



# Your Next Step Forward after the N-Levels



Use your strengths and interests to contribute to society through your future work.

## Possible Pathways You Can Consider

(in alphabetical order)

### ARTS INSTITUTIONS

#### Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA) Foundation Programme (NFP)



A one-year programme that prepares eligible N(A) students for progression into the relevant [NAFA diploma programme](#).

Apply for NFP through NAFA's [online portal](#) (subject to meeting eligibility requirements).



Students may be required to submit a portfolio, attend an admission test or audition, and/or an interview.

### POLYTECHNICs

#### Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)

A one-year programme that offers eligible N(A) students a practice-based preparatory pathway to a polytechnic education at one of the five polytechnics.



Apply for PFP through the [PFP Admissions Exercise portal](#) (subject to meeting eligibility requirements).

To provide greater flexibility in pathways, students will be admitted to a PFP cluster, before being posted to a specific diploma. Posting will be based on their PFP performance and course choice.

Find out more [here](#).



For more information on "What's Next" after the N-Levels, please visit <https://go.gov.sg/whats-next-nlevel>.

If you wish to speak to an ECG Counsellor for further guidance, you can make an appointment by [clicking on this link](#).

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### INSTITUTE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION (ITE)

#### Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP)

A two-year Higher Nitec course at ITE that enables eligible N(A) students to progress directly to a mapped polytechnic diploma course, provided they meet the qualifying GPA. Find out more [here](#).

#### 3-year Higher Nitec (JIE 'N')

A three-year course offering a variety of options for all N-Level students to explore based on their strengths, interests and aspirations. Find out more [here](#).

#### 4-year Higher Nitec (JIE 'E')

A four-year course for selected N-Level students that includes a one-year preparatory programme to strengthen students' literacy and numeracy skills. Find out more [here](#).



Explore ITE courses using [CourseFinder](#).

### SECONDARY FIVE

Eligible students in Secondary 4N(A) may progress to Secondary 5 to take the O-Level examinations.



Applications can be made via your secondary school.



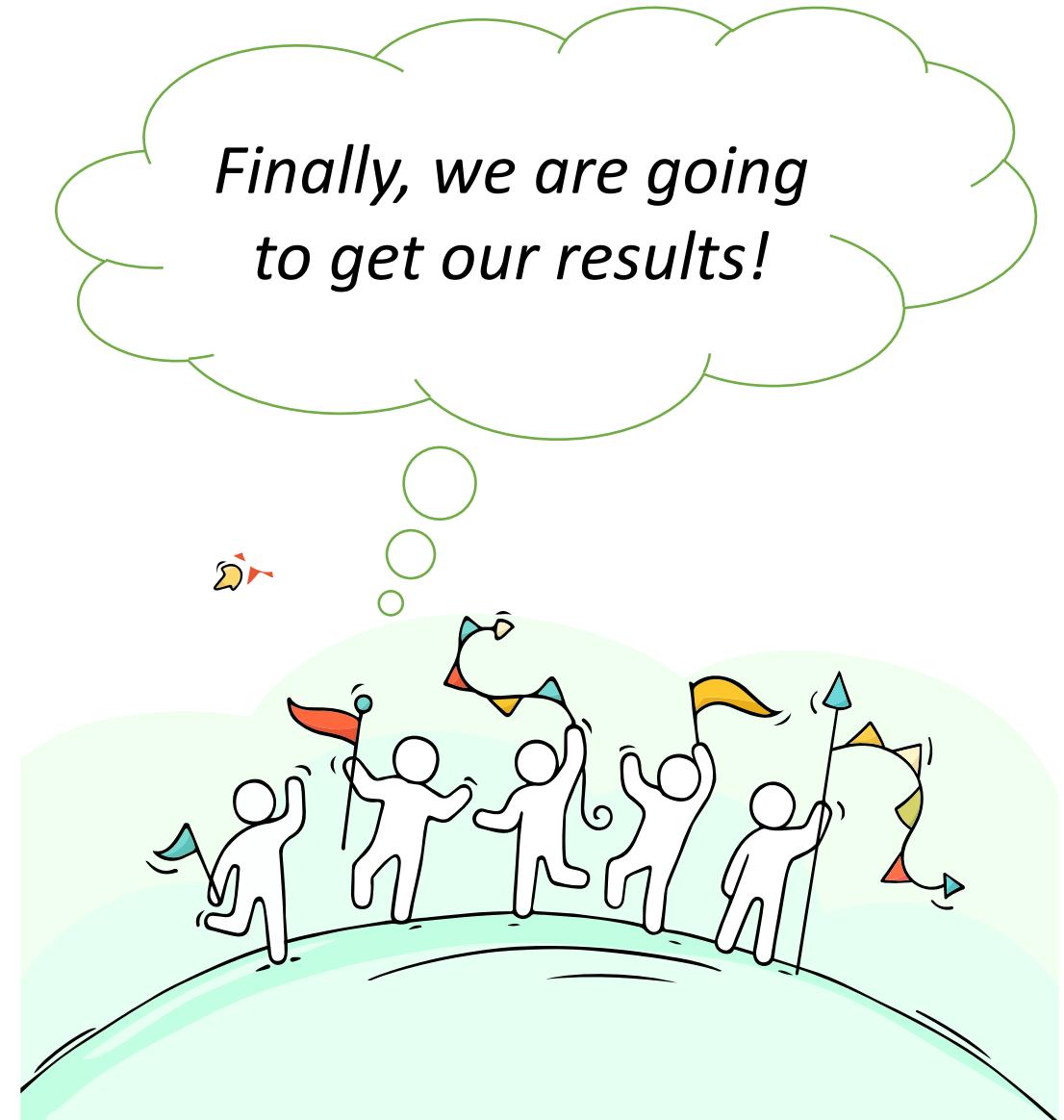
# Welcome Back!

Admissions & Briefing Slides for Release of N-Level Results

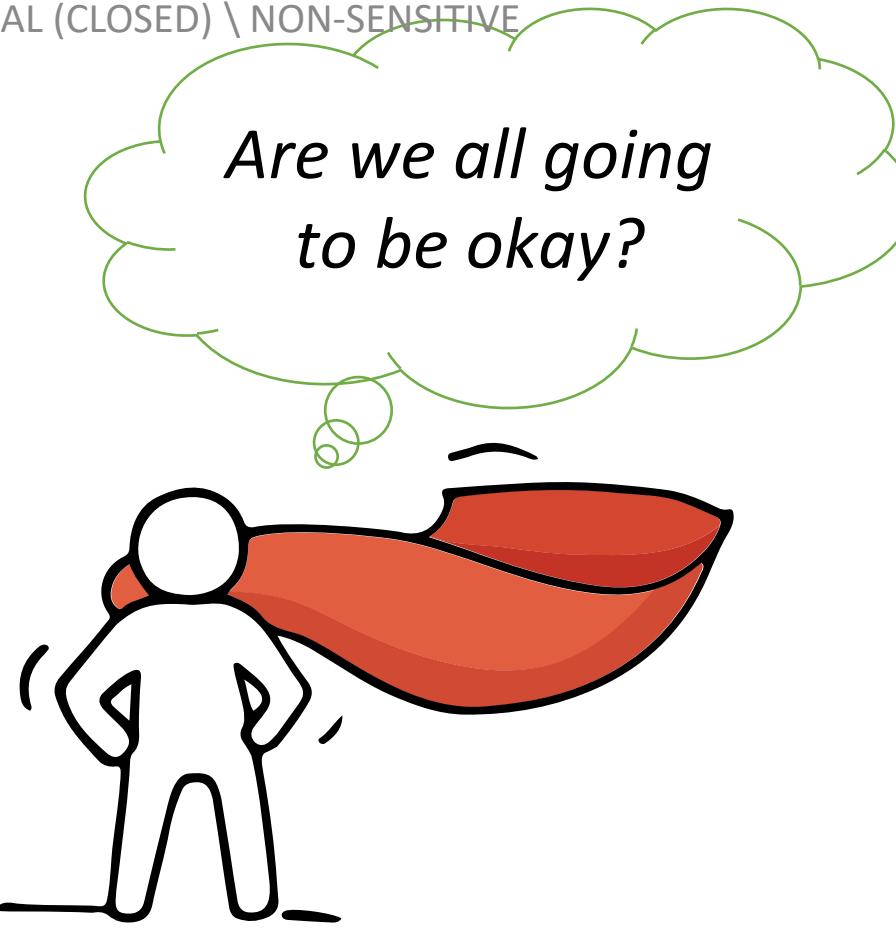


# Dear students,

You have worked hard to reach this stage. Let's celebrate your efforts!



