Just In Time:
Release of GCE ‘O’ Level Results

Information on the
Post-Secondary Education Pathways available
(JC/CI, Polys, ITE and Arts Institutions)
Release of GCE ‘O’ Level Results

• There are many routes to success.
• Explore all possible education options and look for one that best fits the needs, interests and abilities, passion.
• It may just mean taking the road less travelled.
Consider the 3P’s when selecting a course of study

**Personal Characteristics**

1. How does the course of study play to your strengths, interests, learning styles and passions?

2. Will the course you have selected prepare you for your career aspirations?

3. Which type of learning environment (e.g. applied learning) will be more suited for your learning style and strengths?

*Be open to explore the many pathways available*
Practicalities

1. What are the academic and non-academic entry requirements of the school/course you are applying for?

2. Do your aggregate score and subject grades meet the minimum entry requirements of your desired course?

3. What is the travelling time from your home to the institution?

Study the information provided to make informed decisions
Consider the **3Ps** when selecting a course of study

**Programmes the institution offers**

1. *What kinds of programmes do the institutions offer that will further develop your strengths, allow you to pursue your interests, or enhance your learning experience? E.g. Leadership/Talent development, special industry partnership programmes within your course of choice.*

2. *What options or opportunities would be open to you after graduation?*

3. *What is the industry outlook for the course of your choice?*
What are the various Post-Secondary School options available?
4 MAIN TYPES OF OPTIONS

- Junior Colleges (JCs) or Millennia Institute
- Polytechnics
- NAFA or LASALLE
- Institute of Technical Education (ITE)
Education Pathways for ‘O’ Level Students

**GCE ‘O’ Level**

**Junior Colleges/Centralised Institute**
2-3 years GCE ‘A’ level

Get ready with skills and knowledge required for tertiary education.

**Polytechnics**
3 years Diploma

Hands-on experience in a dynamic and progressive learning environment.

**Universities**
3-4 years Degree

**Institute of Technical Education**
2-3 years Nitec / Higher Nitec

Learn technical skills and knowledge to meet the workforce needs of various industry sectors.

**Work / Continuing Education & Training (CET)**
Aggregate Computations

- JC: L1R5
- MI: L1R4
- Polytechnic: ELR2B2
- ITE: ELB4, ELR1B3 or ELR2B2

Legend:
L1 = English or Higher Mother Tongue
R  = Relevant subjects
EL = English Language
B  = Best subjects
Bonus Points for Computation of Net Aggregate Scores

1) **CCA grades**
   Grades A1-A2: 2 points
   Grades B3-C6: 1 point
   *(For admission to JC/Poly/ITE)*

2) **Pass in English and Higher Mother Tongue**
   2 points for admission to JC/MI courses, provided these choices come before any Poly/ITE courses

3) **Pass in Malay/Chinese (Special programme) or Bahasa Indonesia (BI) as 3rd Language**

4) **Affiliation to JC**
   For students from feeder schools if they choose their affiliated JC course(s) as
   a) 1st choice or
   b) 1st and 2nd choices
   2 points

5) **Students who apply for and are accepted into Chinese LEP or Malay LEP**
   2 points

*Limited to maximum of 4 bonus points only for sections (1)-(4). Limited to maximum of 6 bonus points only for sections (1)-(5).*
Junior Colleges (JCs) & Millennia Institute
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Prepares students for the GCE ‘A’ Level examination

**Length of study:**
- **JCs** – 2 years
- **MI** – 3 years

**Cut-off Points:**
- To enter a **JC:**
  - L1R5 must be <= 20
- To enter **MI:**
  - L1R4 must be <= 20

**How can I get in?**
Through the Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE)
What does one study at the ‘A’ Levels?
Select content subjects from three levels of study:

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<td>Half of H2 in terms of curriculum time</td>
<td>Equivalent to ‘A’ Level subjects prior to 2006.</td>
<td>Subjects with opportunity for in-depth study (e.g. advanced content, research paper, university module).</td>
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**Usual subject combination:**
three H2s + one H1 content subjects
(one which must be contrasting)
+ General Paper* + Project Work*

* Offered at H1 level
What subjects are available in JC/MI?

The JCs and MI offer a variety of subjects. Applicants should check the website of the respective JCs/MI for more details on the subject combinations offered by each of the JCs/MI and the pre-requisites, where applicable, to offer each subject.

Applicants eligible for the Chinese/Malay Language Elective Programme (CLEP/MLEP) and who wish to apply for the programme should apply through JAE-Internal system as well.

Check out application details from:
Polytechnics

Sports Community Service
Entrepreneurship Leadership
Work Attachment Arts Projects
Courses focus on the development of industry-relevant competencies. Curriculum is practice-oriented and allow the building of a strong theoretical foundation and enable direct application of knowledge and skills to real work. Students graduate with a Diploma.
How can I get into Poly?

