo Ming Yaw, principal of Mayflower Secondary School, lauded the introduction of the PFP and DPP schemes, saying that it "has played a significant role in motivating the N(A) students to work hard for their N levels because the pathways are available only to students in their stream".

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POLYTECHNIC
FOUNDATION PROGRAMME
(PFP)

POLYTECHNIC FOUNDATION PROGRAMME (PFP)
Essential Things You Need to Know

1. What is the PFP?

- A foundation year at the polytechnics that:
  - Prepares well-performing Sec 4N(A) students for progression into respective polytechnic diploma courses
  - Serves as an alternative to Sec 5
- Conducted over two academic semesters at the polytechnics
- Students must pass all PFP modules in order to progress to their respective, pre-selected diploma courses.

2. Am I Eligible for PFP 2023?

You are eligible for the PFP if you:
- ☐ Sat for GCE N-Level exams as a school candidate in 2022
- ☐ Have obtained an ELMAB3 aggregate of 12 points or less (before deduction of CCA bonus points)
- ☐ Met course-specific entry requirements as listed on the PFP website

If you can check all 3 boxes above, you're eligible!
(Note: Eligibility does not guarantee you a place in a PFP course)

If you had offered GCE O-Level examination subjects in 2022, you may refer to this table for the equivalent grade to compute your ELMAB3 aggregate:

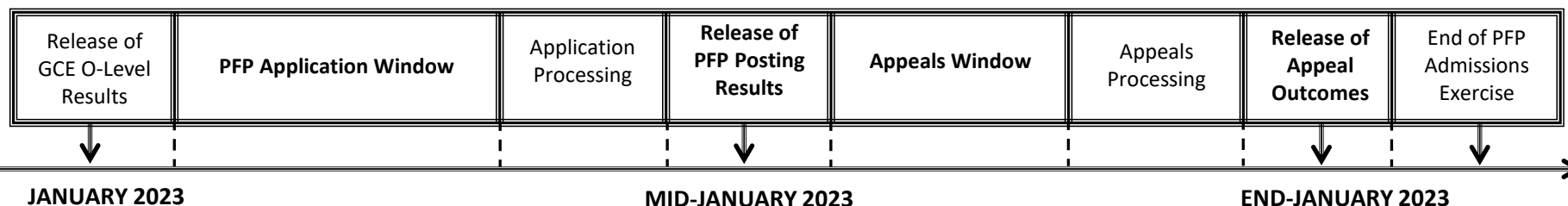| GCE 'O' Level Grade	Converted Grade
A1-B3	1
B4-C6	2
D7	3

3. How do I Apply?

- Upon release of the GCE O-Level results, all PFP-eligible students will receive Form P containing a PFP PIN that allows them to apply for the PFP at this link.
- You may select up to five course choices.
- Remember to provide updated contact details in your application to allow the polytechnics to contact you if necessary.
(Note: You should continue to attend Sec 5 from 3 January 2023 while applying for PFP.)
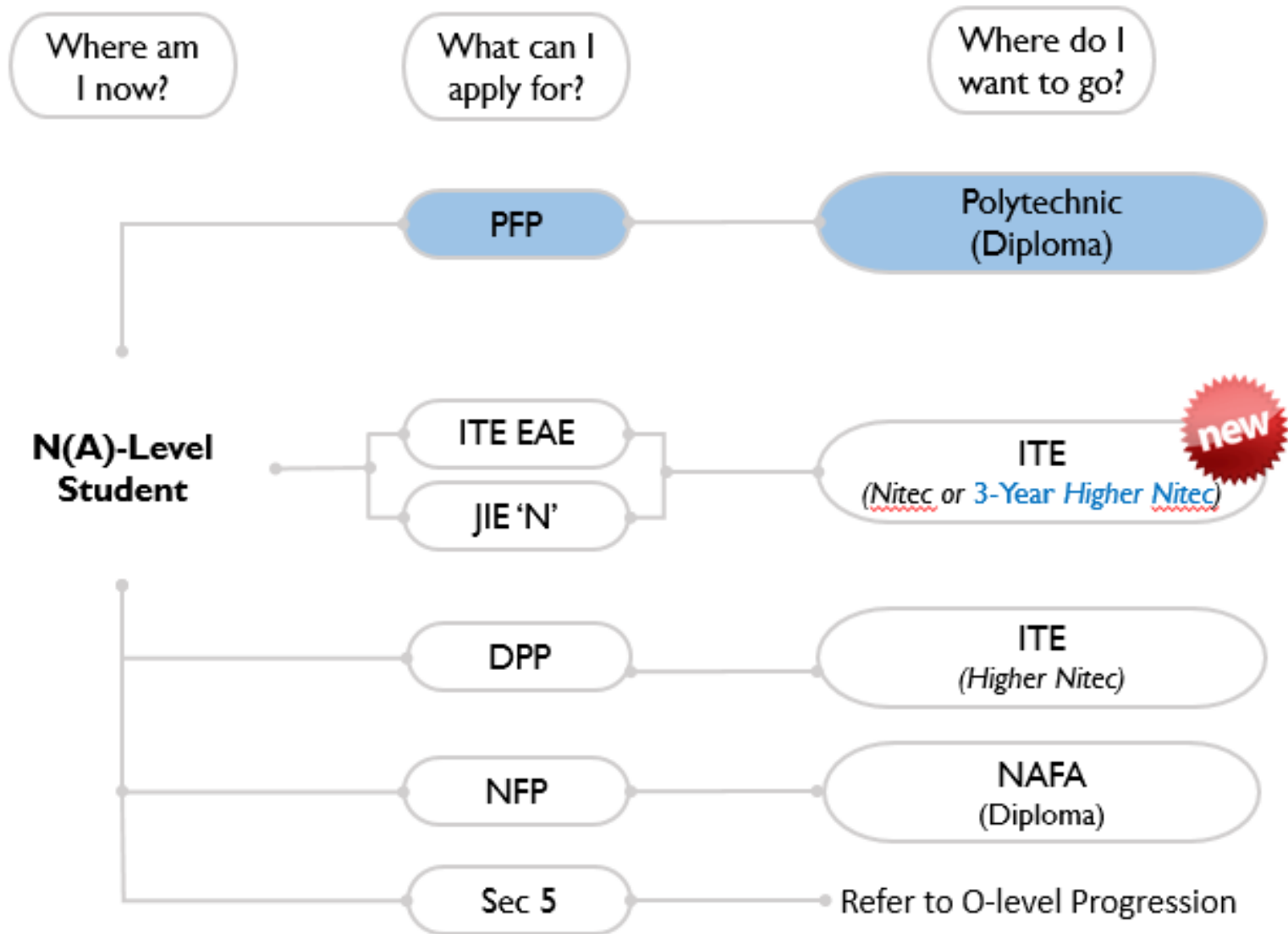
4. How Will I be Informed of the Outcome?

- You should log in to the PFP portal to check your application outcomes on the day of PFP posting results release.
- You will then have to indicate if you wish to accept/reject/appeal the offer.
- If you do not select any option, your offer will become invalid and you will be required to continue with your classes in Sec 5.
(Note: If your appeal is successful, your original offer will be void regardless of whether you accept the new PFP offer.)

5. What Happens Next?

- If you accept your offer, you will receive an enrolment package from the polytechnics in February/March 2023.
- The PFP year will start in April 2023.

Release of GCE O-Level Results	PFP Application Window	Application Processing	Release of PFP Posting Results	Appeals Window	Appeals Processing	Release of Appeal Outcomes	End of PFP Admissions Exercise

JANUARY 2023   **MID-JANUARY 2023**   **END-JANUARY 2023**

More information can be found at: https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg

Polytechnic : Merit Based Admission (PFP)

Where am I now?

What can I apply for?

Where do I want to go?

PFP — Polytechnic (Diploma)

N(A)-Level Student

ITE EAE
JIE 'N'
— ITE *(Nitec or 3-Year Higher Nitec)* **new**

DPP — ITE *(Higher Nitec)*

NFP — NAFA *(Diploma)*

Sec 5 — Refer to O-level Progression

What is PFP?

- **1 Year** Foundation Programme +

    3 Years Diploma Programme

- Offered by **5 Polys**

- About **90% of diploma course** offerings

Why consider PFP?

- **Suited for applied learning** in the form of a polytechnic education

- Identify and select **courses based on interests, aptitudes and future career plans**

- Discuss options with teachers, parents and seniors.

PFP: Application

When?

- **Jan 2023** (upon release of O Level results)

Who?

- Eligible students will receive **Form P** where PFP courses are listed

How?

- Application is done online through PFP website

PFP: Eligibility

- ELMAB3 aggregate of **Gross / Raw 12 po**ints and better

- Excluding CCA bonus points; and

- Subject Entry Requirements

Eligibility **does not** guarantee placement in a PFP course.

Dependent on vacancies and open competition with other applicants based on merit.

CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

IMPT: PLEASE NOTE

The current status PFP-eligibility is the students' own responsibility of checking her N-Level achievement against the stated PFP criteria.

