



# Considerations for Your Education & Career Pathways

Just-In-Time Slides for Release of GCE N-Level Exam Results



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# The 3 ECG Questions

## Who am I?

The more I know about what I value, what I am interested in, and what I am good at, the more likely I will be able to make informed choices in my education and career explorations.



## How do I get there?

There are no dead ends. I can continue to pursue my aspirations.

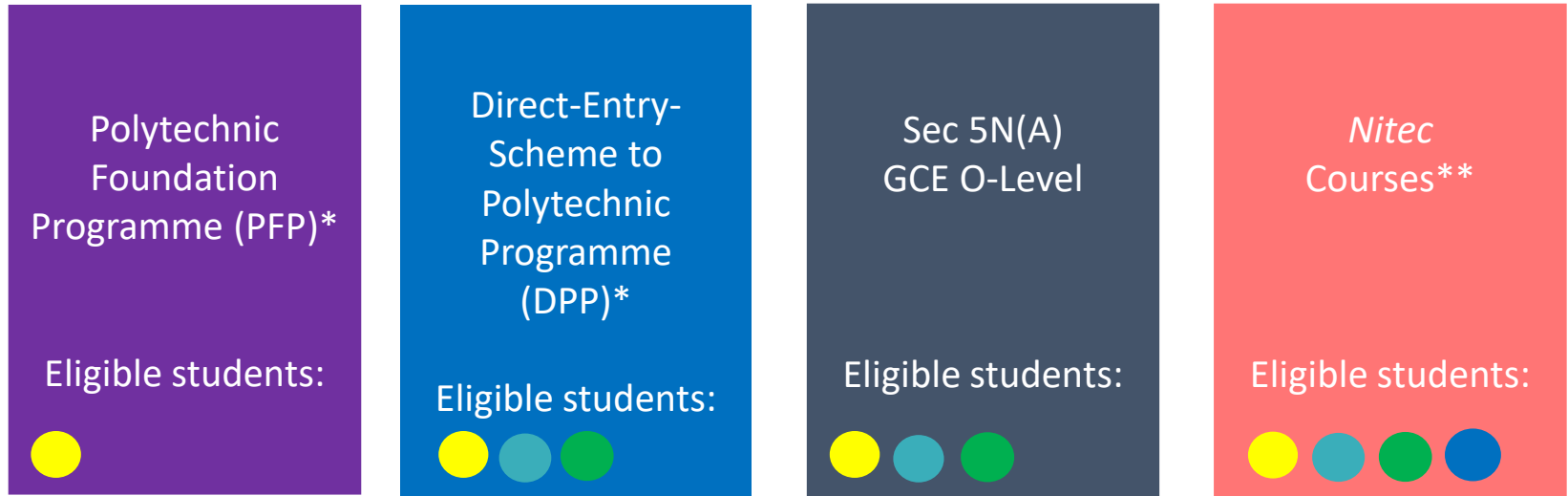


## Where do I want to go?





Many pathways are worth taking, and there are opportunities for continuous learning and recognition.



# Pathways available to Sec 4N(A) Students



## Legend:

-  ELMAB3 ≤ 12
-  ELMAB3 ≤ 15
-  ELMAB3 ≤ 19
-  ELMAB3 > 19

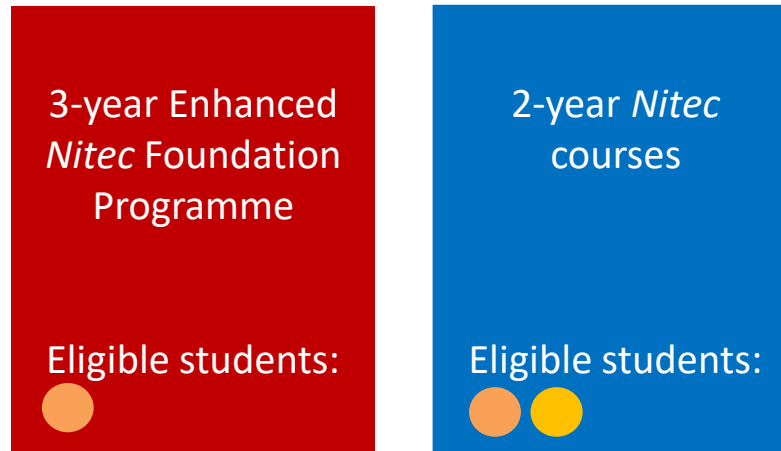


More information on the various educational pathways can also be found in the PSEI booklet, and the MySkillsFuture Portal.