**Think  
about your  
opportunities**

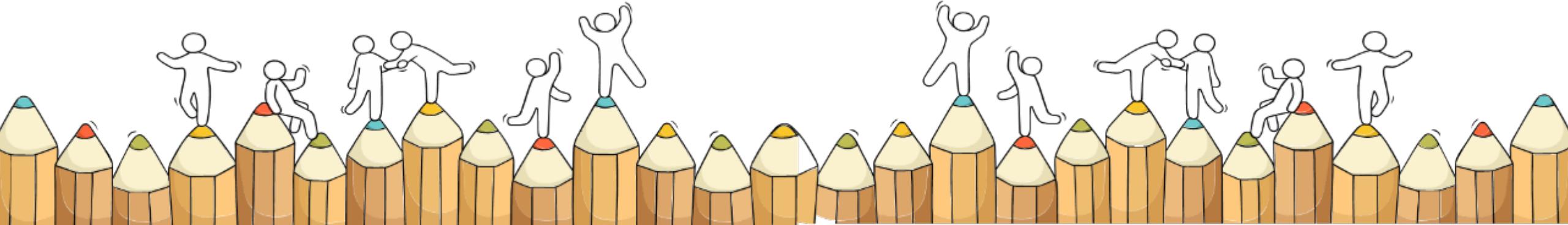


Remember that while **everyone's educational journey is different,**  
**we can each have a fulfilling outcome!**

# Coverage for today

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# A: What's Next and Resources Available For Students



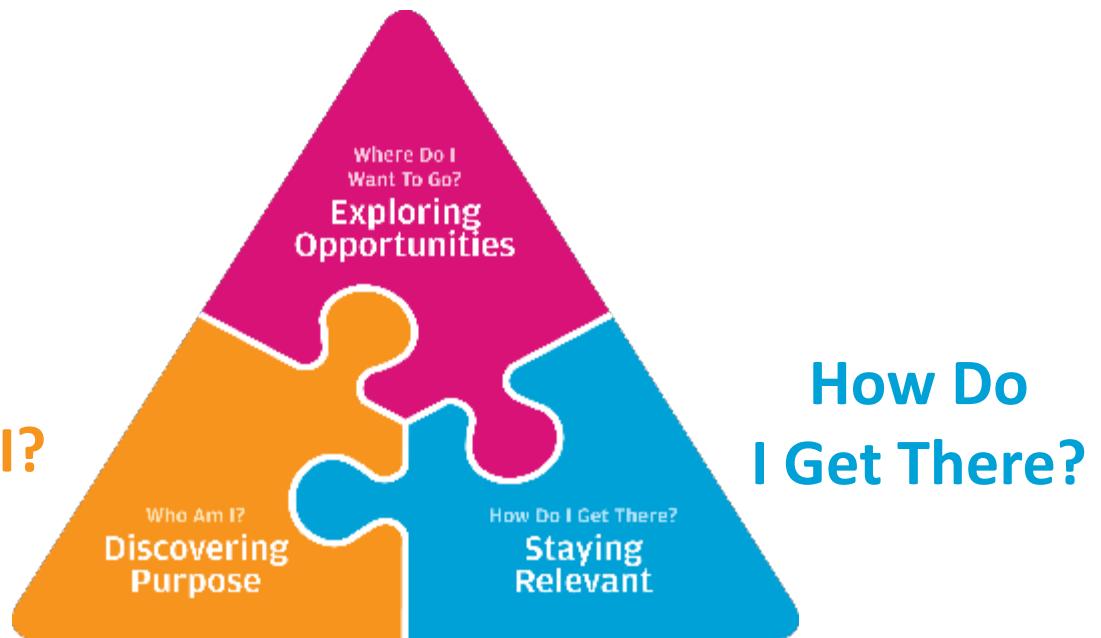
# Thinking about Your Next Step?

Consider these questions...

In the infographic, you can find resources which can help you make informed decisions.

Online versions of the resources are available at <https://go.gov.sg/ecg-resources>.

Where do I want to go?



## PLANNING YOUR NEXT STEP

These resources will help you chart your path ahead:



- What's Next Brochure  
<https://go.gov.sg/whats-next-level>



- Contact the ECG Centre @ MOE  
<https://go.gov.sg/moe-ecg-centre>



- MySkillsFuture Student Portal  
<https://go.gov.sg/MySFSec>



- Chat with your school's ECG Counsellor

# Resources to help students make informed decisions



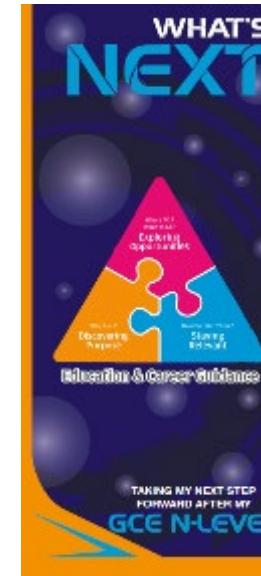
<https://go.gov.sg/mysfsec>

## MySkillsFuture Student Portal

Leverage the *Education Guide* feature to help students plan their next step forward after their secondary education.

## What's Next

This ECG pamphlet helps to scaffold the decision-making process for students at key education stages.



<https://go.gov.sg/whats-next-nlevel>

# Resources to help you make informed decisions

## Post-Secondary Education

Learn more about the admissions exercises and programmes



<https://go.gov.sg/admissions-jie>

Other Admissions Exercises and Programmes (eg PFP, DPP, ITE EAE)



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<https://go.gov.sg/admissions-nlevel>

# Resources to help you make informed decisions

## Post-Secondary Education

Explore courses based  
on aggregate type, type  
of education institution



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

Explore based on  
MySkillsFuture Student  
Portal



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

# Concerned about your next steps?

Stop

- Calm yourself down. Take a few deep breaths.

Think

- Think through the different options that are available for you.
- Remember that the N-Level is not the end point and is only one part of your life journey.