The final PFP–eligible students will be confirmed ONLY upon the release of Jan GCE O-Level results where MOE will issue each student a Form P for PFP application.

There may be girls who may ultimately NOT be eligible for PFP and vice versa.

All girls are advised to apply for DPP first.

GROUP 1 & 2 COURSES

Group 1	Group 2
• Applied Sciences • *Health Sciences • Engineering • Information & Digital Technologies • Built Environment • Maritime Studies • *Business & Management • *Media & Design	• *Health Sciences • *Business & Management • *Media & Design • Humanities

https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/
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GROUP 1 & 2 COURSES

Group 1	Group 2
Health Sciences	
Health Management and Promotion Health Sciences (Nursing) Health Services Management Nursing Optometry Oral Health Therapy Sports and Exercise Sciences Sports Coaching	Social Sciences (Social Work)

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Group 1	Group 2
Business & Management	
Aviation Management	Accountancy
Aviation Management & Services	Accounting & Finance
Business Informatics	Arts Business Management
Business Information Technology	Banking & Finance
Business Process & Systems Engineering	Business & Social Enterprise
Financial Business Informatics	Business / Logistics & Operations Management / Marketing
Financial Informatics	Business Administration
Industrial and Operations Management	Business Studies
Supply Chain Management	Communications & Media Management
	Consumer Behaviour and Research
	Culinary & Catering Management
	Customer Experience Management with Business
	Food & Beverage Business
	Hospitality & Tourism Management
	Hotel and Hospitality Management
	Human Resource Management with Psychology
	Integrated Events Management
	International Trade & Business
	Law & Management
	Leisure & Events Management
	Marketing
	Mass Media Management
	Outdoor and Adventure Learning
	Restaurant and Culinary Operations
	Retail Management
	Social Enterprise Management
	Sport & Wellness Management
	Sports & Leisure Management
	Tourism & Resort Management
	Wellness and Hospitality Business

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Group 1	Group 2
Media & Design	
3D Interactive Media Technology	Arts and Theatre Management
Animation	Chinese Media & Communications
Apparel Design & Merchandising	Film, Sound & Video
Communication Design	Mass Communication
Design for User Experience	Media & Communication
Digital Animation	Media Production and Design
Digital Film & Television	
Digital Game Art & Design	
Environment Design	
Experience & Product Design	
Games Design and Development	
Industrial Design	
Interaction Design	
Interactive & Digital Media	
Interior Architecture & Design	
Interior Design	
Motion Graphics & Broadcast Design	
Product & Industrial Design	
Sonic Arts	
Spatial Design	
Visual Communication & Media Design	
Visual Effects & Motion Graphics	

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Minimum Course-Specific Requirements

For Courses featured in Group 1		Minimum Required Grades
English Language Syllabus A	**Please check now**	**3**
Mathematics (Syllabus A / Additional)		**3**
One of the following relevant subjects: - Design and Technology - Food and Nutrition - Science (Chemistry, Biology) - Science (Physics, Biology) - Science (Physics, Chemistry)		**3**
Any two other subjects excluding CCA		**3**

Minimum Course-Specific Requirements

For Courses featured in **Group 2**		Minimum Required Grades
English Language Syllabus A		**2**
Mathematics (Syllabus A / Additional)		**3**
One of the following relevant subjects: -Principles of Accounts -Literature in English -History -Combined Humanities -Geography -Art	**Please check now**	**3**
Any two other subjects excluding CCA		**3**

https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/pfp_eligibility.html

PFP: Computation of 'O' Level Grade

- Allowed to combine both 'N'- and 'O'-Level examination results

- If a student takes the same subject at both 'N' and 'O' Levels, only the better grade will be computed into his or her aggregate.

O Level Grade	Aggregate Point for PFP
A1 – B3	1
B4 – C6	2
D7	3

The O-Level grades of E8 and 9 will not be considered for computation of the ELMAB3 aggregate score

OPTIONS FOR 4(NA) STUDENTS

Apply for PFP only

Apply for DPP only

Apply for both DPP & PFP

APPLY FOR PFP ONLY

- Given Form P if eligible
- **Report to PL on 3 Jan for Sec 5** (Being eligible for the PFP does not guarantee placement into a PFP course)
- Apply for PFP upon release of O level results

- If successful & accept offer, withdraw from Sec 5 – last day **27 Jan 2023**

APPLY FOR DPP ONLY

- Given Form N if eligible
- Apply for DPP on release of N(A) results, **from 19 – 22 Dec.**
- If successful & accept offer, **no need to report to PL on 3 Jan.**
- If you **do not have a confirmed place in DPP**, but are eligible for progression to Sec 5, you should report to PL on **3 Jan 2023 (Tues)** to continue with Sec5 (pending application & acceptance of PFP).

APPLY FOR DPP & PFP (NOT INTERESTED IN SEC 5)

- Apply for DPP on release of N(A) results, from 19–22 Dec.
- Given Form N if eligible
- If successful & accept offer, start 10-week DPP prep prog in ITE on 9 Jan 2022
- **No need to report to PL on 3 Jan**
- Upon release of O level results, apply for PFP if given Form P
- If successful, withdraw from DPP & apply for refund of fees (subjected to ITE's approval).

APPLY FOR DPP & PFP (PROGRESS TO SEC 5 FIRST)

- No need to do anything in December
- **Report to PL on 3 Jan for Sec 5**
- Upon release of O level results, apply for DPP & PFP concurrently
- If successful in DPP or PFP, withdraw from Sec 5 – last day 27 Jan 2023

Important : If you do not apply for DPP in the **first phase** (Dec 2022), the number of vacancies open to you in the **second phase** (Jan 2023) will be very limited.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR PFP?

Upon release of the GCE O-Level results in Jan 2023, eligible students will receive a copy of '**Form P**', which includes:

i. Students' computed **raw ELMAB3 aggregate scores** (excluding CCA points);

ii. The **list of PFP courses** that students are eligible to apply for; and

iii. A **unique PIN code**, which students should use to create their application accounts on the PFP portal at https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/index.html

HOW DO I APPLY FOR PFP?

Submit an application online via the PFP Portal at
https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/index.html

Application window : 2.00 pm on day of release of GCE O-Level results (Day 1) until 4.00 pm on Day 5 as the last day for application.

Select up to **5 choices**

Provide updated contact details in case the polytechnic wishes to contact you

POSTING RESULTS

Posting results will be released on the PFP portal **4 days** after the close of the application window.

Log in to the PFP portal to check your application outcome.

You'll receive a SMS reminder on the morning of the release of the PFP posting results

3 working days to decide whether to

a) **Accept** the offer;

b) **Reject** your offer and continue with Sec 5; or

c) **Appeal** for a change of course through the PFP Portal

POSTING RESULTS

Students must indicate their decision to accept / reject / appeal in the PFP portal. An email acknowledgement will be sent once you have successfully selected one of the options above.

Failure to indicate their decision in the PFP system by the deadline will result in their PFP offers lapsing, i.e. the student would be deemed to have rejected the PFP offer and will continue with their classes in Sec 5 instead.

Hence, students should email the PFP helpdesk (help@pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg) if they do not receive the acknowledgement emails to avoid the possibility of their offers being lapsed.

APPEALS

CHECK YOUR RESULTS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE APPEALS WINDOW.

Students who are successful will have <u>3 working days to accept or reject</u> their new PFP offer, following which the offer will be voided.