\*Also meet subject-specific minimum entry requirements

\*\*Aggregate Point calculated based on best 4 subjects including pre-requisites and bonus points

# Pathways available to Sec 4N(T) Students



**Legend:**

-  0 or 1 'N' Level pass
-  2 or more 'N' Level passes

Both 2-year *Nitec* courses and 3-year Enhanced *Nitec* Foundation Programme allow progression to *Higher Nitec* and Polytechnic courses.

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# For Sec 4 N(A) Students Planning to Enter NAFA

# NAFA Foundation Programme



- The new Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA) Foundation Programme (NFP) is a one-year foundation course where 4NA graduates can apply and be admitted directly to NAFA as an alternative to the GCE O-Level.
- Starting in March 2019, the NFP will cover a range of subject areas to nurture students' technical, artistic and literacy skills in preparation for a creative arts diploma at NAFA. Registration for the NFP is ongoing and will end on Saturday, 20 Jan 2018.
- Find out more about NFP and the application details here:  
<https://nafa.edu.sg/courses/foundation/nafa-foundation-programme>

# Mark Your Calendar!

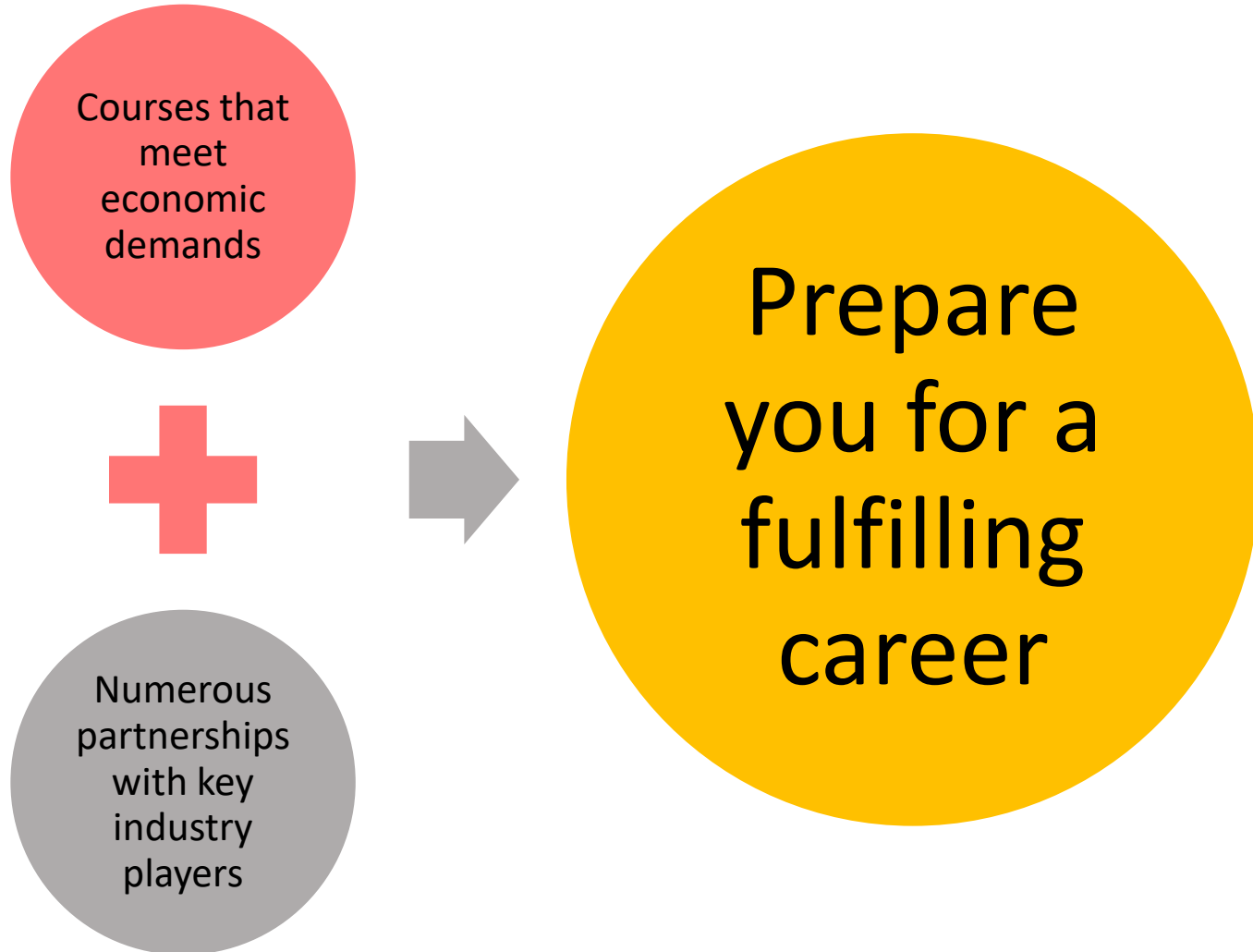
- For students keen on the NFP, NAFA will have an NFP Open House on 18 and 19 December at the Fashion Gallery, NAFA Campus 2, Level 1, 38 Bencoolen Street, Singapore 189654.
- NAFA's General Open House will be held from 18 to 20 Jan 2018.
- For more information, see NAFA's website <https://nafa.edu.sg/>