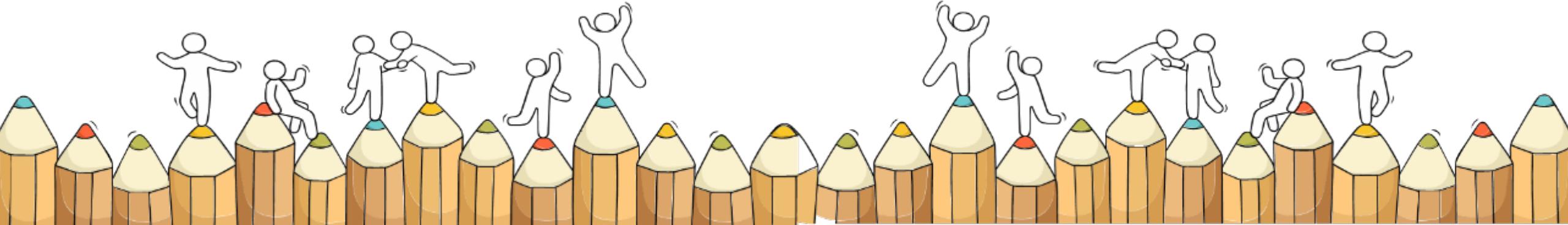
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- Have conversations with trusted adults who know you well to advise and guide you (parents, teachers, ECG Counsellor).
- Decide and act based on your options.

When you receive your results, you may experience a range of emotions.

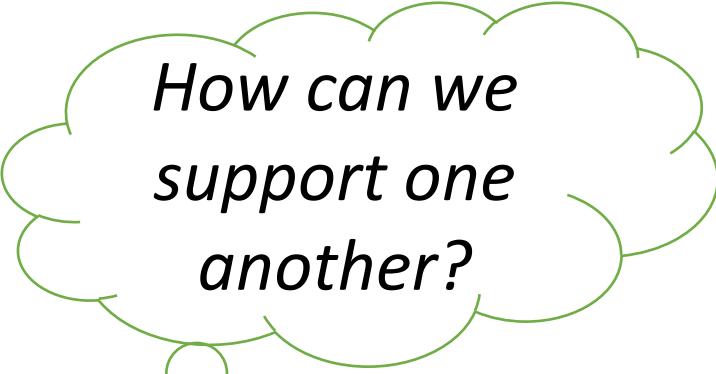
Managing these emotions well will allow you to stay calm and make rational decisions.

## B: Reaching Out and Supporting Others



**Having difficult emotions during a stressful and uncertain period is normal. Keep a look out for some of these signs:**

# Keep a lookout for some of these signs in your peers or in yourself



*How can we support one another?*



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- Deliberately avoiding others
- Increased irritability, restlessness, agitation, stress and anxiety
- Sending or posting moody messages on social media
- Talking about death or dying
- Reacting differently or gradually losing interest in things they used to like
- Eating more than usual or having a much reduced appetite
- Sleep pattern changes with difficulty falling asleep or oversleeping
- Slowing down of energy levels

If you notice any of these signs in yourself or your friends, **have a chat with your School Counsellor or teacher**,

Or contact SOS 24-hour hotline at **1767** or SOS 24-hour CareText Whatsapp at **91511767**  
For cyber wellness related matters, call Help123 at **1800-612-3123\*** or email **hello@help123.sg**

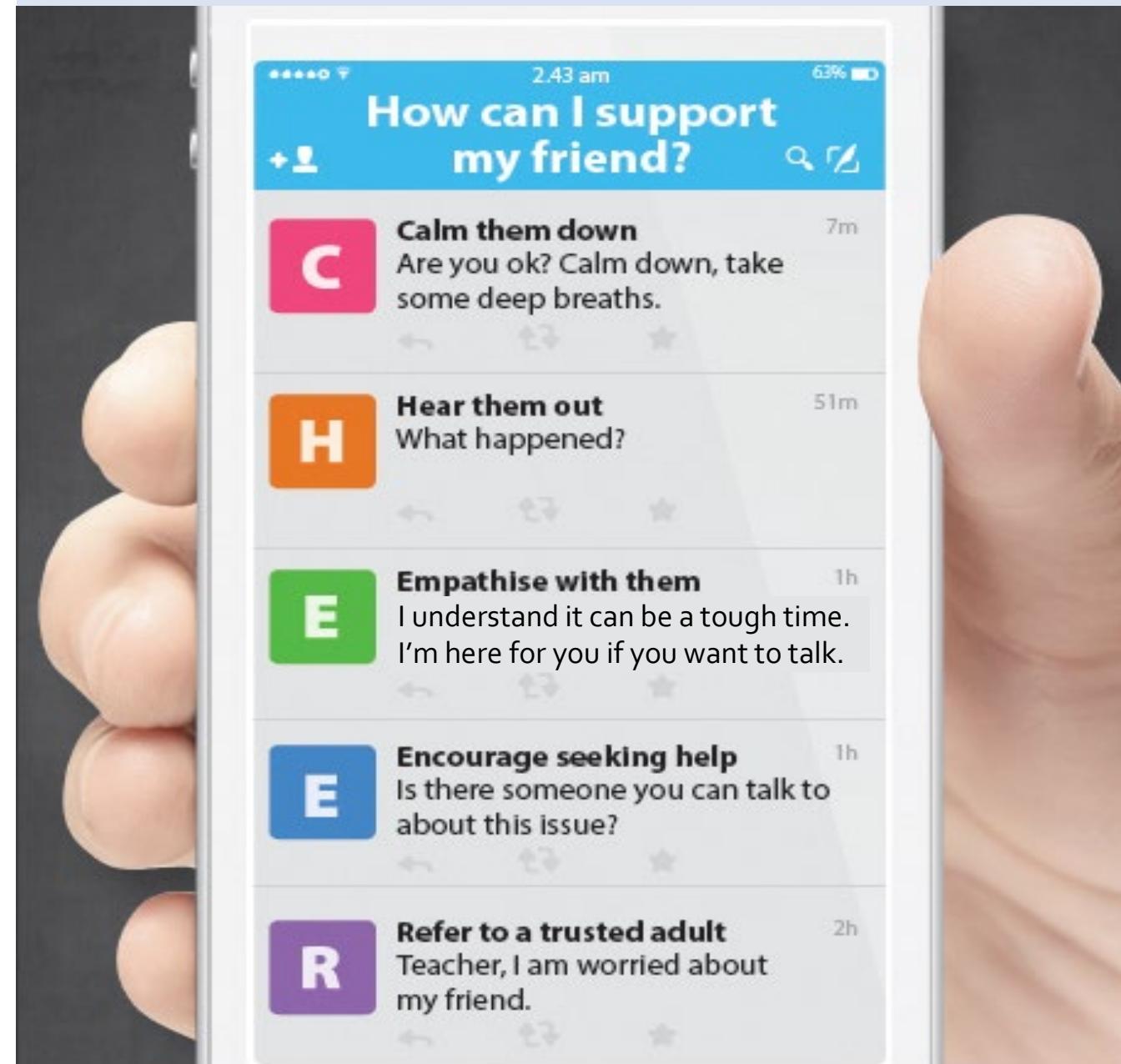
\*available only from Mon to Fri (excluding Public Holidays), from 9am - 6pm.

# Supporting Your Friend

- We may each experience different emotions upon receiving the results.
- You can share your friends' joy by congratulating them.
- If your friends appear to be disappointed with their results, encourage them.
- Alert a teacher if you are worried for them.



Keep a lookout for your friends in distress. You can support them in the following ways:



# Support is readily available for you.

There are other hotlines and chats available if you are more comfortable seeking help using these platforms. These can also be found in the infographic which you accessed earlier.



