

# WHAT'S NEXT



**Education & Career Guidance**

TAKING MY NEXT STEP  
FORWARD AFTER

**GCE N-LEVEL**

What's Next after the GCE N-Level examination?

Use this brochure to help you in your decision-making! Start your journey by:

### Discovering Purpose

- Who am I?

### Exploring Opportunities

- Where do I want to go?

### Staying Relevant

- How do I get there?



As you consider these questions, you will have a deeper understanding of your strengths and interests to make an informed decision regarding your choice of post-secondary education institutions and courses.

## DISCOVERING PURPOSE –

### WHO AM I?

Knowing more about myself helps me make better decisions about how I can meaningfully contribute to the community.

**To find out more about myself, I can think about these questions:**

- What are some of the things that I enjoy doing?
- How would I describe my strengths and interests?
- What is important to me? What motivates me?
- How do I want to contribute to my school and community through my goals and aspirations?



Find out more about your career interests, skills confidence and work values on the MySkillsFuture Student Portal.

<https://go.gov.sg/mysfsec-knowyourself>



# EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES –

## WHERE DO I WANT TO GO?

There are many education and career opportunities which I can confidently explore, while respecting the value of all occupations.

### To explore my post-secondary education pathways, I can think about these questions:

- What type(s) of education institutions is/are suitable for me?
- What are the learning programmes, subjects and Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) offered that I can confidently take up? What are the requirements?
- How will the programmes offered by education institutions further develop my strengths and interests?

Explore possible education pathways, institutions and courses that align to your strengths and interests as well as career aspirations.

#### Where am I now?

##### **Students in 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.

##### **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.

#### What admissions exercises can I take part in?

##### **ITE EAE**

##### **PFP**

##### **ITE EAE**

##### **JIE 'N'**

##### **DPP**

##### **NFP**

#### Where do I want to go?

Institute of Technical Education (ITE)  
(Enhanced Foundation Programme or  
3-year Higher Nitec)

Polytechnic

Institute of Technical Education (ITE)  
(3-year Higher Nitec)

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

Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA)

EAE: Early Admissions Exercise

DPP: Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme

JIE: Joint Intake Exercise

NFP: NAFA Foundation Programme

PFP: Polytechnic Foundation Programme

<sup>a</sup>Refers to 2-year Higher Nitec courses under the DPP. For the list of courses, please visit the ITE website.



Find out more about the various education pathways and institutions after GCE N-Level.  
<https://go.gov.sg/overview-pseis>



Explore Your Next Step Forward after GCE N-Level for an overview of the possible pathways.  
<https://go.gov.sg/pathways-nlevel>



Find out more about Admissions Exercises and Programmes.



Joint Intake Exercise (JIE)  
<https://go.gov.sg/admissions-jie>



Other Admissions Exercises and Programmes (e.g. PFP, DPP, ITE EAE)  
<https://go.gov.sg/admissions-nlevel>

*For programmes in the Arts Institutions (e.g. NAFA Foundation Programme), please visit the respective institutions' websites for more information.*



Explore courses based on aggregate type, score, type of education institution and area of interest.  
<https://go.gov.sg/coursefinder>

*For Arts Institutions, please visit the respective institutions' websites for more information.*



Explore education institutions using **Education Guide** on the MySkillsFuture Student Portal.  
<https://go.gov.sg/explorepostsec>

To consider retaking my GCE N-Level examinations or enrolling in a private education institution, I can think about these questions:

- What will I do differently to achieve a better outcome?
- What can I do to manage the demands of the course?
- What do I have to consider if I want to enrol in a private education institution?
- Have I considered the 3Rs?

**Reasons** – What will furthering my studies in this course allow me to achieve?

**Readiness** – How ready am I to further my studies?

**Risks** – Do I know the possible drawbacks?



Find out more here:  
<https://go.gov.sg/3rs>



## To consider entering the workforce, I can think about these questions:

- Am I ready to enter the workforce? What are the advantages and disadvantages?
- What are other factors that could influence my decision?
- What are some of the industries or occupations I can consider that are related to my skills, strengths and interests?
- What are the skills required to enter and do well in that role?

There are opportunities to upgrade your skills through:

- Part-time full qualification programmes such as Higher Nitec offered by ITE
- Industry-relevant modular courses for bite-sized upskilling at ITE, as well as private training providers.



- Workforce Skills Qualification courses



## STAYING RELEVANT – HOW DO I GET THERE?

By staying adaptable and resilient, I can continuously pursue opportunities for learning to develop myself.

## To achieve my goals and aspirations, I can think about these questions:

- How can I work towards my goals and aspirations and be resilient in pursuing them?
- What can I do and who can I turn to when I am facing challenges?
- How can I keep developing myself and pursue my goals and aspirations through various courses, programmes or activities for lifelong learning?



Set goals and make plans for your education and career journey using *My Goals* on the MySkillsFuture Student Portal.

<https://go.gov.sg/mysfsec>





Find out more about the resources available to support you in your journey after GCE N-Level.



Fees, Assistance, Awards and Scholarships  
<https://go.gov.sg/faas>



Financial Assistance  
<https://go.gov.sg/moefinassist>



Post-Secondary Education Account  
<https://go.gov.sg/pseaccount>



Make an appointment to speak with your ECG Counsellor in school if you need more guidance and assistance to make an informed decision.



The ECG Centre @ MOE also offers online or phone counselling support via  
<https://go.gov.sg/moe-ecg-centre>



**As you think through your options, remember that there are people around you whom you can turn to for support. Speak to your parents/guardians, teachers and seniors to learn about their perspectives and experiences. Connecting with your peers can also offer valuable emotional support and shared insights. Visit open houses by post-secondary education institutions to find out more so you can make an informed decision.**

**Be hopeful, resilient and adaptable as you explore the possibilities after GCE N-Level!**



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