3 possible ways (post-GCE ‘O’ Level results)

- Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE)
- Joint Polytechnic Special Admissions Exercise (JPSAE)
- Direct Admissions Exercise (DAE)
Entry into Poly

1. Through the Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE)

**ELR2B2** (‘O’ Level results) is used for admissions into the polytechnics.

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

Students must also qualify for the **minimum entry requirements** for the course they want to pursue
Entry into Poly

2. Through the Joint Polytechnic Special Admissions Exercise (JPSAE)

Requirements: Demonstrate strong passion and/or aptitude for a particular course, outstanding talents/achievements in leadership, community service, entrepreneurship, sports, artistic and creative areas.
Entry into Poly

2. Through the Joint Polytechnic Special Admissions Exercise (JPSAE)

**Application:** After the release of the GCE ‘O’ Level results and concurrently with JAE. Applicants will be assessed through different modes such as portfolios and interviews.
More info on JAE and JPSAE

• Students can participate in both JAE and JPSAE concurrently but can only accept one offer.

• Results for JPSAE will be released on 30 Jan 2015 (tentative), one day after the release of JAE posting results on 29 Jan 2015 (tentative).

• Please refer to www.polytechnic.edu.sg for more info.
Entry into Poly

3. Through the Direct Admissions Exercise (DAE)

- The DAE is conducted separately by each polytechnic.
- ‘O’ Level holders should apply through the JAE first before considering DAE.

- The application for DAE typically closes before the commencement of the polytechnic term in April.

- Students interested to participate in DAE should visit the individual polytechnics’ websites or contact the relevant polytechnics directly.
Appeals/Transfer After JAE Posting Results

**Interested in JCs/MI**
- Students should approach JCs/MI directly.

**Interested in the polytechnics**
- Students should submit their appeals via the Polytechnic Centralised Appeals portal found on [www.polytechnic.edu.sg](http://www.polytechnic.edu.sg), starting from 30 Jan 2015 (tentative).
  - Students should consider any polytechnic course offers through the earlier admission exercises (JAE, JPSAE and DAE) before considering participation in the Polytechnic Centralised Appeals Exercise.
  - Appeal does not guarantee placement in your course of choice. Admission is subject to availability of course vacancies in open competition.

**Interested in ITE**
- Students should submit their appeals via [www.ite.edu.sg](http://www.ite.edu.sg), starting from 29 Jan 2015 (tentative).
For students considering JCs/MI or Polytechnics
JCs/MI vs. Polytechnic – Questions for students to consider

1. Would you prefer delving deeper into concepts and theories (e.g. Math, Science, Humanities) or would learning that is tied to specific industries and work-ready qualifications appeal more to you?
JCs/MI vs. Polytechnic – Questions for students to consider

2. Would you prefer sitting for a once-off graduation exam (JC/CI) or would you thrive better focusing on specific skills and topics in different units/modules, with an exam at the end of each unit (Polytechnic)?
3. Do you have specific occupations that you are interested in? What are the career aspirations you have explored?

4. Do you prefer learning theories and deep ideas or would you rather pick up skills in a more hands-on learning environment?
For students considering the Arts Institutions
The Arts Institutions

Courses are hands-on with a focus in the visual and performing arts (e.g. Design, Animation, Fine Arts, Media, Dance, Music)

Students graduate with a Diploma
The Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts

Length of study:
3 years

Considerations for Entry
✓ English language proficiency: Grade C6 or better in GCE ‘O’ Level English*
✓ 25 points or better in 4 GCE ‘O’ Level subjects, excluding English
✓ Artistic potential and creativity
✓ Other achievements (e.g. CCA, awards)

For more information:
Tel: 6512-4071
Email: admissions@nafa.edu.sg
Website: www.nafa.edu.sg
The LASALLEN College of the Arts

Length of study: 3 years

Entry Requirements:
✓ 5 GCE ‘O’ Level subjects, including English (C6 or higher)
✓ Audition/Portfolio presentation

For more information:
LASALLEN Hotline: 6496-5111
Email: admissions@lasalle.edu.sg
Website: www.lasalle.edu.sg
For students considering ITE education
Institute of Technical Education (ITE)
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Courses focus on the development of industry-relevant competencies

Curriculum is practice-oriented and allow the building of a strong theoretical foundation and enable direct application of knowledge and skills to real work

Students graduate with a Nitec / Higher Nitec
General Overview

Students can enter the Working World at any point on this Education Map

- GCE ‘O’ Levels
- Nitec
  - Higher Nitec
  - Polytechnic Diploma
- ITE’s Technical Diploma
Institute of Technical Education (ITE)

How can I get into ITE?