**SOS** provides round-the-clock emotional support for those in distress, thinking of suicide or affected by suicide.

Call: **1767**  
**(24-hour helpline)**

Whatsapp: **9151 1767**  
**(24-hour Care Text)**

**TOUCHline** is a helpline to provide youths with emotional support and practical advice.

Call: **1800-377 2252**  
Monday- Friday (Excluding Public Holidays):  
9am – 6pm

## Community Health Assessment Team

**(CHAT)** provides personalised and confidential mental health checks and consultation for youths. To speak with a youth support worker, you can:

Visit: **CHAT Hub at \*Scape, 2 Orchard Link,  
#04-01A**

Call: **6493 6500/ 6501**

Email: **CHAT@mentalhealth.sg**

**mindline.sg** is an online platform that provides tools, tips and resources to help you manage your health and well-being. Find out more at:  
[www.mindline.sg](http://www.mindline.sg)



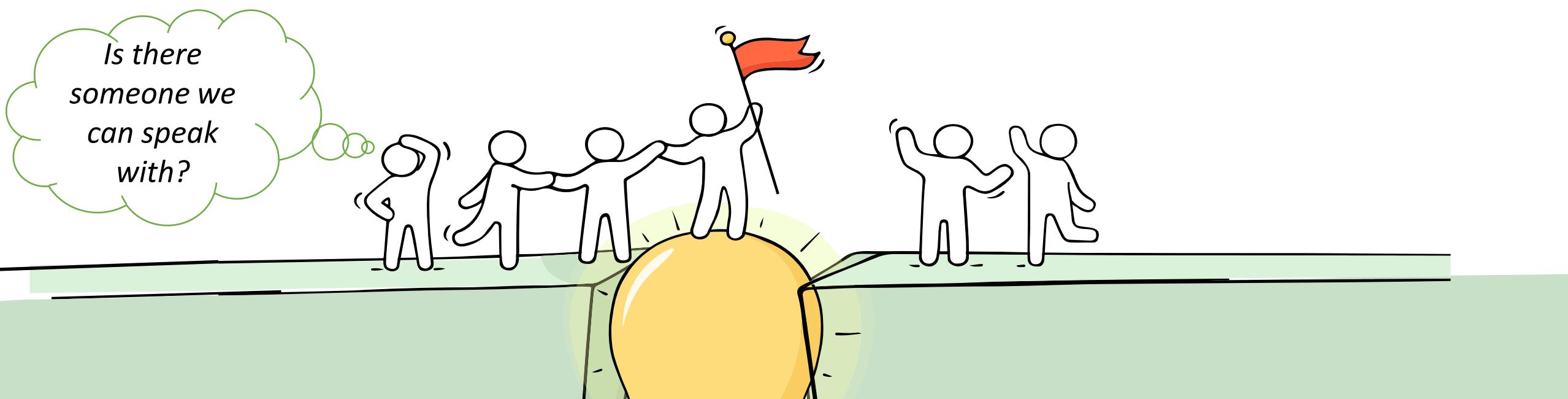
**Carey** is an online platform by Care Corner that provides free mental health check-ins with mental health professionals. Find out more at:  
<https://carey.carecorner.org.sg/>

**eC2** is an e-Counselling Centre where you can talk to a trained counsellor about the issues you are facing, right where you are.

Chat with a counsellor at:  
[www.ec2.sg](http://www.ec2.sg)  
Monday – Friday (Excluding Public Holidays):  
10am – 12pm & 2pm – 5pm

# Reaching out for help is a sign of strength, **not weakness.**

If you have any questions about your options or are not coping well, do reach out to someone you trust and speak with them. It could be a parent/guardian, teacher, ECG Counsellor, School Counsellor or a friend that you can talk to.



# C: Admissions Exercises

## Things to note



# Details of Admissions Exercises

You can find the details of the various admissions exercises in the **Post-Secondary Admissions Exercises booklet** that can be downloaded from:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/post-secondary/admissions>

- Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP)
- Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)
- Joint Intake Exercise (JIE) 'N' / 'E'
- NAFA Foundation Programme (NFP)

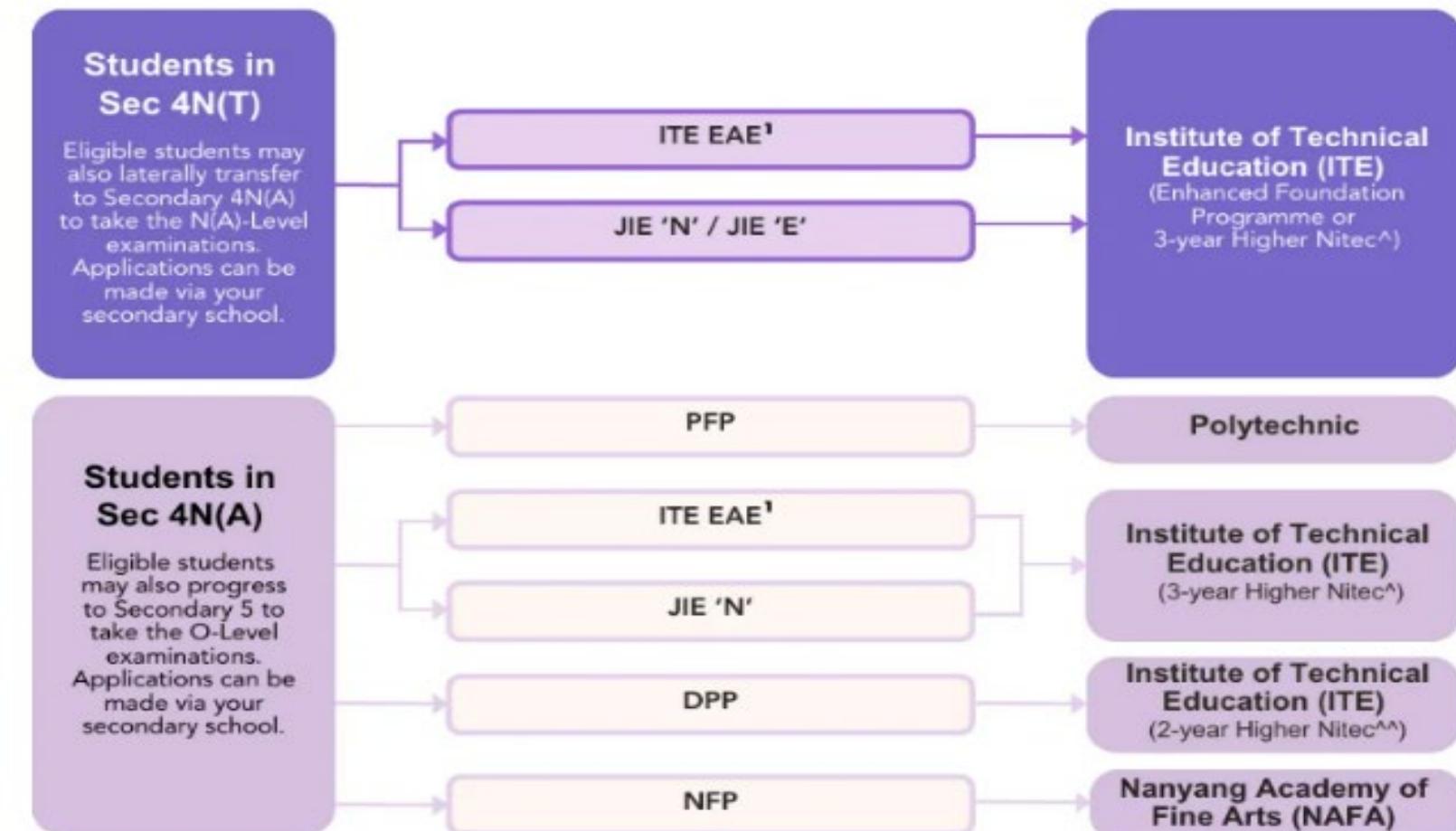


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The booklet cover features a blue header with the title 'A Guide to Post-Secondary Admissions Exercises' and the Ministry of Education logo. Below the header is a light blue section containing the text: 'The various pathways you could explore after secondary school that provide opportunities for continuous learning'. The main body of the cover shows two cartoon characters, a boy and a girl, standing outdoors near a signpost with three arrows pointing different directions, symbolizing choices and pathways.