They will **not** be able to reinstate their original PFP offer

Students who are unsuccessful in their appeal will retain their original offer. They will have <u>3 working days to accept or reject</u> this offer, following which the offer will be voided.
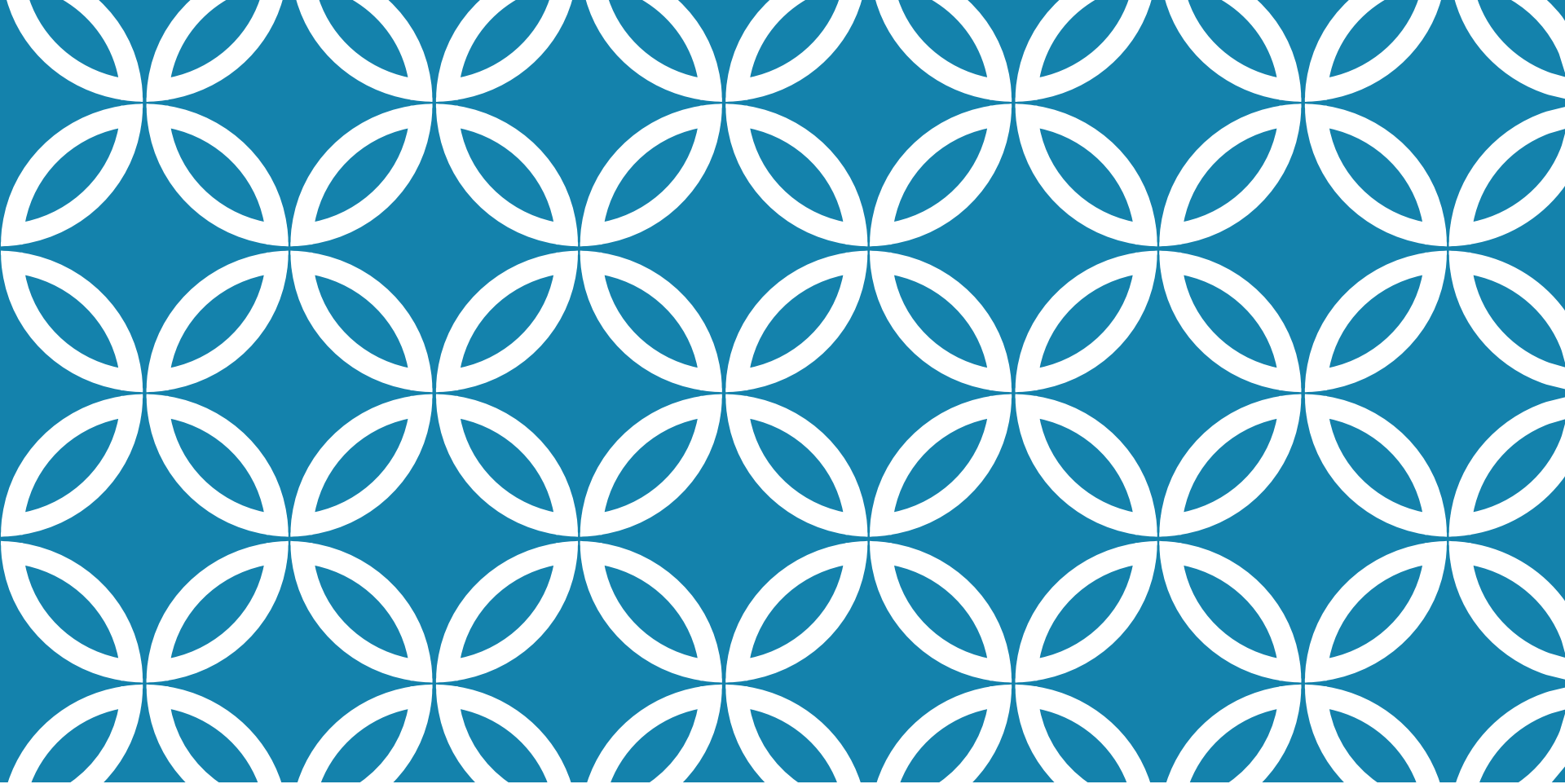
Students who are unsuccessful in their appeal and did not have an original offer could receive a posting to a PFP course that they are eligible for (***but did not apply for***). They will have <u>3 working days to accept or reject</u> this offer, following which the offer will be voided.

This arrangement is subject to available vacancies and students meeting the subject-specific requirements of the PFP courses.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

If you accept the offer, you will receive an enrolment package from Polys in Feb/March 2023.

PFP will begin in **April 2023,** together with the rest of the diploma programmes at the polytechnics.

PFP STUDY AWARDS

PFP Study Awards

	Application	Eligibility
TP	By invitation after N Levels	Outstanding EMB3 at the GCE N-Level Exams & Excellent CCA records Good character and conduct
NYP		ELMAB3 of ≤7 points & Excellent CCA records
NP		Good N Level Results & Leadership Qualities
SP		Outstanding ELMAB3 & Excellent CCA records
RP	Before N Levels	Prelim Results ELMAB3 ≤ 10 & Excellent CCA Grade Get **a conditional offer** before N Levels

DPP: ITE *HIGHER NITEC*

DIRECT-ENTRY-SCHEME TO POLYTECHNIC PROGRAMME (DPP)

5 Things You Need to Know

1. What is the DPP?

- Prepares Sec 4N(A) students for progression into selected polytechnic diploma courses via a 2-year *Higher Nitec* programme at ITE, and a 10-week DPP preparatory course
  - ➢ Serves as an alternative to Sec 5

- Students who attain required *Higher Nitec* GPA scores are guaranteed a place in one of the polytechnic diploma courses mapped to the *Higher Nitec* course. (Refer to https://www.ite.edu.sg/admissions/full-time-courses/higher-nitec-dpp for course mapping.)
- About 1,200 places offered across 18 *Higher Nitec* courses

2. Am I Eligible for DPP 2023?

- ☐ Sec 4N(A) student who has sat for GCE N-Level exams in 2022
- ☐ Obtained ELMAB3 aggregate of <u>19 points or less</u> (before deduction of CCA bonus points)
- ☐ Meet subject-specific entry requirements

☑ **If you can check all 3 boxes above, you're eligible!**
(Note: Being eligible to apply <u>does not</u> guarantee you a place in a DPP Higher Nitec course.)

If you have offered GCE O-Level examination subjects in 2022, you may refer to this table for the equivalent grade to compute your ELMAB3 aggregate:

GCE O-Level Grade	Converted Grade
A1-B3	1
B4-C6	2
D7-E8	3

3. How do I Apply?
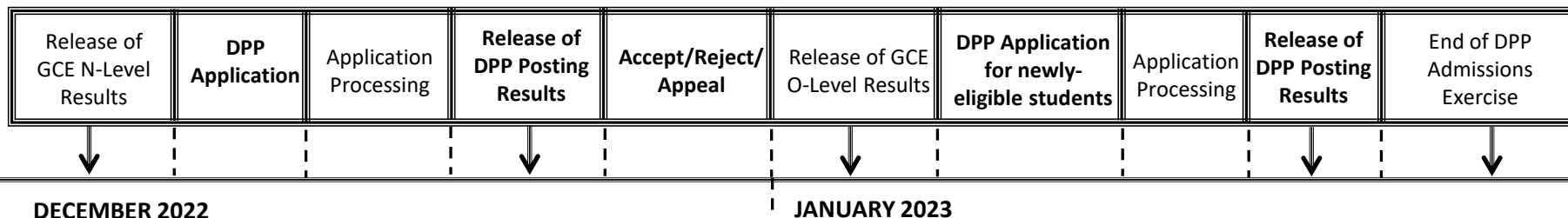
- Upon release of the GCE N-Level results, all DPP-eligible students may apply for DPP *Higher Nitec* courses via the ITE website (https://www.ite.edu.sg).
- You may select up to 12 course choices.
- Remember to provide updated contact details in your application to allow ITE to contact you if necessary.

4. How Will I be Informed of the Outcome?

- You should check your DPP posting results online on the morning of the release of the DPP posting results.
- You will then have to indicate if you wish to accept/reject/appeal the offer.
- If you do not accept the offer by the stipulated date, it will become void and you will be required to continue with your classes in Sec 5 or with your *Nitec* or 3-year *Higher Nitec* course if your application via JIE 'N' is successful
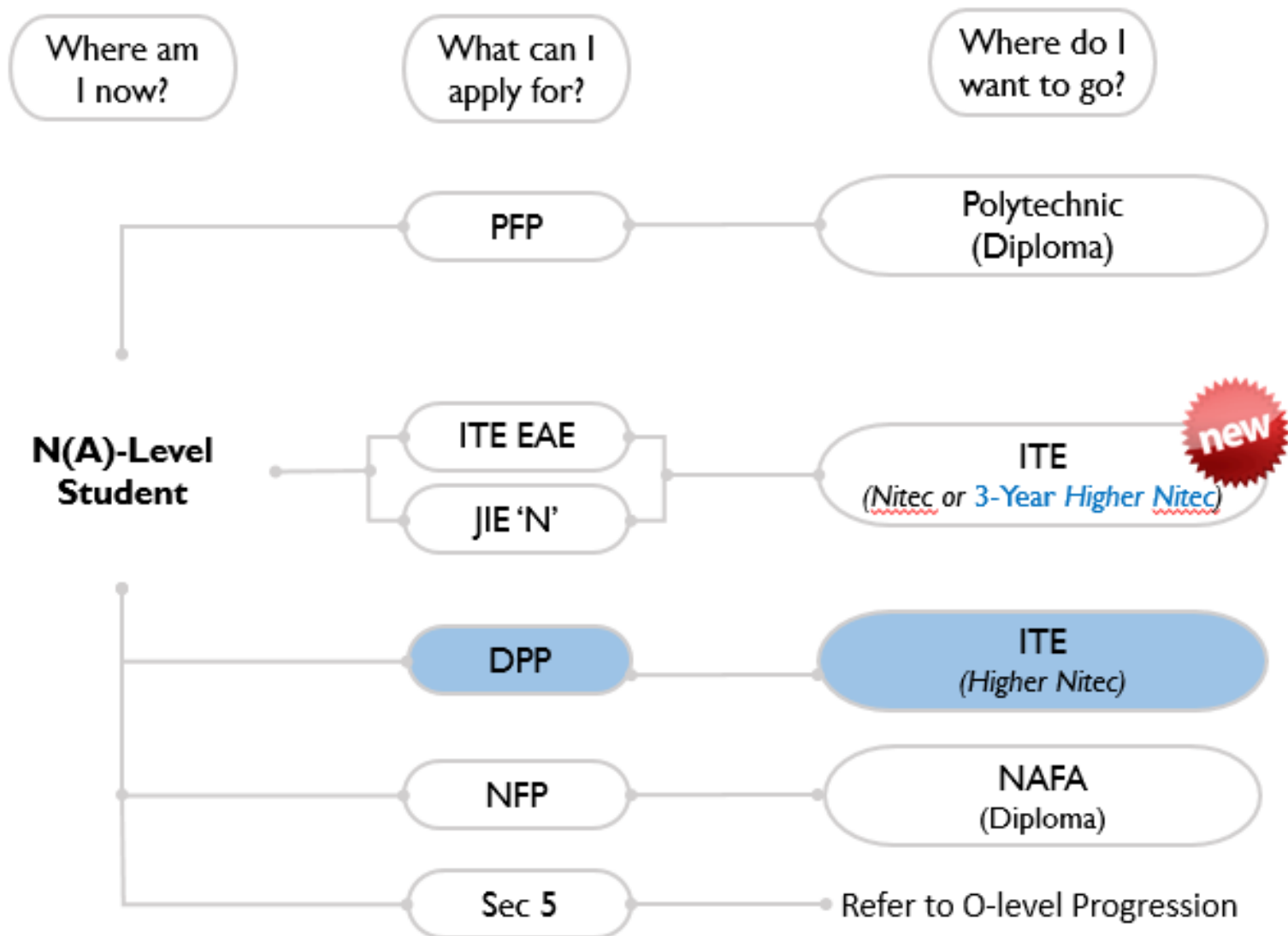
5. What Happens Next?

