

# A Guide to Post-Secondary Admissions Exercises



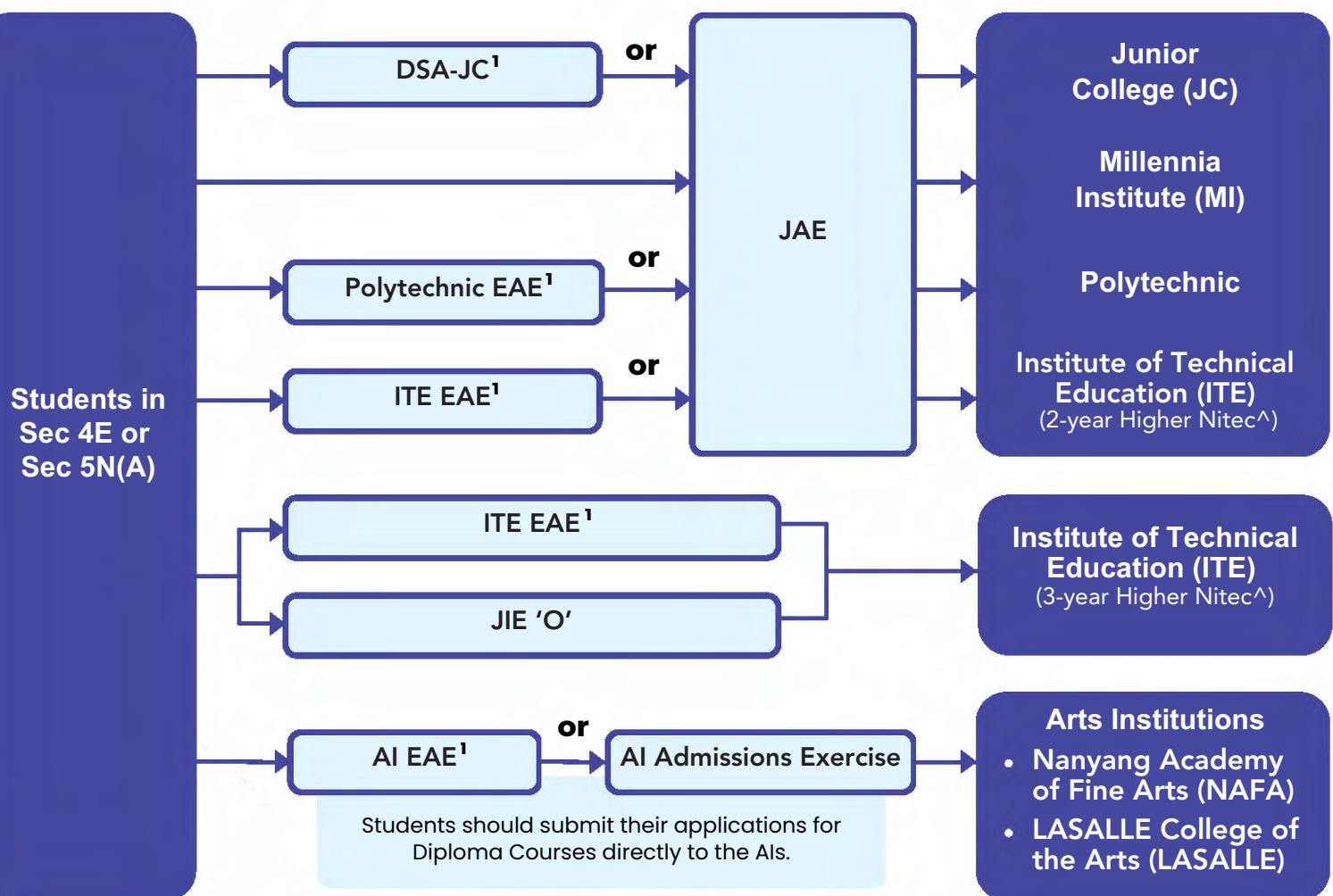
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# Post-Secondary Admissions Exercises for Students in Sec 4 Express or Sec 5 Normal (Academic)