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

### Admissions exercises to take part in



Source: A Guide to Post-Secondary Admissions Exercises



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

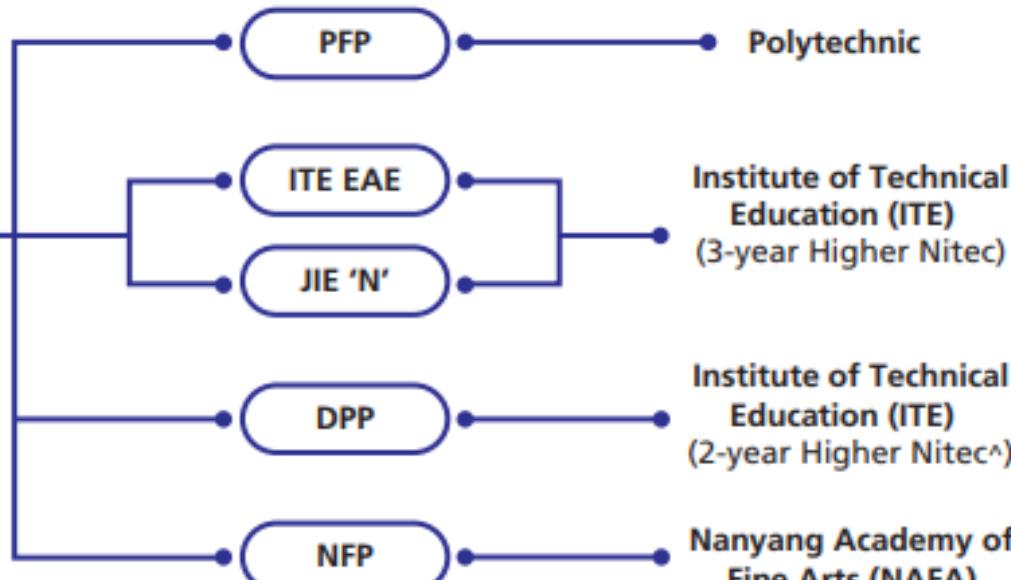
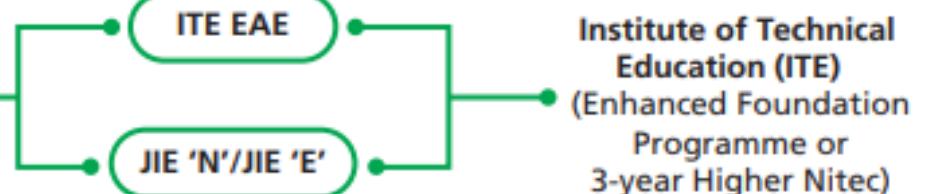
### Where am I now?

**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?



EAE: Early Admissions Exercise

JIE: Joint Intake Exercise

PFP: Polytechnic Foundation Programme

DPP: Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme

NFP: NAFA Foundation Programme

<sup>^</sup>Refers to 2-year Higher Nitec courses under the DPP. For the list of courses, please visit the [ITE website](#).

### Where do I want to go?



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>

# Details of Admissions Exercises

## 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)

## 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)

## 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)

# Details of Admissions Exercises

## 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)**

Note: The new enhanced curricular structure integrates Nitec and Higher Nitec curricula allowing students to attain a Higher Nitec qualification directly.

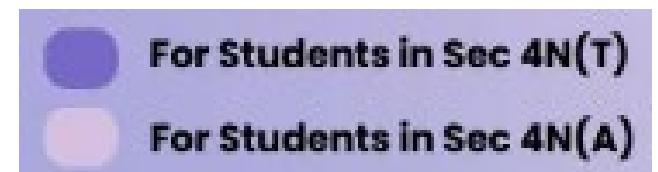
From AY2026 intake, all Nitec courses will be transited to Higher Nitec, and Nitec courses will no longer be offered.

### NOTES

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

# Application Period

Application Period	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	
<b>Admissions Exercises</b>	JIE 'N' JIE 'E' DPP (1 <sup>st</sup> window of applications) NFP	   	PFP DPP (2 <sup>nd</sup> window of applications)  



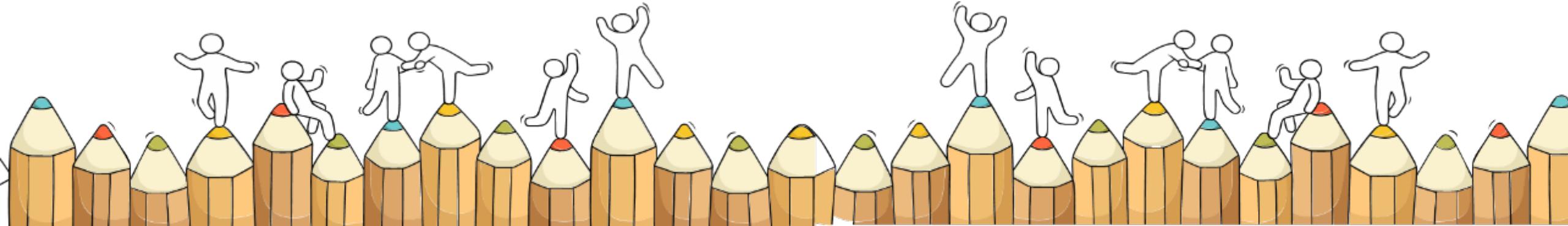
# Resources to help students make informed decisions

Learn more about the  
post-secondary education institutions



<https://moe.gov.sg/post-secondary/overview>

# D: Key Dates



# Key Dates for Jan 2026 Intake Exercise

Key Activity	Period for 3-Year and 4-year Higher Nitec courses	Remarks
<b><u>1st Phase (Main Phase)</u></b>		
Application	18 Dec 2025 (2.30pm) to 22 Dec 2025 (5pm)	Apply through the Internet at <a href="https://www.ite.edu.sg">https://www.ite.edu.sg</a> with SingPass.
Release of Results	26 Dec 2025	Check results at <a href="https://istudent.ite.edu.sg">https://istudent.ite.edu.sg</a> with web ID and password
Acceptance of Course Offer Period	26 Dec 2025 to 2 Jan 2026	Accept course offer at <a href="https://istudent.ite.edu.sg">https://istudent.ite.edu.sg</a> with web ID and password
<b><u>2nd Phase (Late Application/Appeal Phase)</u></b>		
Application	26 Dec 2025 to 2 Jan 2026	Apply through the Internet at <a href="https://istudent.ite.edu.sg">https://istudent.ite.edu.sg</a> with SingPass.
Release of Results	6 Jan 2026	Check results at <a href="https://istudent.ite.edu.sg">https://istudent.ite.edu.sg</a> with web ID and password
Acceptance of Course Offer Period	6 Jan 2026 to 9 Jan 2026	Accept course offer at <a href="https://istudent.ite.edu.sg">https://istudent.ite.edu.sg</a> with web ID and password
<b><u>3rd Phase (Final Top-up Phase)</u></b>		
Application	1 <sup>st</sup> Top-up Phase Application - 9 Jan to 16 Jan 2026 2 <sup>nd</sup> Top-up Phase Application - 22 Jan to 6 Feb 2026	Apply through the Internet at <a href="https://istudent.ite.edu.sg">https://istudent.ite.edu.sg</a> with SingPass.
Release of Results	1 <sup>st</sup> Top-up Phase - 12 Jan to 22 Jan 2026 2 <sup>nd</sup> Top-up Phase - 22 Jan to 11 Feb 2026	Check results at <a href="https://istudent.ite.edu.sg">https://istudent.ite.edu.sg</a> with web ID and password
Acceptance of Course Offer Period	1 <sup>st</sup> Top-up Phase - 12 Jan to 22 Jan 2026 2 <sup>nd</sup> Top-up Phase - 22 Jan to 11 Feb 2026	Accept course offer at <a href="https://istudent.ite.edu.sg">https://istudent.ite.edu.sg</a> with web ID and password
<b>Jan 2025 Intake Term Commencement Date: <u>12 Jan 2026</u></b>		