Upon accepting your DPP offer, you will attend a 10-week DPP preparatory programme that will start in Jan 2023.

Release of GCE N-Level Results	DPP Application	Application Processing	Release of DPP Posting Results	Accept/Reject/Appeal	Release of GCE O-Level Results	DPP Application for newly-eligible students	Application Processing	Release of DPP Posting Results	End of DPP Admissions Exercise

DECEMBER 2022   **JANUARY 2023**

More information can be found at: https://www.ite.edu.sg/admissions/full-time-courses/higher-nitec-dpp

ITE: Merit Based Admission (DPP)

Where am I now?   What can I apply for?   Where do I want to go?

PFP → Polytechnic (Diploma)

N(A)-Level Student
- ITE EAE
- JIE 'N'
→ ITE (Nitec or 3-Year Higher Nitec) **new**

- DPP → ITE (Higher Nitec)
- NFP → NAFA (Diploma)
- Sec 5 → Refer to O-level Progression

Restricted

DIFFERENT PATHWAYS TO POLY/UNI

Year	5NA Route		DPP Route	
2023	**5NA O-Level**		**DPP (HIGHER NITEC) Yr 1**	
2024	Poly Yr 1	ITE higher NITEC	**DPP (HIGHER NITEC) Yr 2**	
2025	Poly Yr 2	ITE higher NITEC	Poly Yr 1 (GPA≥2.5^ or 3^)	Poly Yr 2* (GPA≥3.5^)
2026	Poly Yr 3	Poly Yr 1	Poly Yr 2	Poly Yr 3
2027		Poly Yr 2	Poly Yr 3	
2028	University	Poly Yr 3	University	University
2028		University		

* Progression to Polytechnic 2nd year is only applicable for some courses
^ Minimum Qualifying Higher Nitec GPA

What is DPP?

- Prepares students for progression into selected polytechnic diploma courses without going through the O-Levels.

- It is via a **two-year *Higher Nitec*** programme at the ITE.

- Students who met the minimum qualifying Grade Point Average (GPA) are **guaranteed** a place in a polytechnic diploma course mapped to their *Higher Nitec* course.

DPP: Application

When?

- **Dec 2022** (upon release of N Level results)

- **Jan 2023** (upon release of O Level results) for newly eligible students

Who?

- Eligible students will receive **Form N** where DPP courses are listed

How?

- Application is done online through ITE website

DPP: Eligibility

- ELMAB3 aggregate of **Gross / Raw 19 points** or better

- Excluding **CCA bonus points**; and

- Minimum Subject Grades

DPP: 18 *Higher Nitec* Courses offered today

Business & Services
Accounting
Banking Services
Event Management
Hospitality Operations
International Logistics
Leisure & Travel Ops
Service Management

Applied Sciences
Chemical Technology

Engineering
Civil Structural & Eng Design
Electrical Engineering
Electronics Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Mechatronics Engineering

Info-Communications Tech
Business Information Systems
Cyber & Network Security
Games Art & Design
IT Applications Development
IT Systems & Networks

DPP: Minimum Subject Grades

For Applied Sciences, Engineering and Info-Communications Technology courses:

GCE N-Level subjects	Minimum Required Grades
English Language Syllabus A	4
Mathematics (Syllabus A/ Additional)	4
Any three other subjects excluding CCA	5

For Business & Services courses:

GCE N-Level subjects	Minimum Required Grades
English Language Syllabus A	3
Mathematics (Syllabus A/ Additional)	4
Any three other subjects excluding CCA	5

DPP: Computation of 'O' Level Grade

- Allowed to combine both 'N'- and 'O'-Level examination results

- Only the better grade will be computed

O Level Grade	Aggregate Point for DPP
A1 – B3	1
B4 – C6	2
D7 – E8	3

2023
INTAKE EXERCISE

For January 2023 Intake

Admission Booklet

For Full-Time and
Traineeship Courses

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Restricted

NOTE:

Students are also advised to note that eligibility to apply for the DPP **does not guarantee** placement in a DPP course.

POLYTECHNIC DIPLOMA COURSE MAPPED TO DPP COURSES

Mapping of 2-Year *Higher Nitec* Courses to Polytechnic Diploma Courses
(for Students Admitted to the Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme in AY2022)

Students admitted to 2-year *Higher Nitec* DPP courses in AY2022 are guaranteed a place in one of the polytechnic diploma courses[1] mapped to their 2-year *Higher Nitec* course shown below, provided they meet the following minimum qualifying GPA scores upon the completion of their 2-year *Higher Nitec* course:

2-Year *Higher Nitec* DPP Course[2]	Mapped Polytechnic Courses for Articulation from 2-Year *Higher Nitec* DPP Course	Offered by	Minimum Qualifying GPA[3]	
			Year 1 Entry [4]	Year 2 Entry [5]
Applied Sciences				
Chemical Technology	Applied Chemistry	RP	2.5	-
	Biologics & Process Technology	NYP	2.5	-
	Chemical & Pharmaceutical Technology	NYP	2.5	-
	Common Engineering Programme	NYP	2.5	-
	Environmental & Marine Science	RP	2.5	-
	Nanotechnology & Materials Science	NYP	2.5	-
	Pharmaceutical Science	RP	2.5	-
Business & Services				
Accounting	Accountancy	NP	3.0	-
	Accountancy	SP	3.0	-
	Accountancy & Finance	NYP	3.0	-
	Accountancy & Finance	TP	3.0	-
	Banking & Finance	NP	3.0	-
	Banking & Finance	NYP	3.0	-
	Business	RP	3.0	-
	Business	TP	3.0	-
	Business Information Systems	RP	3.0	-

DPP: Qualifying *Higher Nitec* GPA for Progression to Polytechnics

Higher Nitec Courses	Progress to **1st** year in relevant Poly Diploma course*	Progress to **2nd** year in relevant Poly Diploma course*
Applied Sciences#	ITE raw GPA ≥ 2.5 points (excluding CCA bonus points^)	N.A.
Engineering and Info-Communications Technology#	ITE raw GPA ≥ 2.5 points (excluding CCA bonus points^)	ITE raw GPA ≥ 3.5 points (excluding CCA bonus points)
Business & Services	ITE raw GPA ≥ 3.0 points (excluding CCA bonus points^)	N.A.

Module Grade		Descriptor on Transcript / Exam Result Slip	% Range (Marks)	Grade Point*
DIST	:	Distinction (to be awarded by the Examinations Board)	> 80	4.0
A	:	Excellent	>= 80	4.0
B+	:	Very Good	75 to < 80	3.5
B	:	Good	70 to < 75	3.0
C+	:	Good Credit	65 to < 70	2.5
C	:	Credit	60 to < 65	2.0
D+	:	Good Pass	55 to < 60	1.5
D	:	Pass	50 to < 55	1.0
D-	:	Subsidiary Pass	-	0.5
P	:	Non-Graded Pass	-	0.5
F	:	Fail	-	0.0
ABS	:	Absent	-	0.0
UP	:	Pass in a Module which has no grade point	-	N.A.
UF	:	Fail in a Module which has no grade point	-	N.A.
EX	:	Exempted	-	N.A.