# For Students Planning to Enter ITE

*Nitec and Higher Nitec*



# Institute of Technical Education (ITE)



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For students  
with an aptitude for  
**hands-on learning**

**National  
ITE Certificate  
(*Nitec*)**

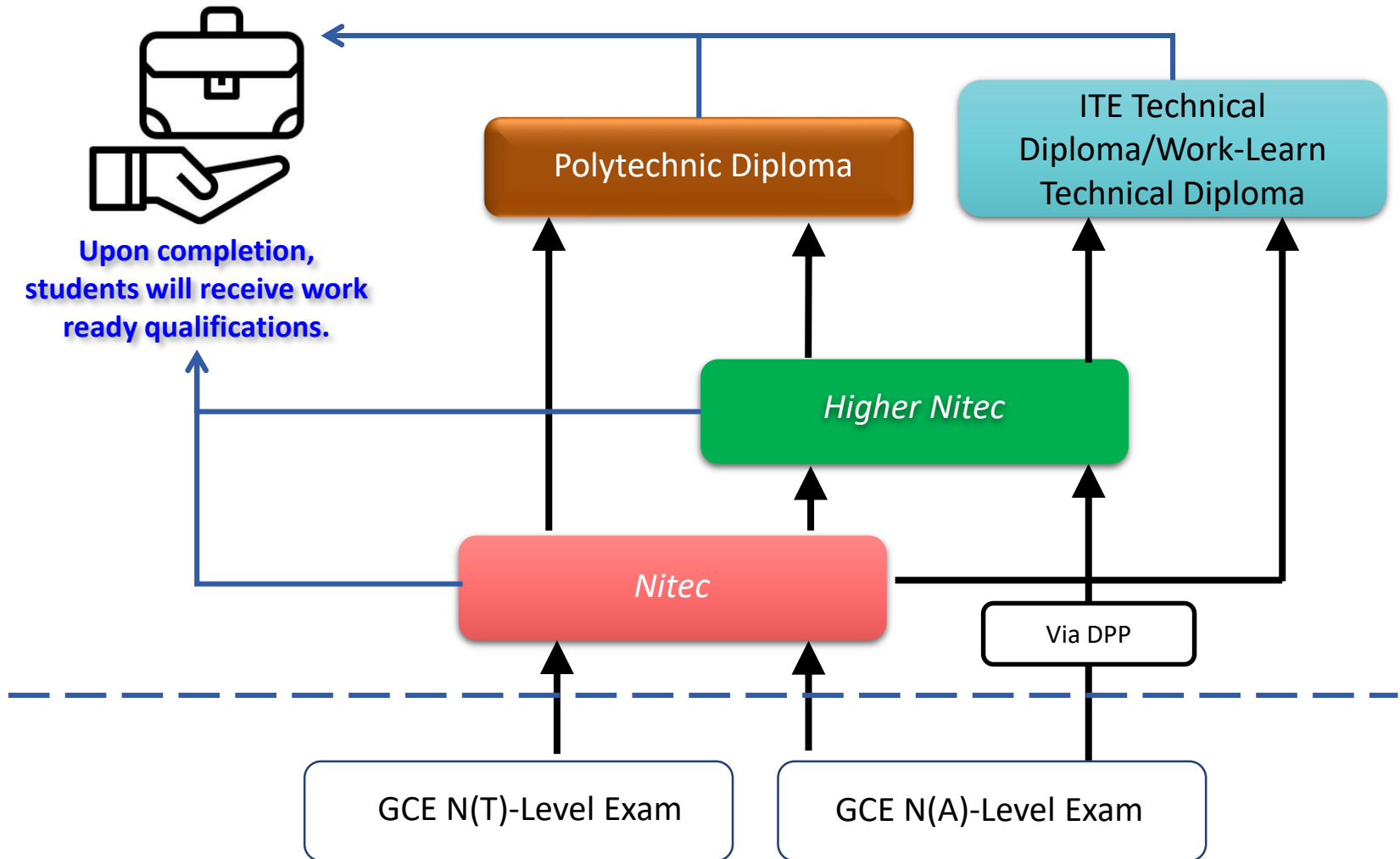
**Higher National  
ITE Certificate  
(*Higher Nitec*)**