## JUST-IN-TIME INFORMATION ON JIE APPLICATION (JAN 2026 INTAKE)

# Information For Students on Key Dates for Jan 2026 intake

1. All N(A)\*/N(T) school leavers are encouraged to submit an application during the **1<sup>st</sup> Phase (Main Phase)** between 18 Dec 2025 (2.30 p.m.) to 22 Dec 2025 (5 p.m.). Application results for the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase will be released on 26 Dec 2025 from 9 a.m.
2. If you wish to appeal, please accept the course offered before applying in the **2<sup>nd</sup> Phase (Late Application/Appeal Phase)** between 26 Dec 2025 to 2 Jan 2026. The application results for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase will be known on 6 Jan 2025 from 9 a.m.
3. Unsuccessful applicants can appeal under the **3<sup>rd</sup> Phase (Final Top-up Phase)** between 9 Jan and 16 Jan 2026 and 22 Jan to 6 Feb 2026 for courses with vacancies. The application results for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase will be known between 12 Jan and 22 Jan 2026 and 22 Jan and 11 Feb 2026.

\*N(A) students progressing to ITE

# Key Pointers for Students on ITE's Joint Intake Exercise (JIE)

ALL students in N(T) and N(A) students (who are not progressing to 5N(A) or repeating 4N(A)) are eligible for JIE.  
Those who were unsuccessful in EAE are also eligible for JIE.

Apply in the 1st JIE main phase in December.

Use all 12 JIE choices wisely, as competition for 3-year Higher Nitec courses is keen!

Do consult your teachers / ECG counsellors to help you make your choices!

Do use the Last Aggregate Score (LAS) published in ITE's admission portal to help you make your course choices.

You are eligible for Enhanced Foundation Programme (EFP) if you receive an invitation letter to the EFP addressed to you and a copy of invitation letter for your parent/guardian.

If you are eligible for EFP, make sure you apply for both the 4-Year and 3-Year Higher Nitec Course.

The EFP helps to build the necessary literacy and numeracy foundations!

If you are counter-offered a course, accept it first to secure a place in ITE, before appealing for another course you may be more interested in!

## STEP-BY-STEP INFORMATION FOR JIE APPLICATION

# Online Application for

3-Year Higher Nitec Courses

4-year Higher Nitec Course with EFP  
(for N(T) students with 0, 1 "N" pass)

1. Go to <https://www.ite.edu.sg>.

2. Click  icon.

3. Under JIE 'N', click  icon to link to the application website

Under JIE 'E', click  icon to link to the application website

4. At the application website:

- a) Use your Singpass to access the application portal.
- b) Upon completion of application, applicants will receive their web ID and password.

## STEP-BY-STEP INFORMATION FOR JIE APPLICATION

# Checking of Posting Results/Accept Course Offer

3-Year Higher Nitec Courses

4-year Higher Nitec Course with  
EFP

(for N(T) students with 0, 1 "N" pass)

1. Go to <https://istudent.ite.edu.sg>.
2. Enter web ID and password.
3. Click '**Self-Service**' followed by '**Student Admission**' followed by '**View Application Results**' to view the application results and to accept course offer.

The above steps applies to all phases (refer to Slide 11 for dates).  
For more details, please refer to ITE website.

# Additional Information For Students

Should you require further advice or assistance in your applications or future plans, please contact your teachers and/or ECG Counsellor.

For further inquiries, you may refer to the following hotlines and links for more information and advice on further education:

Institute of Technical Education (ITE)	
ITE Hotline (for ITE admissions and courses)	1800 2222 111 <a href="mailto:training@ite.edu.sg">training@ite.edu.sg</a>
ECG Centre @ MOE	
e-Appointment link	<a href="https://go.gov.sg/moe-ecg-centre">https://go.gov.sg/moe-ecg-centre</a>

## RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

# Additional Information For Students

The information listed in the table below will help you to make an informed decision on which choice of courses you could consider applying at ITE.

S/N	Information	Attachment/Link
1	ITE Factsheet 2025	 2025 JIEN Factsheet
2	ITE Course Booklet 2026	<a href="#">ITE-Course-Booklet-2025.pdf</a>
3	Information on Progression Opportunities (From <i>Nitec</i> Courses to <i>Higher Nitec</i> and Technical diplomas)	<a href="https://www.ite.edu.sg/current-full-time-students/progression/">https://www.ite.edu.sg/current-full-time-students/progression/</a>
4	Information on Progression Opportunities (from <i>Higher Nitec</i> courses to diploma courses)	<a href="https://www.ite.edu.sg/secondary-school-students/admissions/academic-progression/academic-progression-from-full-time-higher-nitec/">https://www.ite.edu.sg/secondary-school-students/admissions/academic-progression/academic-progression-from-full-time-higher-nitec/</a>

# 1. Application for Institute of Technical Education (ITE) courses

Candidates who wish to apply for courses offered by ITE can submit their applications online via the ITE application portal ([www.ite.edu.sg/apply-for-ITE-courses](http://www.ite.edu.sg/apply-for-ITE-courses)), between 2.30pm on 18 December 2025 and 5pm on 22 December 2025.

Hard copy application forms will also be available at the Customer & Visitor Centres at the three ITE Colleges. Applicants who wish to collect hard copy application forms from the Customer & Visitor Centres should first book an appointment by contacting the respective colleges via the email addresses or phone numbers provided at [www.ite.edu.sg/who-we-are/get-in-touch](http://www.ite.edu.sg/who-we-are/get-in-touch).

## 2. Release of ITE Posting Results and Acceptance of ITE Offers

The ITE posting results will be released at 9am on 26 December 2025. Candidates may check the posting results online via the ITE application portal.

Candidates who receive an ITE offer should accept or reject the offer via the ITE application portal between 9am on 26 December 2025 and 11.59pm on 2 January 2026.

### **3. Students with confirmed ITE EAE offers**

Students with confirmed ITE EAE offers are expected to honour their offers, and are not allowed to apply for admission to ITE through the JIE.

However, these students are allowed to apply for the Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP) and the Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) if they meet the respective eligibility criteria

## **4. Application for the Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP)**

The Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) prepares candidates for progression into selected polytechnic diploma courses via a two-year Higher Nitec course at ITE. Under the DPP, candidates who successfully complete their Higher Nitec course and attain the required minimum qualifying Higher Nitec Grade Point Average are guaranteed a place in a polytechnic diploma course mapped to their Higher Nitec course.

School candidates eligible for the DPP will receive a copy of Form N from their secondary schools, inviting them to apply for the DPP.

Applications for the DPP can be submitted online via the ITE application portal between 2.30pm on 18 December 2025 and 5pm on 22 December 2025.