Poly Yr 2

Poly Yr 1

GRADING SYSTEM IN POLY

More Normal stream students going for diplomas, degrees

Streaming has helped students but problem is social stigma linked to Normal track: Experts

Amelia Teng
Education Correspondent

More students from the Normal streams in secondary school have made the cut for higher education in the last decade.

New figures from the Ministry of Education (MOE) show that more than 10 per cent of Secondary 1 Normal (Academic) students move on to publicly funded universities, up from 5 per cent 10 years ago.

As for those in the Normal (Technical) stream, for students who are the weakest academically, more than 20 per cent have made it to at least polytechnic diploma courses, up from 15 per cent a decade ago.

In response to The Sunday Times, the MOE said streaming has helped students learn at a pace suited for them by customising teaching and learning approaches.

This has led to better educational outcomes and a lower attrition rate, with more than 96 per cent of each Primary 1 cohort progressing to post-secondary education today, said a spokesman.

Most observers and educators said Singapore's decades-old method of streaming has benefited students, but the problem is the social stigma attached to those on the Normal path.

National University of Singapore (NUS) economics lecturer Kelvin Seah said streaming lets teachers tailor curricula to students' needs. "A class which is more homogeneous in terms of ability would naturally be easier to teach and man-

Mr Pawandeep Singh Sekhon was posted to the N(T) track but has now secured a spot to study at NUS.

age because students face similar needs in terms of learning pace and stimulation."

Every year, more than 60 per cent of the Primary 6 cohort qualify for the Express stream, while 20 per cent make it to the N(A) stream and another 10 per cent go on to N(T).

But there are also concerns that categorising students by academic ability at the young age of 12 has its downsides, and may even pigeonhole late bloomers.

According to MOE figures, Normal stream students are still a small minority in higher education institutions. Five in 100 students who graduated from polytechnics between 2015 and last year were from the N(T) stream. The ratio shrinks to one in 100 when it comes to graduating with a degree from public universities.

For students from the N(A) stream, they made up 35 per cent of those finishing with a diploma, and 5 per cent with a degree. The rest of the numbers are made up of students from the Express stream.

At the Institute of Technical Education, the numbers are reversed – nearly half of its graduates were from N(T), 45 per cent from N(A), and a small minority from Express.

Dr Seah said streaming done early in a student's life can compound initial disadvantages.

"For instance, children from poorer families often end up in less-academic streams such as Normal (Technical) because they might have performed badly in the PSLE, having had less access to books early on in life," he said, referring to the Primary School Leaving Examination. "This means that they will find it even more difficult to qualify for tertiary education subsequently, as a result."

National Institute of Education don Jason Tan said the MOE has in recent years increased the "porosity" between streams so students do not feel they are limited.

For instance, they can move from N(A) to Express if they do well, and in many schools this means hitting an overall mark of at least 75 per cent.

The MOE said about 8 per cent to 10 per cent of N(T) students transfer to N(A), and about 5 per cent from N(A) move up to Express.

A spokesman for MOE said: "Contrary to the misperception that streaming at the secondary school level limits the academic progression of certain groups of students, evidence has shown that a great majority of students have actually been able to continue with post-secondary education, and their further progression is not limited by the stream they started with."

Mr Pawandeep Singh Sekhon, who graduated from Nanyang Polytechnic this year, is one such student who worked his way up.

The son of a taxi driver and a nurse was posted to the N(T) track at Punggol Secondary School with a PSLE score of 150. Shocked and disappointed, he pushed himself to study and transferred to an N(A) class a year later.

The 21-year-old, who lives in a Sengkang flat, did well enough in his O levels to get into polytechnic, and found his niche in information technology – attaining a perfect grade point average of four.

"I think when you have the passion for something, you just want to absorb as much as possible," he said. "The grade is just a representation of your hard work."

Mr Singh, who has a younger brother, has secured a spot to study computer science at NUS in 2020 after his national service. He has big dreams of starting his own tech company. "It's not about where you came from, it's about what you can achieve," he said.

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WHY CONSIDER DPP?
- APPLIED LEARNING
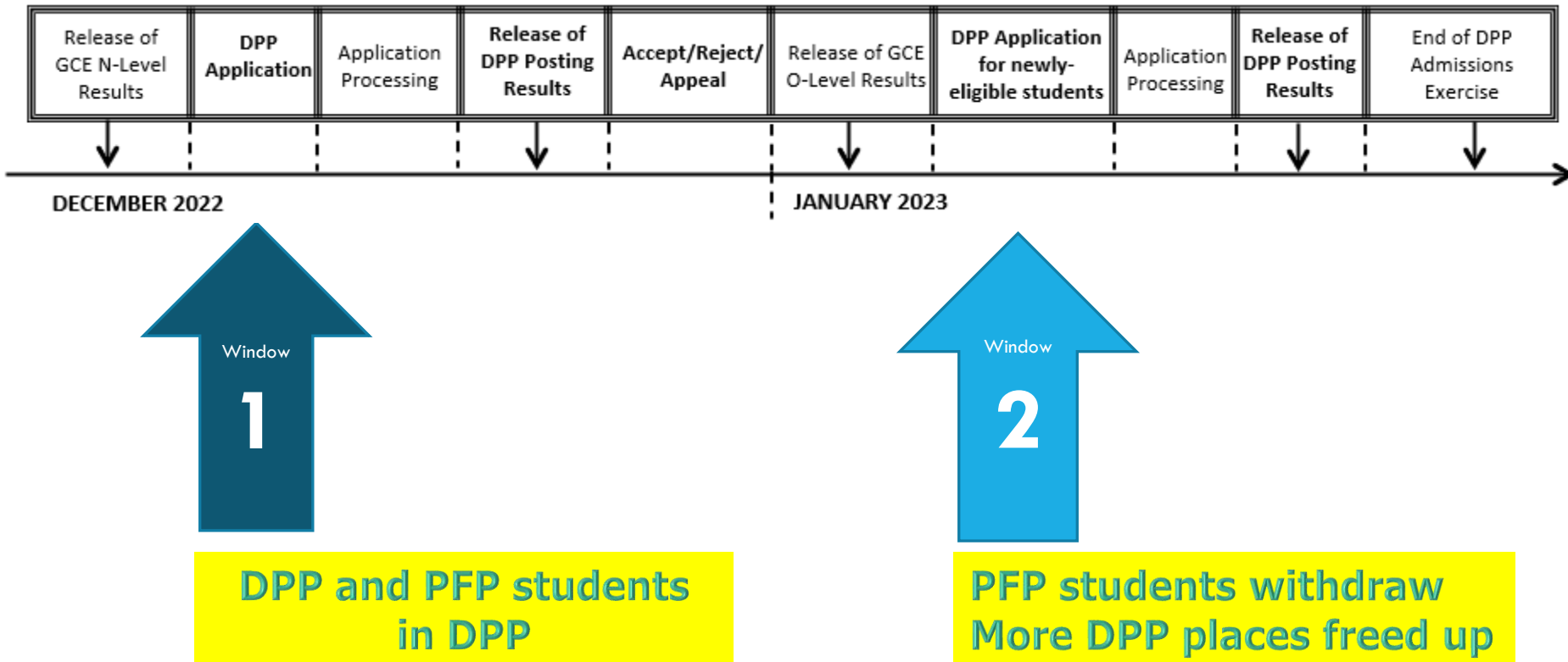
Module-based GPA grading system

- Tailored for students who prefer **varied learning modes** across the academic year.

- **Bite-sized assessments** contribute to final GPA grade, as compared to one seating of National examinations.

- **Industry-specific** so you can **pursue your passions immediately**.

WHY CONSIDER DPP?

- 2 DPP APPLICATION WINDOWS

30 Dec 2022

| Release of GCE N-Level Results | DPP Application | Application Processing | Release of DPP Posting Results | Accept/Reject/ Appeal | Release of GCE O-Level Results | DPP Application for newly-eligible students | Application Processing | Release of DPP Posting Results | End of DPP Admissions Exercise |

DECEMBER 2022

JANUARY 2023

Window **1**

Window **2**

DPP and PFP students in DPP

PFP students withdraw More DPP places freed up

WHY CONSIDER DPP?
- LESS COMPETITION TO GET INTO POLY

2022 O-level Candidature

30,000

2022 DPP places

1200

CHOICE OF DPP COURSES

12 choices
- First **3 to 4** choices
- Next **3 to 4** choices
- Remaining choices

PASSION

Practical

Prudent

Look at **Polytechnic courses** (Page 71 to 78) of 2023 Admission Booklet) you are interested in **in the future** and see **which DPP courses can lead you there**.

4N(A) STUDENTS WHO OFFERED GCE O-LEVEL EXAMINATION SUBJECTS IN 2022

May combine their grades from these examinations with their N-Level results to apply for the DPP.

O-Level Grade Conversion Table:

GCE O-Level Grade	Converted Grade
A1-B3	1
B4-C6	2
D7-E8	3

DPP PHASE 1 APPLICATION 19 DEC 2022 – 22 DEC 2022

PLEASE!! NOTE

- All DPP-eligible students may submit an application online via the ITE website (https://www.ite.edu.sg).