## For Students Planning to Enter ITE



All three ITE Colleges are offering common courses such as Engineering, ICT and Business & Services.  
Find out more from your JIE booklet.

# Overview of ITE related Pathways



# Aptitude-based Admissions in ITE

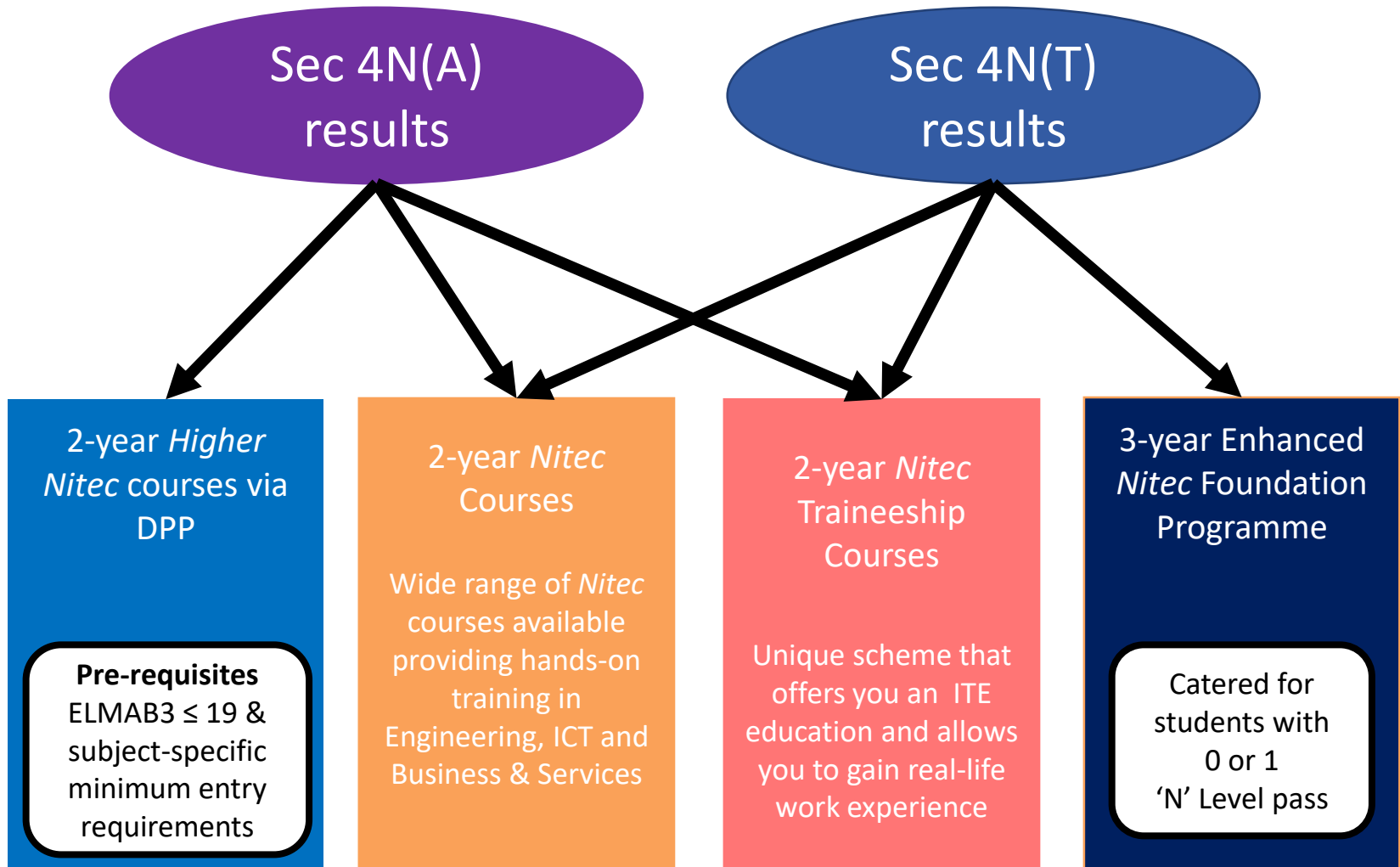
- **ITE EAE**

- Conditional offers will be automatically confirmed if students meet the subject-specific MERs for ITE courses.
- These students will not be allowed to take part in the JIE.

- **Aptitude Screening in Joint Intake Exercise (JIE)**

- From the 2019 JIE, aptitude screening will be expanded to more courses in the JIE. These could include interviews, aptitude tests or portfolio assessments, depending on the course.
- This is an additional opportunity for students who have met the minimum entry requirements for the courses but had scored borderline grades, to gain a place on the basis of their interest and aptitude for the course
- More information on which courses offer aptitude screening can be found in the JIE Booklet.

# How can I enter ITE?



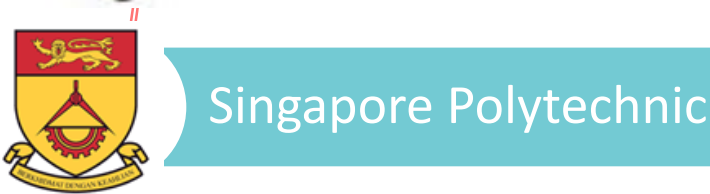
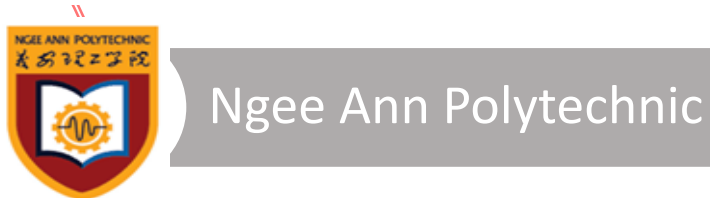
## Do note that

- Information on course-specific requirements for ITE courses are available in the JIE Booklet.
- Each *Nitec* course allows progression to specific *Higher Nitec* courses. More information is available on the ITE website.
- For students intending to progress on to the polytechnics after ITE, do note that ITE courses are mapped to specific polytechnic courses. More information, including details on MERs, is available at <http://jpae.polytechnic.edu.sg>

# **For Sec 4 N(A) Students Planning to Enter the Polytechnics**



# Polytechnics



Diploma courses provides students with hands-on experience and equips them with strong skills and competencies that will prepare them for the workforce.