## **5. Release of DPP Posting Results and Acceptance of DPP Offers**

The DPP posting results will be released at 2pm on 26 December 2025. Candidates may check the posting results online via the ITE application portal.

Candidates who receive a DPP offer should accept or reject the offer via the ITE application portal between 2pm on 26 December 2025 and 11.59pm on 2 January 2026.

School candidates who do not have a confirmed place in the DPP should report to their secondary schools in 2026 for Secondary 5.

## 6. Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)

The Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP) is a diploma foundation programme conducted over two academic semesters at the polytechnics by polytechnic lecturers. It caters to school candidates in the Secondary 4 N(A) course in 2025 who have decided to pursue a polytechnic education and meet the PFP eligibility requirements at the end of Secondary 4.

School candidates interested in applying for the PFP should first report to their secondary schools in 2026 to start their Secondary 5 year, while awaiting notification of eligibility and confirmation of a place in the PFP.

## 7. Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)

Applications for the PFP will open in January 2026, on the day of the GCE Ordinary-Level (O-Level) Examinations results release. Candidates eligible for the PFP will receive a copy of Form P on the same day, inviting them to apply for the PFP.

For more information on the DPP and the PFP, please visit these websites:

- Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP)  
[\(www.ite.edu.sg/secondary-school-  
students/admissions/entry- qualifications/gce-n-level/for-  
gce-n-students-jie-h/\)](http://www.ite.edu.sg/secondary-school-students/admissions/entry- qualifications/gce-n-level/for-gce-n-students-jie-h/)
- Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)  
[\(pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/index.html\)](http://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/index.html)

## 8. Promotion to Sec 5N(A)

Sec 4N(A) students can be promoted to Sec 5N(A) if they satisfy **all** the following criteria:

- (a) Sat for the GCE N(A)-Level Examination in 2025;
- (b) Obtained an ELMAB3 aggregate score of 19 points or less (excluding bonus points); and
- (c) Obtained at least an N(A)-Level Grade 51 for all subjects used in the computation of ELMAB3;

Sec 5N(A) students are to offer a minimum of five O-Level subjects in total across their Sec 4N(A) and 5N(A) years, which must include all the compulsory subjects. For example, a student who offered 2 O-Level subjects at Sec 4N(A) (e.g. English and Mathematics) will need to offer a minimum of 3 other O-Level subjects at Sec 5N(A) (i.e. outside of English and Mathematics in this example).

This is to ensure meaningful engagement in Sec 5N(A) and consider students' post-secondary articulation opportunities.

## 9. Progression to DPP

Sec 4N(A) students may consider enrolling into two-year Higher Nitec courses at ITE through the DPP. DPP students who successfully complete their Higher Nitec courses and attain the minimum qualifying Grade Point Average (GPA) are subsequently guaranteed a place in a polytechnic diploma course mapped to their Higher Nitec course.

Sec 4N(A) students may apply for the DPP if they satisfy all the following criteria:

- (a) Sat for their GCE N(A)-Level Examination in 2025 as school candidates;
- (b) Obtained a raw ELMAB3 aggregate score of 19 points or less<sup>4</sup> (excluding CCA bonus points); and
- (c) Met subject-specific entry requirements for each course, as state in  
<https://www.ite.edu.sg/secondary-school-students/ite-full-time-courses/higher-nitec-for-dpp>

Following the release of the GCE N(A)-Level results in December 2025, eligible students may apply for the DPP online via the ITE website (<https://www.ite.edu.sg>). Successful applicants will be required to attend a 10-week preparatory course prior to commencing their *Higher Nitec* courses.

More information can be found at <https://www.ite.edu.sg/secondary-school-students/ite-full-time-courses/higher-nitec-for-dpp>.

# 10. Progression to PFP

The PFP is a foundation programme conducted over two academic semesters at the polytechnics by polytechnic lecturers. Students who pass all modules in the one-year PFP will progress to the first year of a posted diploma course in the same polytechnic. Starting from the 2026 intake, students will be admitted to the PFP in 3 broad clusters, except for specialized diploma programmes which students may apply directly to.

Sec 4N(A) students may apply for the PFP if they satisfy **all** the following criteria:

- (a) Sat for their GCE N(A)-Level Examination in 2025 as school candidates;
- (b) Obtained a raw ELMAB3 aggregate score of 12 points or less<sup>6</sup> (excluding CCA bonus points); and
- (c) Met the subject-specific entry requirements stated in  
[https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/pfp\\_eligibility.html](https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/pfp_eligibility.html).

Following the release of the GCE O-Level results in January 2026, eligible students may apply for the PFP online via the PFP portal at

[https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/pfp\\_application.html](https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/pfp_application.html). More information can be found at  
<https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/index.html>

# 11. Applying for PFP & DPP

Sec 4N(A) students have the following options in applying for the PFP and DPP:

(a) Students who are only interested in applying for the PFP should first progress to Sec 5N(A), even if they meet the PFP eligibility criteria based on their GCE N(A)- Level results in December 2025. They may then apply for the PFP upon release of the GCE O-Level results in January 2026. If their application is successful, they will withdraw from Sec 5N(A) by the end of January 2026<sup>7</sup>. All PFP-bound students are required to attend Sec 5N(A) classes in their secondary schools up till the last Friday of January 2026, i.e. 30 January 2026.

(b) Students who are only interested in applying for the DPP should do so once they receive their GCE N(A)-Level results in December 2025. Should they accept a DPP offer, they will not be required to return to their secondary schools for Sec 5N(A).

# 11. Applying for PFP & DPP

(c ) Students who are interested in applying for both the PFP and DPP are encouraged to carefully consider their interests and strengths, as well as the courses offered under both programmes. For more information on the PFP and DPP, as well as the courses offered, students may refer to the PFP website or the DPP website.

One option for students who are interested in both the PFP and DPP is to first progress to Sec 5N(A) and then apply for both the PFP and DPP upon release of the GCE O-Level examination results in January 2026. Students who are offered a place in both the PFP and DPP may only accept one course offer. Students who accept both offers will have both offers voided. If their application to either the PFP or DPP is successful, they will withdraw from Sec 5N(A) by the end of January 2026.

For students who have already applied for and accepted their DPP offer prior to the release of the GCE O-Level examination results, their secondary school will contact them to collect the PFP eligibility form (Form P) if they are eligible for PFP after the release of the GCE O-Level results. Students who decide to apply for and accept their PFP offer in January 2026 will need to withdraw from the DPP course. Applicants can apply for a refund of their DPP enrolment fees, subject to ITE's approval.

## 12. Retention at Sec 4N(A)

14 Sec 4N(A) students are eligible to repeat their GCE N(A)-Level Examination as school candidates if they satisfy all the following criteria:

Obtained an aggregate score:

- (i) Not exceeding 21 points for ELMAB3 (i.e.  $ELMAB3 \leq 21$ ), or
- (ii) Not exceeding 14 points for ELB3 (English Language and best three other subjects, which can include Mathematics) (i.e.  $ELB3 \leq 14$ ), or
- (iii) Not exceeding 14 points for MAB3 (Mathematics and best three other subjects, which can include English Language) (i.e.  $MAB3 \leq 14$ );
- (iv) Sat for the GCE N(A)-Level Examination for the first time in 2025.

All subjects used in the computation of the ELMAB3, ELB3 or MAB3 aggregate score must be at least an N(A)-Level Grade 5. Students who sat for subjects in the GCE O-Level Examination may use their school-based O-Level preliminary examination results to compute their eligibility for retention in Sec 4N(A).