Phase 1 DPP for January 2020 Intake
- Application will open from **Mon 19 Dec 2022 (2.30pm) to Thurs 22 Dec 2022 (5pm).**
- The main application results will be released from **Fri 23 Dec 2022 (from 2pm) to Wed 28 Dec 2022.**
- Eligible students are allowed to **submit up to 12 DPP course choices** in their application.
- Please refer to following for timelines
  - 2023 Admission Booklet Page 5 or
  - https://www.ite.edu.sg/apply-for-ITE-courses/dpp

DPP PHASE 2 APPEAL
23 DEC 2022 - 28 DEC 2022

Upon receiving DPP Phase 1 posting results on 23 Dec 2022, students will have to indicate in the online system whether they are

(a) accepting

(b) rejecting

(c) appealing from 23 Dec to 28 Dec

(d) appeal results on **30 Dec to 4 Jan**

Please refer to 2023 Admission Booklet Page 5

DPP PHASE 3 APPLICATION MID JAN 2023

After the release of 2022 GCE O-Level results, when PFP candidates withdraw from DPP places

(a) More spaces freed up

(b) Application for DPP courses/Appeal for a different DPP course

(c) Appeal results between 19 Jan – 25 Jan 2023

Please refer to https://www.ite.edu.sg/apply-for-ITE-courses/dpp for latest timeline

ALLOCATION OF 1200 DPP PLACES IN 3 DPP PHASES

DPP APPLICATION & Results Release

DPP Phase 1:
Application: 19 – 22 Dec 2022
Results: 23 Dec 2022

DPP Appeal Phase 2:
Application: 23 Dec – 28 Dec 2021
Results: 30 Dec 2021

DPP Phase 3:
Application: Jan 2023* (TBC)
Results" 19 Jan to 25 Jan 2023

1200 DPP Places

1200 – x DPP Places

1200 – x - y DPP Places

https://www.ite.edu.sg/apply-now/dpp

Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) (JIE 'H')

Full-Time 2-Year *Higher Nitec* Courses (Jan 2023 Intake)

⌂ > Intake Exercises > Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (JIE 'H') (Jan 2023 Intake)

Full-Time Technical Diploma Courses (Apr 2023 Intake)

Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (JIE 'H') (Jan 2023 Intake)

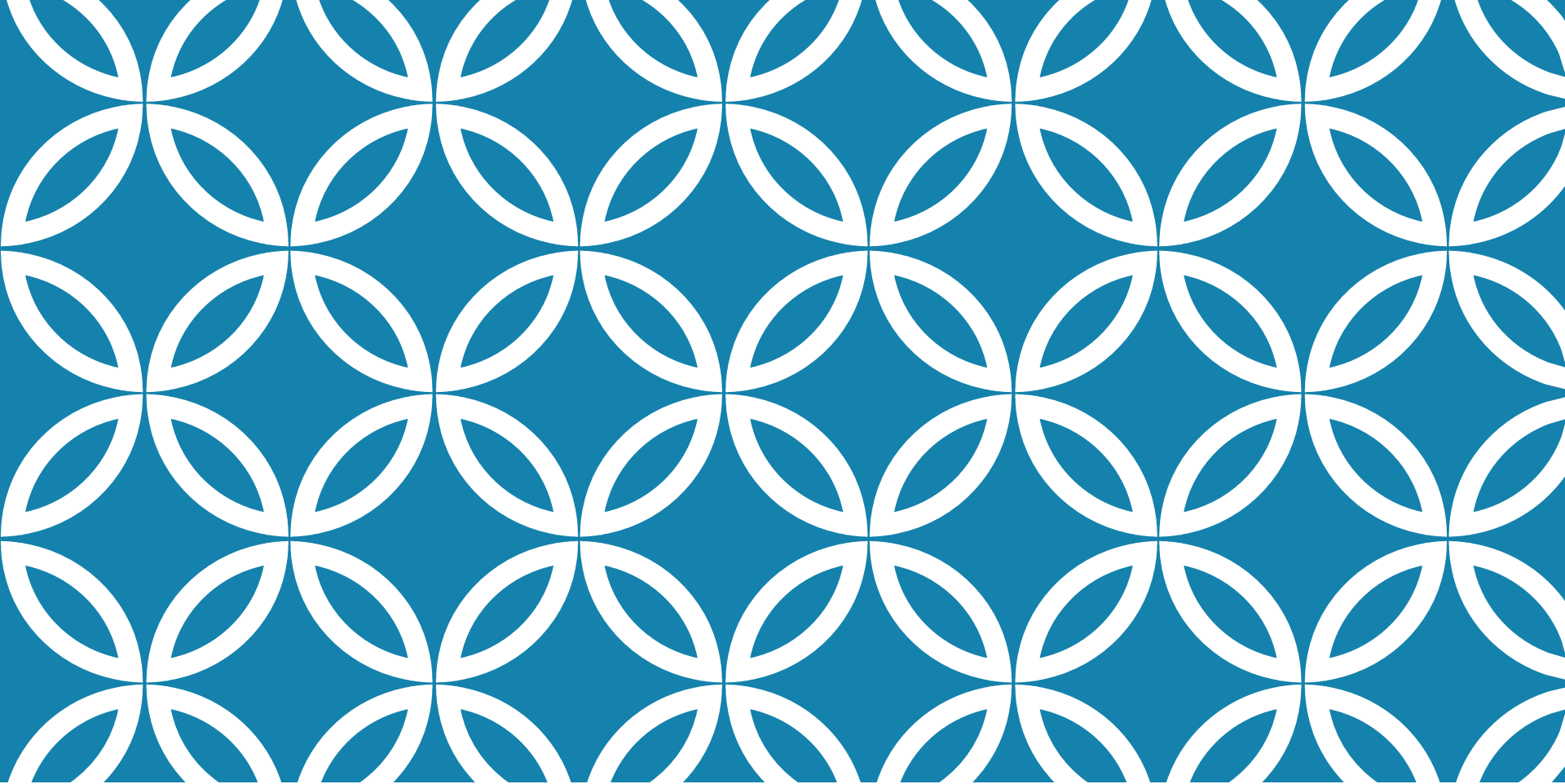**Full-Time 3-Year *Higher Nitec* / 2-Year *Nitec* Courses (Jan 2023 Intake)** ⌄

Full-Time 3-Year *Nitec* Courses (JIE 'E') (Jan 2023 Intake)

Application period is from <u>**Mon 19 Dec 2022 (2.30pm)**</u> to <u>**Thu 22 Dec 2022 (5pm)**</u>.

The Joint Intake Exercise 'H' (JIE 'H') caters to the direct entry of eligible GCE N(A) holders into full-time 2-year *Higher Nitec* courses, under the Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP). JIE 'H' is held in December each year, after the release of the GCE 'N' Level results. Successful applicants will commence their training in January.

Only Sec 4N(A) students of the preceding cohort, i.e. only scores received by Sec 4N(A) students at the GCE 'N' Level examinations in 2022 will be considered for application to the DPP 2023 intake.

Admission to the courses is based on merit and choice.

FAQS

I am not interested in moving on to Sec 5NA but I am interested in both PFP & DPP.

What should I do, given that application for DPP is in Dec & PFP is in Jan?

QUESTION: I AM INTERESTED IN BOTH PFP AND DPP. WHAT SHOULD I DO, GIVEN THAT THE DPP APPLICATION IS IN DECEMBER AND THE PFP APPLICATION IS IN JANUARY?

1. Apply for DPP in Dec 2022

2. Progress to DPP on 10 Jan 2023 *(don't buy uniform yet)*

3. Apply for PFP upon release of the GCE O-Level examination results in Jan 2023

End: Successful in PFP or continue in DPP

if the student is offered a place in both the PFP and DPP, he/she may only accept **one course** offer.