Students **graduate with a Diploma in a specific area of study.**

# How can I Enter a Polytechnic?

Using Sec 4 N(A)-Level results

**Polytechnic  
Foundation  
Programme (PFP)**

Enter poly after completing S5N(A)

**Joint Admissions  
Exercise (JAE)**

Enter ITE first, then poly after completing  
Higher Nitec

**Direct-entry-  
scheme to  
Polytechnic  
Programme (DPP)**

Enter ITE first, then apply to poly later

**Joint Polytechnic  
Admissions Exercise  
(JPAE)**

Enter ITE first, then apply to poly later

**Early Admissions  
Exercise (for ITE  
students)**

Enter ITE first, work after, then apply to poly later

**Early Admissions  
Exercise / Direct  
Admissions Exercise  
(for working adults)**

# Using Sec 4 N(A) Level results Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)

## Who should apply:

Students who meet the PFP eligibility criteria\* and are certain that they wish to pursue a polytechnic education

\* Eligibility Check:

- Sec 4N(A) student who has sat for GCE N-Level 2018
- Obtained ELMAB3 (English, Math, 3 Best subjects) aggregate of 12 points or less (before deduction of CCA bonus points)
- Obtained Grade 3 or better for all subjects used in the computation of your ELMAB3 aggregate (*Note: Certain PFP courses require an EL grade of 2.*)

**If you can check all 3 boxes above, you're eligible!**

# Enter poly after completing Sec 5N(A) **Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE)**

**ELR2B2** is used for admissions into the Polytechnics.  
The aggregate is calculated based on O-Level subjects.

- English Language
- 2 RELEVANT subjects** for the course applied for
- 2 other best subjects

**Students must also meet the Minimum Entry Requirements for the course they want to pursue**

Refer to JAE booklet 2018 for details of admission criteria.