# 13.APPLICATION FOR 5NA OR RETENTION AT 4NA

## Application for 5N(A)

- Students who would like to apply to Sec 5N(A), please fill up the form via the link below by 12 noon, Mon 22 December 2025 and report for school at 7.20 am on Thu January 2026. (Must offer a min of 5 subjects)
- <https://forms.moe.edu.sg/forms/JAzVjj>



## Application for Retention at 4NA

Students who would like to apply to repeat Sec 4N(A), please fill up the form via the link below

by 12 noon, Mon 22 Dec 2025

- <https://forms.moe.edu.sg/forms/JAzVjj>

A HOD will be making arrangements for an interview.

## 14. Administrative Matters – Appeal for Review of Results

- Candidates who do not have strong grounds for appeal should not do so.
- Cost per appeal per subject: \$125 (for individual appeal)
- Collect application form, get endorsement from subject HODs and submit to the school (General Office) with appeal fees by Fri 26 Dec 2025 (12 noon).
- Late applications will not be considered.
- Outcome of appeal is expected to be released to schools by Tue 27 Jan 2026.

## 15. Administrative Matters – Certificate Amendment Request

Candidates may request for a reprint of their current year examination certificate if their name was printed wrongly due to a spelling error and did not reflect the name which they registered for their examination. Other reasons for reprinting certificates will not be accepted.

There is an administrative fee of S\$50.00 (inclusive of GST) for the amendment of each GCE N-Level certificate.

School must email the certificate amendment requests to [seab\\_cs\\_admin@seab.gov.sg](mailto:seab_cs_admin@seab.gov.sg) by **Friday, 26 December 2025, 12.00 pm**. Each request will be reviewed and is subjected to approval.

Any requests received after this date will not be considered.

# 16. Education & Career Guidance (ECG)

Candidates are encouraged to explore the range of education and career pathways available to them to make informed decisions about their next steps. They may refer to the following websites for more information:

- MOE's CourseFinder ([www.moe.gov.sg/coursefinder](http://www.moe.gov.sg/coursefinder)) on offerings and courses in the polytechnics and ITE
- MySkillsFuture Student Portal ([go.gov.sg/mysfsec](http://go.gov.sg/mysfsec)) on education and career pathways

Please approach **Ms Kate Choo**, Education and Career Coach (Singapore Polytechnic), who is positioned at the side of the hall today.

# 16. Education & Career Guidance (ECG)

- For further support and guidance after today, you can make an appointment with our ECG Counsellor, Ms Cheryl, by scanning the QR code or via:  
<https://go.gov.sg/ecg-mscheryl>
- **Note:** This appointment booking link / QR code is for N-Level students only and is different from the appointment booking for ECG Counselling.

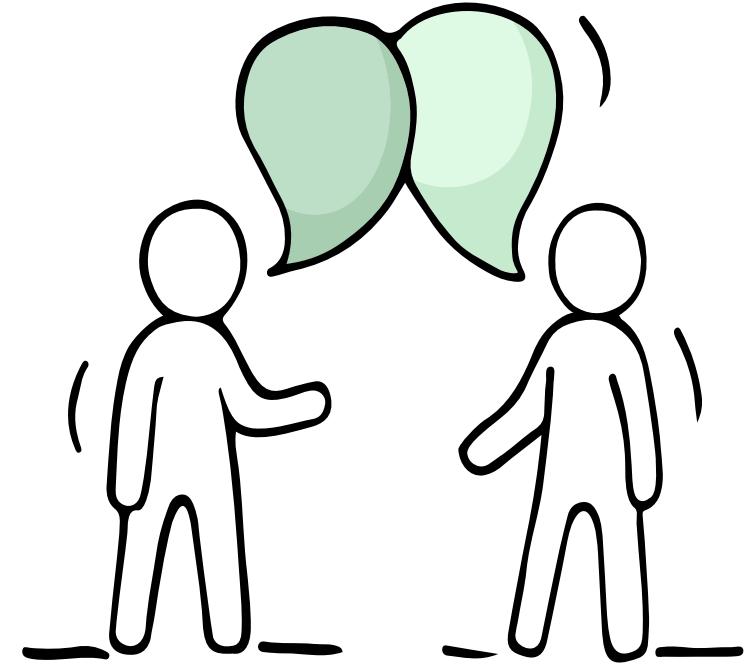


<https://go.gov.sg/ecg-mscheryl>



# Getting Support from the ECG Counsellor

- Making informed decisions is important for a successful transition from school to further education.
- Encourage your students to speak with the ECG Counsellor in school on the possible education and career pathways.
- Alternatively, students can make an ECG counselling appointment via the ECG Centre @ MOE at <https://go.gov.sg/moe-ecg-centre>.



The ECG Centre @ MOE offers online or phone counselling services to GCE N-Level students from **11-26 December 2025** (Weekday: 9.00 am to 5.00 pm; Saturday & Eve of Public Holidays: 9.00 am to 12.00 pm).



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>



# Administrative Matters - Documents to receive from FTs

1. GCE N(A)/N(T) Level Result Slip
2. GCE N(A)/N(T) Level Certificate
3. Form N - Admission to ITE (Apply before deadline)

**Required School-Based Response (for school's monitoring purposes)**

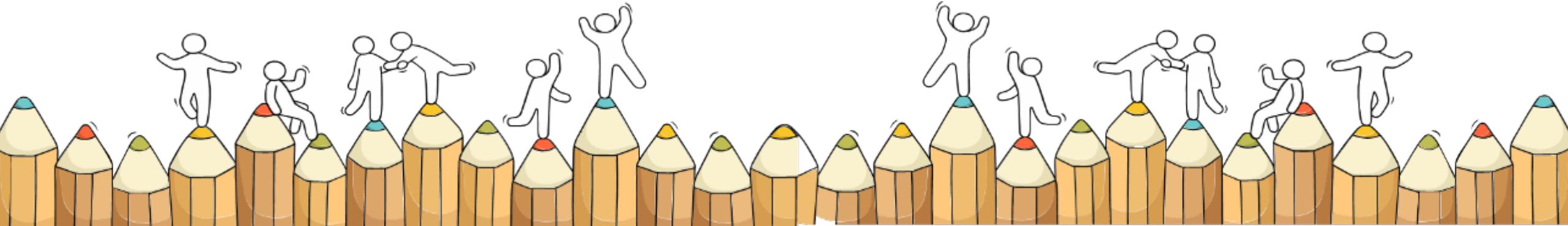
For 4NANT students:

<https://forms.moe.edu.sg/forms/JAzVjj>

12 noon, Mon 22 December 2025



# E: For Students Considering Private Education or Joining Workforce



# The 3Rs when deciding on Private Education

## Reasons

- Why are you furthering your studies?
- What are the job prospects for your preferred course?

## Readiness

- How ready are you to further your studies?
- Can you cope with the academic rigour and assignment deadlines?
- Can you fund your studies?

## Risks

- Do you know the possible drawbacks?
  - Your expected returns may not exceed the investments you put into your private education.
  - Private schools may make exaggerated claims.
  - Private schools may close due to various reasons.
  - You may not get a full refund if you withdraw from your course.



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

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

**School Registration**



Ensure the school is registered with SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG). Review the school's registration period, expiry date and its overall registration track record.

**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

**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.

**Teachers**



Check if the teachers are qualified to teach the course.

**Partnership**



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

**School Premises**



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

**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.

**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.

## 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.



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

- Workforce Skills Qualification courses

The N-Level is not the destination.

It is part of your education journey.

All the Best!