‘O’ Level holders can apply for Higher Nitec courses thru’ the Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE)
Institute of Technical Education (ITE)

Some factors for consideration...

All *Higher Nitec* courses have prerequisites, e.g. selected *Nitec or relevant ‘O’ Level subjects* for direct entry.

Please find out more if you wish to pursue specific *Higher Nitec* courses.
ITE Course Information Cards (Nitec & Higher Nitec)

• Useful info on ITE courses
• QR codes direct students to latest information from ITE
GCE ‘O’ Level certificate holders can apply through the Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE), for admission to courses offered by:

- Junior Colleges (JC)
- Millennia Institute (MI)
- Polytechnics (Poly)
- Institute of Technical Education (ITE),

For admissions to Polys, Polys have additional admissions exercises JPSAE and DAE.

For ‘O’ Level holders who wish to apply to Arts Institutions, they can apply directly to the institutions.
Everyone has his/her own learning style, strengths, needs and interests.

Find an educational pathway which helps bring out the best in you.
Log on to the ECG Portal
www.ecareers.sg
for up-to-date educational and occupational information

Login with your NRIC no and a password will be generated on the spot. All students from MOE schools (P5-Pre-U3) will have a personal account, which lasts 6 months after graduation.

*Remember to download and save a copy of your ePortfolio information before your account expires, within 6 mths after you leave the school system.
Students take the GCE A-Level exam to determine their eligibility for university study. Universities have autonomy in admitting some students based on other qualifications.
Electrical, Electronics, and Communications Engineering

Institutions offering this programme: 211

Singapore Institutions
Nanyang Polytechnic, (SG)
Nanyang Technological University, (SG)
National University of Singapore, (SG)
Ngee Ann Polytechnic, (SG)
Republic Polytechnic, (SG)
Singapore Polytechnic, (SG)

International Institutions
An overseas degree may NOT guarantee employment in Singapore. Candidates intending to pursue a degree overseas are strongly encouraged to contact the relevant professional associations for more information before applying to overseas educational institutions.

Why does a particular educational institution not appear in this list?

1. The educational institution does not offer the course/programme.
2. The educational institution did not supply us with data indicating that they offer the course/programme.
3. The educational institution offers a course/programme similar to this but it has a different name. To obtain a detailed list of courses/programmes offered by an...
Key ECG Portal Features (Sec/JC/CI)

Who am I?
(1) Assessments:
- Personal Globe Inventory, (interests), Work skills, values

Where am I going?
(2) Occupation database
- 600 occupations
- Testimonials: A day-in-a-life-of
- Career videos

How do I get there?
(3) Singapore Education Landscape
(4) Education database – JC/CI/ML/IP, Polytechnics, ITE, NAFA, LASALLE, Local and foreign Universities

Save and consolidate: (5) ePortfolio

Planning:
(6) Edn & Career Planning Module
Explore, reflect, plan

(7) Goal Setting Module

Transition skills:
(8) Job-seeking module: Resume-maker, resume-writing, interview skills
## Available Resources

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Supplementary Information

For students considering private education
Private Education

The Council for Private Education (CPE) is a statutory board established in December 2009 under the MOE, to regulate private education institutions (PEIs) in Singapore.

http://www.cpe.gov.sg/
5 Tips Before Deciding on Private Education

By the Council for Private Education

1. RELEVANCE

Besides looking at the cost and duration of courses, it is also important to check if the course can provide you with the required knowledge and skills to move on to your next phase of life, be it employment or further studies.

2. RECOGNITION

There is no government authority in Singapore that accords recognition to PEI certificates and/or qualifications. Find out if higher educational institutions or prospective employers recognise or accept the qualifications you are interested in.
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3. SPEAK TO SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

Speak to your school counsellor to get advice on education options. The CPE does not rank or recommend PEIs or private education courses.

4. FINANCES

Generally, there are no Government subsidies or grants for courses offered in PEIs. Courses offered in PEIs are also not covered under the Central Provident Fund (CPF) Scheme and students cannot use their parents’ CPF to pay for the private education course. So do give some thought about how you are going to pay for the course.

Note: More details on the CPF Education Scheme can be found at http://mwcpf.cpf.gov.sg/Members/Gen-Info/Features/CPFEdu_Scheme.htm
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Reach the CPE Student Services Centre at:

- **6592 2108**
- **CPE_CONTACT@cpe.gov.sg**
- **1 Orchard Road, #01-01, (YMCA International House), Singapore 238824**

Visit [www.cpe.gov.sg](http://www.cpe.gov.sg) for the list of registered PEIs, EduTrust-certified PEIs & other information on private education.
~Thank you~