# Enter ITE first, then apply to poly later Direct-entry-scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP)



DPP prepares students for Polytechnic via 2-yr *Higher Nitec* in ITE



Achieve minimum qualifying *Higher Nitec* Grade Point Average (GPA) specific to DPP students



Assured of a place in a mapped\* Polytechnic course

\* Please refer to <https://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/definitely-des/> for the mapping of DPP courses to diploma courses

# **Enter ITE first, then apply to poly later** **Joint Polytechnic Admissions Exercise (JPAE)**

**Net Cumulative GPA** (including ITE CCA bonus points) is used for admissions into the Polytechnics.

**Students must obtain minimum qualifying GPA (2.0 for *Higher Nitec*; 3.5 for *Nitec*) to be eligible for progression to the Polytechnics.**

***Nitec* graduates are also eligible to progress to *Higher Nitec* if they meet the minimum qualifying GPA (2.3 for Engineering and ICT; 2.8 for Business and Services).**

**Refer to the JPAE website for more information:**  
<https://jpae.polytechnic.edu.sg>

**Enter ITE first, then apply to poly later**  
**Early Admissions Exercise (for ITE students)**

Students are assessed on **course-specific aptitudes and interests** (e.g. portfolio and interviews) and given conditional offers.

**Offers are confirmed if students meet minimum qualifying GPA (2.0 for *Higher Nitec*; 3.5 for *Nitec*) after final examination results are released.**

Refer to the EAE website for more information:  
<http://eae.polytechnic.edu.sg>

# Enter ITE first, work after, then apply to poly later

- Early Admissions Exercise / Direct Admissions Exercise
- Working adults will need to have a minimum of two years of relevant work experience.
- They will be holistically assessed based on their interests, aptitude and relevant work experience for the course.
- For applicants who have not met the academic MERs, the polytechnics will administer additional assessments for academic suitability.

## ... or apply for a Part-time Diploma

- Working adults require a minimum of two years' relevant minimum experience with a Nitec and GPA of 3.5 or higher; or one year's experience with a Higher Nitec
- Applicants who do not meet academic MERs will be assessed holistically for admission



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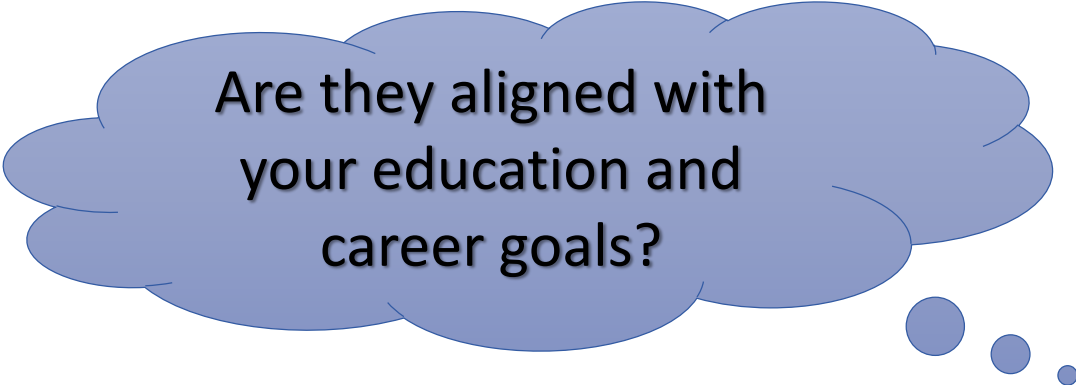
- For students who are keen on the Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP), the polytechnics will hold their open houses from 10 to 12 January 2019
- For more information, please refer to the respective websites of the polytechnics
  - Nanyang Polytechnic: [www.nyp.edu.sg](http://www.nyp.edu.sg)
  - Ngee Ann Polytechnic: [www.np.edu.sg](http://www.np.edu.sg)
  - Republic Polytechnic: [www.rp.edu.sg](http://www.rp.edu.sg)
  - Singapore Polytechnic: [www.sp.edu.sg](http://www.sp.edu.sg)
  - Temasek Polytechnic: [www.tp.edu.sg](http://www.tp.edu.sg)

# For Sec 4 N(A) Students Planning to Take the GCE O-Level Exams

# Progress to Sec 5 and take GCE O-Level Exams

Upon completion, GCE O-Level holders can apply for admission to the junior colleges, centralised institute, the polytechnics and ITE.