## Admissions exercises to take part in



## Application Period

**May 2025**

- DSA-JC<sup>1</sup>
- ITE EAE<sup>1</sup>
- AI EAE<sup>1</sup>  
(LASALLE)

**June 2025**

- Polytechnic EAE<sup>1</sup>
- AI EAE<sup>1</sup>(NAFA)

**Oct 2025**

- LASALLE<sup>2</sup>
- NAFA<sup>2</sup>

**Jan 2026**

- JAE
- JIE 'O'

**NOTES** <sup>1</sup>Students apply through these admissions exercises before their O-Level examinations.

<sup>2</sup>Application to LASALLE's and NAFA's diploma programmes starts from October.

<sup>^</sup>Please visit the ITE website for the list of [2-year Higher Nitec courses](#) and [3-year Higher Nitec courses](#).

To learn about the different admissions exercises, visit the [MOE website](#).

# Details of Admissions Exercises

## Arts Institutions – NAFA/LASALLE

GCE O-Level holders with the aptitude and interest to pursue the creative arts at the tertiary level may apply for diploma programmes at the Arts Institutions (AIs). Each AI runs its own admissions exercise, and interested students should apply directly to the institution.

The AIs also run their own Early Admissions Exercise, an aptitude-based admissions exercise open to graduating O-Level students, final-year Nitec and Higher Nitec students from ITE and graduating Integrated Programme (IP) / International Baccalaureate (IB) Year 4 students. This exercise allows students to apply for and receive conditional offers for admission to NAFA and LASALLE prior to receiving their final grades.

NAFA: [go.gov.sg/applynafa](http://go.gov.sg/applynafa)

LASALLE: [go.gov.sg/applylasalle](http://go.gov.sg/applylasalle)

## ITE EAE – ITE Early Admissions Exercise

ITE EAE is an aptitude-based admissions exercise that allows students to apply for and receive conditional offers for admission to ITE prior to receiving their final O-Level examination results. It allows ITE flexibility to admit students based on demonstrated aptitudes and interest, apart from academic grades, thus allowing a wider range of talents to be recognised.

ITE EAE: [go.gov.sg/iteeae](http://go.gov.sg/iteeae)

## DSA-JC – Direct School Admission for Junior Colleges

DSA provides students with the opportunity to seek admission to JCs based on a broad range of talents and achievements.

DSA-JC: [go.gov.sg/applydsajc](http://go.gov.sg/applydsajc)

## JAE – Joint Admissions Exercise

JAE enables GCE O-Level holders to apply for courses offered by JCs, MI, polytechnics and ITE (2-year Higher Nitec courses).

JAE: [go.gov.sg/applyjae](http://go.gov.sg/applyjae)

## JIE 'O' – Joint Intake Exercise 'O'

The JIE 'O' enables GCE O-Level holders to apply for the 3-year Higher Nitec courses conducted by ITE.

JIE 'O': [go.gov.sg/applyjieo](http://go.gov.sg/applyjieo)

## Polytechnic EAE – Polytechnic Early Admissions Exercise

Polytechnic EAE is an aptitude-based admissions exercise that allows students to apply for and receive conditional offers for admission to polytechnics prior to receiving their final O-Level examination results. It allows polytechnics flexibility to admit students based on demonstrated aptitudes and interests, apart from academic grades, thus allowing a wider range of talents to be recognised.

Polytechnic EAE: [go.gov.sg/polyeae](http://go.gov.sg/polyeae)

# Post-Secondary Admissions Exercises for Students in Sec 4 Normal (Technical) and Normal (Academic)

## Admissions exercises to take part in

### Students in I now? Sec 4N(T)

Eligible students may also laterally transfer to Secondary 4N(A) to take the N(A)-Level examinations. Applications can be made via your secondary school.