Students who accept both offers will have their offers voided.
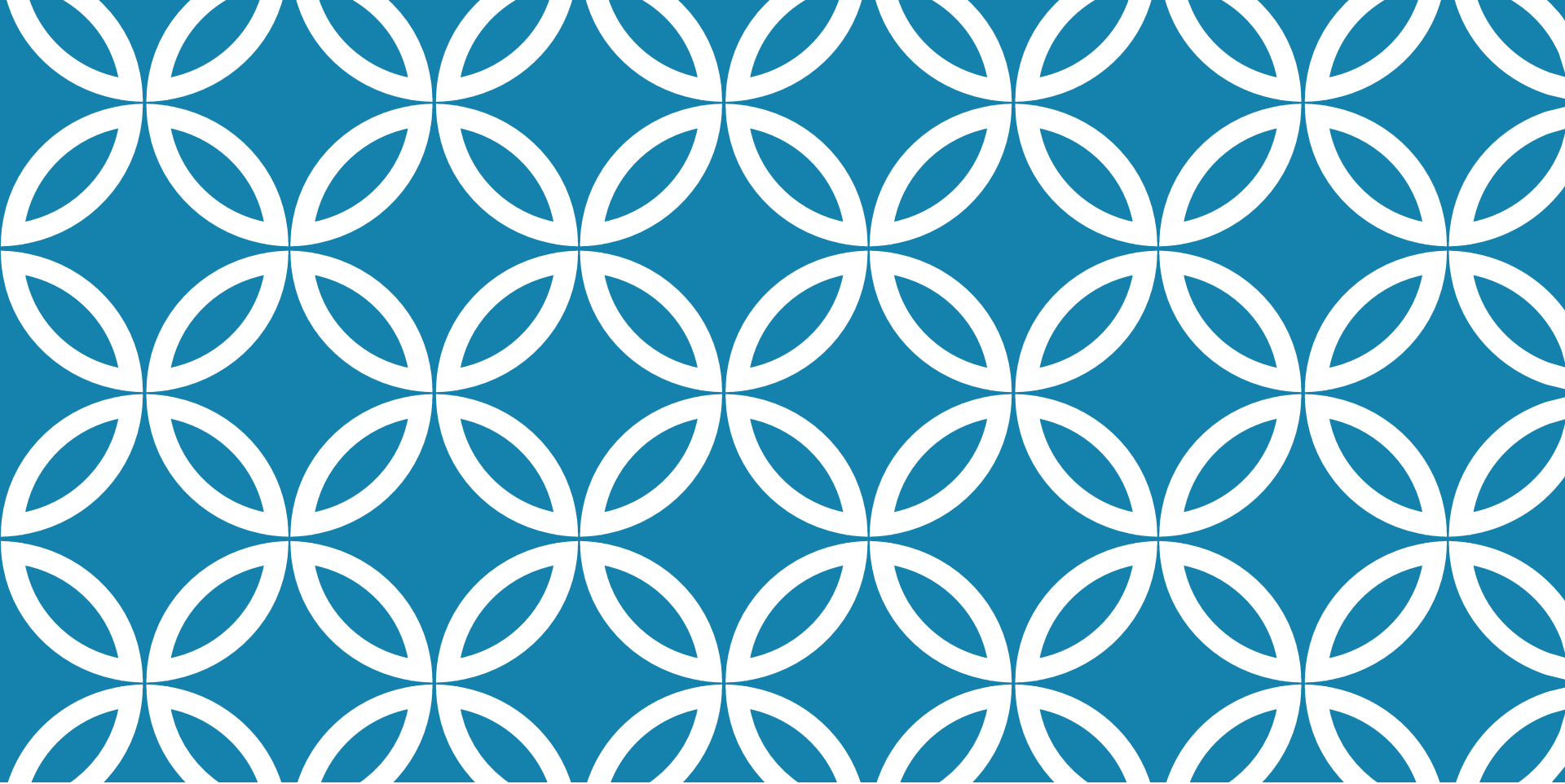
NOTE THAT FOR PFP & DPP

Eligibility does not guarantee placement in a PFP/DPP course.

Placement is subject to the **availability of vacancies** and in open competition with other eligible applicants **based on merit**.
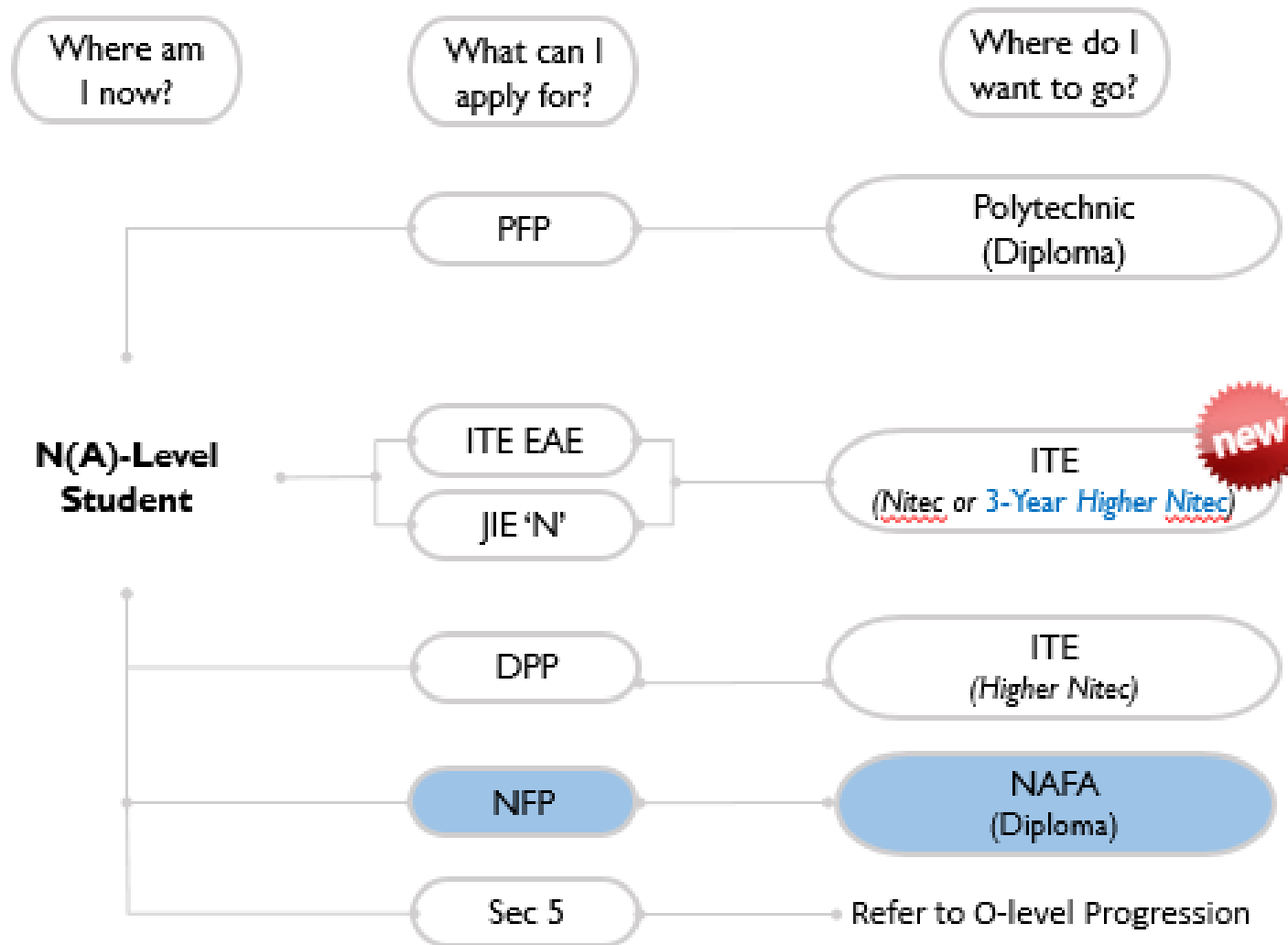
Each year

Total DPP places – 1,200 only

Total PFP places – 1,500 only. More than 80% of Polytechnic Diploma courses will be offered under the PFP.
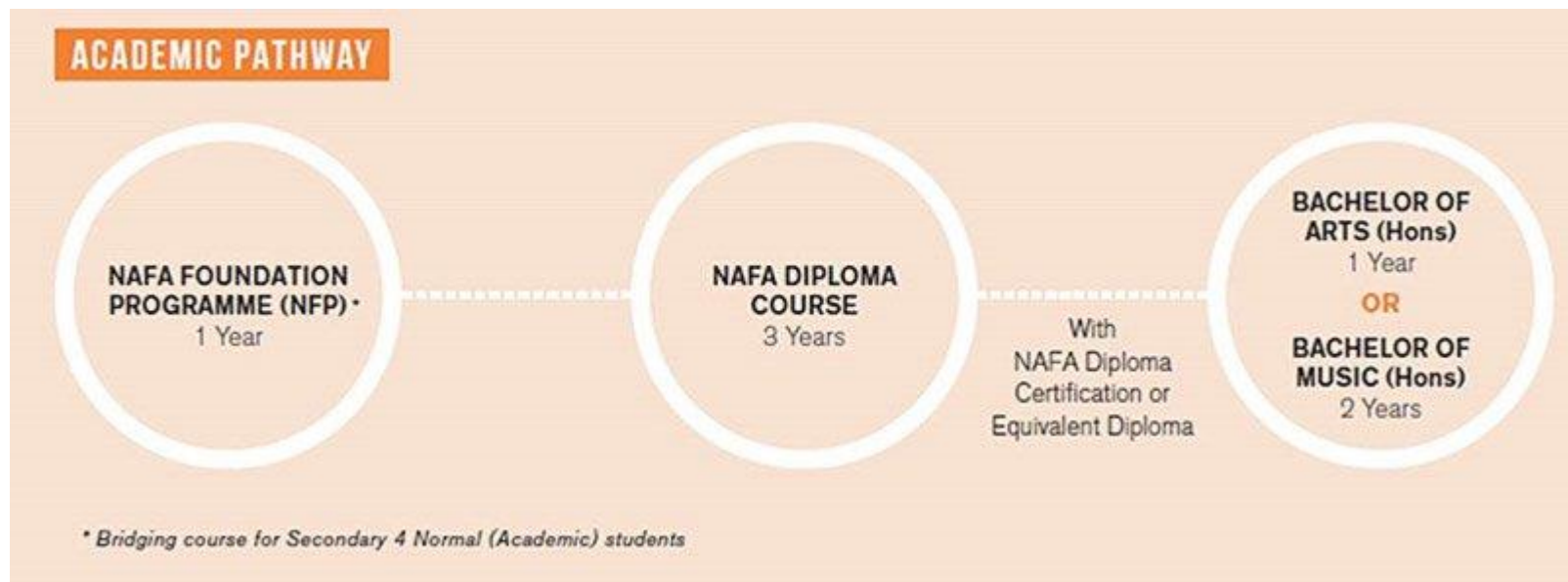
NAFA FOUNDATION PROGRAMME (NFP)

