

EARLY ADMISSIONS EXERCISE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

General

1. What is the Early Admissions Exercise (EAE)?

EAE is an admissions exercise that allows students to apply and receive conditional offers for admission to polytechnic based on their aptitudes and interests before taking their GCE O-Level examinations. It allows the polytechnics greater flexibility in selecting students on a broader measure of criteria other than academic grades, thus allowing a wider range of talents to be recognised.

2. Who can take part in EAE?

EAE will be available to the following:

- Singapore Citizens (SC) and Permanent Residents (PR) who have registered to sit for the GCE O-Level examinations in the year of EAE;
- International Students enrolled in government, government-aided and Independent Schools during the year of EAE application, and who have registered to sit for the GCE O-Level examinations in the year of EAE.

3. How many places are set aside for EAE?

Polytechnics can admit up to 12.5% of their total polytechnic intake via EAE.

4. If I am really keen on a polytechnic education in a specific field, why do I still need to take the GCE O-Level examinations? Why do I still need to meet academic criteria?

While interest in a field of study is important, having the requisite academic foundation helps to assure you will be able to cope with the rigour of a polytechnic education and benefit from it. It is for this reason that students seeking admission to the polytechnics are required to meet the following admissions criteria:

- a) A net ELR2B2 aggregate score of 26 points or better for the GCE O-Level examinations; and
- b) Minimum entry requirements (MER) for their respective diploma courses. The MER for each polytechnic course can be found on the polytechnics' websites.

5. What happens if I do not meet the admissions criteria?

If you do not meet the admissions criteria, your conditional offer will be revoked. You will be able to apply for admission to a polytechnic through the Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE) using your GCE O-Level examination results.

Application

6. When will I be able to apply through EAE?

Applications will open in late June to early July.

7. What attributes will be considered under EAE? How will I be assessed for admission through this exercise?

EAE focuses on students who have strong aptitude and interest in a field related to the diploma course they are applying for. Students with outstanding achievements, such as in sports, arts, leadership, entrepreneurship and community service may also be considered.

Polytechnics will have the discretion to determine their modes of assessment, such as portfolios, interviews and aptitude tests, where relevant and appropriate. Polytechnics may also consider participation in relevant CCAs, Advanced Elective Modules (AEMs), Applied Learning Programmes (ALP) and Applied Subjects, as well as participation in activities such as work attachments and sustained involvement in projects that are related to the course students are applying for.

8. Can I switch courses after the release of the GCE O-Level examination results?

No. Once you have accepted your EAE offer and met the admissions criteria for the polytechnic course, you will not be able to switch courses within or across polytechnics.

EAE is targeted at students who are interested in a particular course in the polytechnics, and admission is based on the student's suitability for that course. If you are still discovering and/or developing your strengths and interests related to specific polytechnic courses, you can apply for a course through the JAE after receiving your GCE O-Level examination results.

9. Can I apply through EAE and the Direct Schools Admission – Junior College (DSA-JC) Exercise concurrently?

Yes, you can participate in both EAE and the DSA-JC Exercise. However, you should only accept either a polytechnic or junior college offer. Students who accept both offers will be disqualified from both exercises, unless they cancel one of the offers before the end of the Acceptance Stage.

Withdrawal

10. If I have accepted an EAE offer, can I still withdraw my acceptance so that I can participate in JAE? If so, what must I do?

Yes. Should you wish to withdraw your acceptance, you must submit your withdrawal online via the EAE portal no later than 7 October 2016, 5pm. Students who have accepted an EAE offer but do not withdraw by the deadline will be deemed to have confirmed their acceptance and will not be eligible to participate in JAE and other polytechnic admissions exercises.

Course-Level Allowances

11. What are the courses that have a higher course-level allowance of 50% for aptitude-based admissions? Why and how were these courses selected?

The full list of courses with a higher course-level allowance of 50% for aptitude-based admissions can be found in [Annex A](#). These courses have been given a higher allowance as interest and strengths in the field are particularly important, e.g. in early childhood education, design and media.

12. Why not expand the course-level allowance for these courses to 100%?

Keeping the course-level intake allowance at 50% preserves a viable pathway into these specific diploma courses for other students who do not apply through aptitude-based admissions, whether it is because they have yet to discover or develop specific interests, or are undecided on the diploma course that they wish to apply for.

13. What about other courses that do not have a 50% allowance?

Course-level allowance for all other polytechnic diploma courses will remain at 30%.

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(Information updated as of 22 April 2016)

Polytechnic Courses with Raised Course-Level Allowances

The following courses have course-level intake allowances of 50% for aptitude-based admissions:

S/N	Course Name	Polytechnic
Applied Sciences		
1.	Baking & Culinary Science	TP
Built Environment		
2.	Architecture	SP
3.	Landscape Architecture	SP
Business & Management		
4.	Arts Business Management	NP
5.	Communications & Media Management	TP
6.	Culinary & Catering Management	TP
7.	Food & Beverage Business	NYP
8.	Mass Media Management	NYP
9.	Outdoor and Adventure Learning	RP
10.	Restaurant and Culinary Operations	RP
11.	Sport & Wellness Management	NYP
12.	Sports and Leisure Management	RP
13.	Sports Coaching	RP
Health Sciences		
14.	Health Sciences (Nursing)	NP
15.	Nursing	NYP
16.	Social Sciences (Social Work)	NYP
17.	Sports and Exercise Sciences	RP
Humanities		
18.	Applied Drama and Psychology	SP
19.	Child Psychology & Early Education	NP
20.	Creative Writing for Television and New Media	SP
21.	Early Childhood Education	NP
22.	Early Childhood Studies	TP
Design & Media		
23.	3D Interactive Media Technology	TP
24.	Advertising & Public Relations	NP
25.	Animation	NYP
26.	Animation & 3D Arts	NP
27.	Apparel Design & Merchandising	TP
28.	Arts and Theatre Management	RP
29.	Chinese Media & Communication	NP
30.	Communication Design	TP
31.	Design for User Experience	RP
32.	Digital Animation	SP

33.	Digital Film & Television	TP
34.	Digital Game Art & Design	NYP
35.	Environment Design	TP
36.	Experience and Product Design	SP
37.	Film, Sound & Video	NP
38.	Game Design	RP
39.	Games Design and Development	SP
40.	Industrial Design	NYP
41.	Interaction Design	NYP
42.	Interactive and Digital Media	RP
43.	Interior Architecture & Design	TP
44.	Interior Design	SP
45.	Mass Communication	NP
46.	Mass Communication	RP
47.	Media and Communication	SP
48.	Media Production and Design	RP
49.	Motion Graphics & Broadcast Design	NYP
50.	Product & Industrial Design	TP
51.	Product Design & Innovation	NP
52.	Sonic Arts	RP
53.	Space & Interior Design	NYP
54.	Visual Communication	NYP
55.	Visual Communication and Media Design	SP
56.	Visual Effects	NP
57.	Visual Effects and Motion Graphics	SP
Information & Digital Technologies		
58.	Cyber & Digital Security	TP
59.	Cyber Security & Forensics	NYP
60.	Digital Forensics	TP
61.	Digital Visual Effects	NYP
62.	Game Design & Development	TP
63.	Game Development & Technology	NYP
64.	Infocomm Security Management	RP
65.	Infocomm Security Management	SP
66.	Information Security & Forensics	NP
67.	Information Technology	NP
68.	Information Technology	NYP
69.	Information Technology	RP
70.	Information Technology	TP
71.	Information Technology	SP
72.	Mobile Software Development	RP
73.	Multimedia & Animation	NP
74.	Music and Audio Technology	SP
75.	Network Systems & Security	NP