While taking the GCE O-Level pathway provides you with more flexibility in your future options, you need to consider your preferred learning styles, interests, strengths and passions.



Are they aligned with  
your education and  
career goals?

# For Students Planning for Private Education

# Tips When Deciding on Private Education

Consider the **3Rs**

**R**easons

Why are you  
furthering your  
studies?

**R**eadiness

How ready are you  
to further your  
studies?

**R**isks

Do you know the  
possible  
drawbacks?

# 8 Things You Should Know Before You Enrol in A Private School

## School Registration



CPE Registered	
GH Academy	✓
JKL School	✓
MN Institute	✓
OPD Centre	✓
RST Academy	✓

Ensure the school is registered with CPE. Review the school's registration period, expiry date and its overall registration track record.

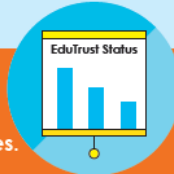
## Partner Institution



Research on the partner institution conferring the diploma or degree, and whether the qualification is recognised by the industry.

## EduTrust Certification Scheme

Is the school EduTrust-certified\*\*? Under the scheme, private schools are assessed for their performance in areas such as school management and provision of student support services.



*\*Schools are required to obtain EduTrust certification in order to offer external degree programmes*

## School Premises

Head down to the campus ground to check the facilities and support services. Observe the study environment too.



## Fee Protection



Ask if there is any course fee protection so that you will be able to recover unconsumed course fees should the school close down.

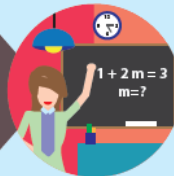
## Beyond Course fees



Find out about the course syllabus and materials, graduation rates and employment prospects. Approach the alumni to find out what they think of the school.

## Teachers

Check if the teachers are qualified to teach the course.



## Internship

If industry attachment is included, find out which organisation you will be attached to, the period of attachment and the alternative arrangement should the attachment become unavailable. Verify the information with the organisation as well.



# Differences and Similarities between Private Schools and Local Polytechnics/Universities



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Document



# Know more about private education

SKILLS *future* SG

Committee for  
Private Education  
SINGAPORE



[www.cpe.gov.sg](http://www.cpe.gov.sg)



# Useful Resources

# MySkillsFuture

For more information on post-GCE N-Level options, visit [www.myskillsfuture.sg/secondary](http://www.myskillsfuture.sg/secondary)



A screenshot of the MySkillsFuture website homepage. The header features the MySkillsFuture logo on the left and navigation links: 'About', 'Know Yourself', 'World of Work', 'Education Guide', 'Help', 'Feedback', a search icon, and a 'Login' button with a lock icon. Below the header is a large hero image showing a group of students in school uniforms looking at a plant. Overlaid on the image is the text 'About MySkillsFuture' with a play button icon, followed by a descriptive paragraph: 'A one-stop portal that empowers you to embark on a journey of self-discovery and make informed education and career choices. Use the information and tools to explore various education and career pathways, and take charge of your future.'