NAFA: Merit Based Admission (NFP)

Where am I now?	What can I apply for?	Where do I want to go?
	PFP	Polytechnic (Diploma)
N(A)-Level Student	ITE EAE	ITE (Nitec or 3-Year Higher Nitec) **new**
	JIE 'N'	
	DPP	ITE (Higher Nitec)
	NFP	NAFA (Diploma)
	Sec 5	Refer to O-level Progression

What is NFP?

1 Year Bridging Course + 3 Years Diploma at NAFA

ACADEMIC PATHWAY

NAFA FOUNDATION PROGRAMME (NFP) ·
1 Year

NAFA DIPLOMA COURSE
3 Years

With NAFA Diploma Certification or Equivalent Diploma

BACHELOR OF ARTS (Hons)
1 Year
OR
BACHELOR OF MUSIC (Hons)
2 Years

· Bridging course for Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) students

NFP: Eligibility

- Raw / Gross Score **ELMAB3 $\leq$ 15 points**

- Excluding CCA Bonus Points

- **English $\geq$ 4** will be required to attend an interview.

- There may be an admission test or audition, depending on their selected course of study.

- Applicants may be asked to attend an interview.

Source : https://www.nafa.edu.sg/courses/foundation/nafa-foundation-programme

NFP: Application

When?

- Application Opens **15 to 30 Dec 2022**. (please check website for updates)

How?

- Application is done online **directly** to NAFA

- Verified copies of Academic Results, CCA Records, Music Qualifications and other documents as specified on website
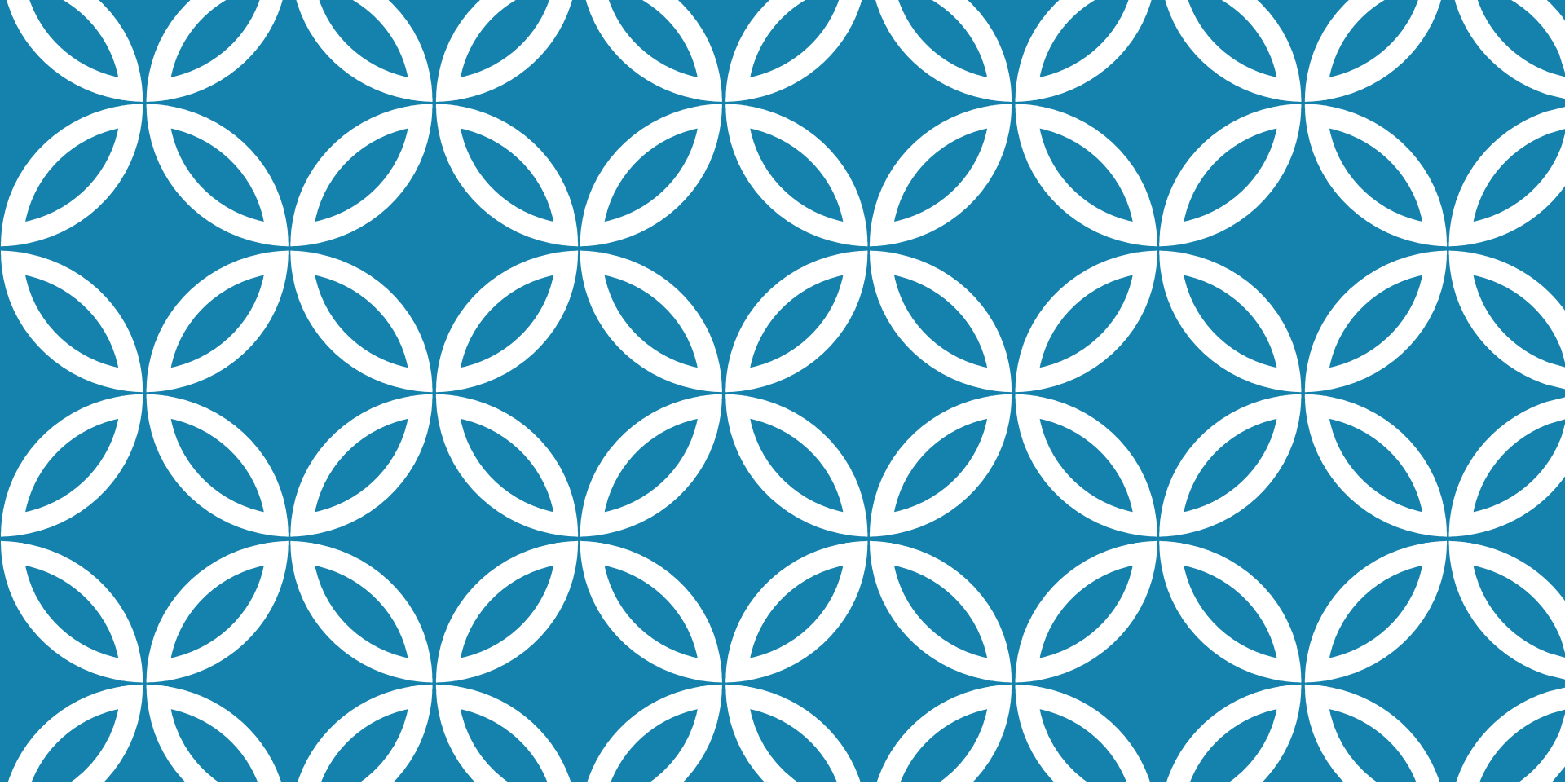
- Audition &/or Interview

Helpful Websites

PFP

https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/index.html

DPP

https://www.ite.edu.sg/admissions/full-time-courses/higher-nitec-dpp

NFP

https://www.nafa.edu.sg/courses/foundation/nafa-foundation-programme/

IN A NUTSHELL…

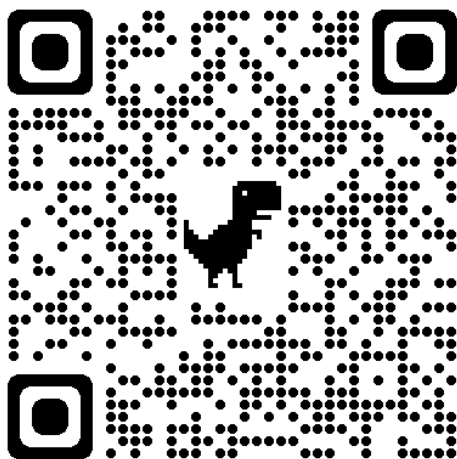# ALL STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR PFP (TOP 10% OF COHORT) SHOULD TAKE UP THE OFFER

TAKE NOTE

All Sec 4N(A) students who do not have a confirmed place in the DPP or are waiting to apply for the PFP, following the release of the GCE O-Level results,

MUST report to PLMGS(Sec) on 3 Jan 2023 Tues) to continue with Secondary 5.

FOR ALL 4 NA STUDENTS:

Timeframe	Action to be taken
Submit by 21 Dec 2022 - 12noon	Complete and submit the Google form which will be send to you to indicate your choice of pathway. You must report to school on 3 Jan 2023 even if you are applying for PFP.

https://forms.gle/xUj49QwnJz7CfMp8A

ALL students MUST COMPLETE and submit the Google form

ECG SUPPORT AT PLMGSS

Online or Face to Face Session with Ms Chong, ECG Counsellor
Ms Chong will be available from 19th – 23rd Dec, 9am – 5pm for ECG Counselling

Book an Appointment : **https://go.gov.sg/plmgss-ecg**

Support by School
Ms Das Ruth Hannah, SH ECG
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Online or Phone Counselling by MOE ECG Centre
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Email: MOE_ECG@moe.gov.sg or
Book an Appointment : https://go.gov.sg/moe-ecg-centre

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ITE College West | Tel: 6590 2628 | **college_west@ite.edu.sg**

Before the Session
- Do your course exploration and shortlisting
- Jot down any questions you might have
- Find out your CCA grade

Please have these ready for the ECG session
- 2023 JIE Booklet
- Result Slip & Form N
- Prelim Result Slip if you are taking O level subject(s)