ITE EAE<sup>1</sup>

JIE 'N' / JIE 'E'

Institute of Technical Education (ITE)  
(Enhanced Foundation Programme or 3-year Higher Nitec<sup>^</sup>)

### Where am I now? Students in Sec 4N(A)

Eligible students may also progress to Secondary 5 to take the O-Level examinations. Applications can be made via your secondary school.

PFP

Polytechnic

ITE EAE<sup>1</sup>

Institute of Technical Education (ITE)  
(3-year Higher Nitec<sup>^</sup>)

JIE 'N'

DPP

Institute of Technical Education (ITE)  
(2-year Higher Nitec<sup>^^</sup>)

NFP

Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA)

## Application Period

### May 2025

- ITE EAE<sup>1</sup>

For Students in Sec 4N(T)

### Dec 2025

- JIE 'N'
- JIE 'E'
- DPP
- NFP

### Jan 2026

- PFP
- DPP (2nd window of applications)

### NOTES

<sup>1</sup>Students apply through these admissions exercises before their examinations.

<sup>^</sup>Please visit the ITE website for the list of [Enhanced Foundation Programme and 3-year Higher Nitec courses](#).

<sup>^^</sup>Please visit the ITE website for the list of [2-year Higher Nitec courses under the DPP](#).

To learn about the different admissions exercises, visit the [MOE website](#).

# Details of Admissions Exercises

## DPP – Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme

DPP allows Secondary 4N(A) students to be admitted directly into selected 2-year Higher Nitec courses at ITE without having to sit for the O-Level examinations. DPP students who successfully complete their Higher Nitec courses at ITE and attain the required qualifying Grade Point Average (GPA) scores are guaranteed a place in a polytechnic diploma course mapped to their Higher Nitec course.

**DPP:** [go.gov.sg/applydpp](http://go.gov.sg/applydpp)

## PFP – Polytechnic Foundation Programme

PFP is a one-year programme that offers a practice-oriented curriculum taught by polytechnic lecturers to better prepare polytechnic-bound Secondary 4N(A) students for entry into a polytechnic diploma.

Starting from the AY2026 PFP intake, students will be admitted into a PFP cluster, and progress to one of the diplomas within the cluster after completing the one-year programme.

The exceptions are Diploma in Nursing, Diploma in Early Childhood Development & Education, and Diploma in Tamil Studies with Early Education, for which students can be admitted either via the diploma-specific PFP or the relevant PFP cluster.

**PFP:** [go.gov.sg/pfp](http://go.gov.sg/pfp)

## JIE 'N'/JIE 'E' – Joint Intake Exercise

The JIE 'N' is for students to apply for the 3-year Higher Nitec courses offered by ITE.

The JIE 'E' is for eligible<sup>1</sup> GCE N(T) students to apply for the 4-year Higher Nitec course under the Enhanced Foundation Programme.

**JIE 'N'/JIE 'E':** [go.gov.sg/applyjien](http://go.gov.sg/applyjien)

## ITE EAE – ITE Early Admissions Exercise

ITE EAE is an aptitude-based admissions exercise that allows students to apply and receive conditional offers for admission to ITE based on their aptitude and interest, prior to receiving their final GCE N-Level examination results. It allows students to demonstrate their aptitudes and interests apart from academic grades, thus allowing a wider range of talents to be recognised.

**ITE EAE:** [go.gov.sg/iteeae](http://go.gov.sg/iteeae)

## NFP – NAFA Foundation Programme

The NFP is a one-year practice-based programme that prepares Secondary 4N(A) students to pursue a diploma in the creative arts. NFP students who successfully complete the programme will be offered a place in their chosen diploma course at NAFA.

**NFP:** [go.gov.sg/applynafafp](http://go.gov.sg/applynafafp)

## NOTES

<sup>1</sup>Singaporean/ Singapore Permanent Resident Normal (Technical) holders with '0' or '1' GCE 'N' Level pass.