# What's Next (after N-Levels)

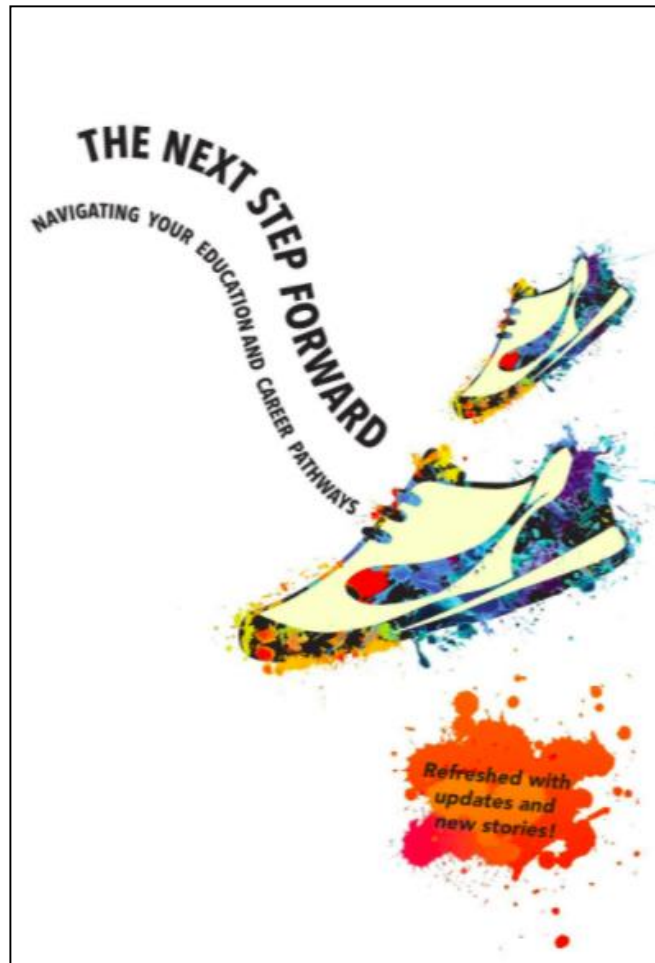
[www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/whats-next](http://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/whats-next)



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# The Next Step Forward

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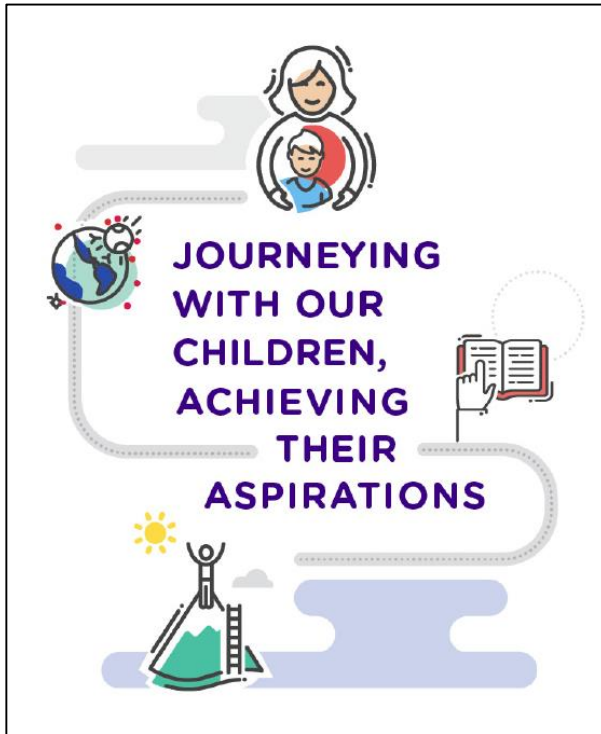
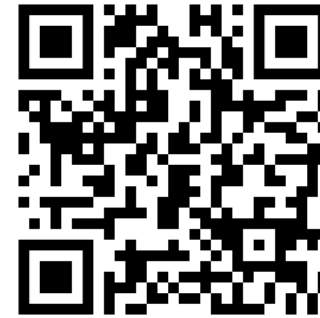


# Graduate Employment Survey

- Information about graduation rates and employment prospects can be found from the annual Graduate Employment Survey (GES).
- Autonomous Universities: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/education/post-secondary>
- Polytechnics: <https://beacon.com.sg/polyges/home/past-results/>
- ITE: <https://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/fts.ft.gep/>
- Private Education Institutions: [www.cpe.gov.sg/ges](http://www.cpe.gov.sg/ges)

# ECG Parent Guide


[www.moe.gov.sg/ECG-parent-guide](http://www.moe.gov.sg/ECG-parent-guide)



## 7 Points to Note When Supporting Your Children's Education and Career Journey

- 1 Show Love and Concern**  

- 2 Observe Your Children's Strengths and Interests**  

- 3 Listen to Your Children**  

- 4 Provide a Window to the World of Work**  

- 5 Support Your Children's Career Interests and Aspirations**  

- 6 Instil the Importance of Developing Transferable Skills**  

- 7 Model Lifelong Learning**  




# ECG Centre @ MOE (Grange Road)

- Making informed decisions is important for successful transition from school to further education.
- Speak with your teachers and ECG Counsellors in schools, besides your parents, on the possible pathways.
- ECG counselling service is available for GCE N-Level students from **10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018 to 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018**
- Details on how to make an appointment can be found in the What's Next pamphlet distributed to you.



# Thank you







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