

DIRECT-ENTRY-SCHEME TO POLYTECHNIC PROGRAMME (DPP)

5 Things You Need to Know

1. What is the DPP?

- Prepares Sec 4N(A) students for progression into selected polytechnic diploma courses via a 2-year *Higher Nitec* programme at ITE, and a 10-week DPP preparatory course
 - Serves as an alternative to Sec 5
- DPP students who meet the minimum qualifying GPA score are guaranteed a place in a polytechnic diploma course mapped to the *Higher Nitec* course. (Refer to <https://jpae.polytechnic.edu.sg/app> for course mapping.)
- About 1,200 places offered across 18 *Higher Nitec* courses

2. Am I eligible for DPP?

- ☐ Sec 4N(A) student who has sat for GCE N-Level exams in 2025
 - ☐ Obtained ELMA3 aggregate of 19 points or less (before deduction of CCA bonus points)
 - ☐ Meet course-specific entry requirements
- ✓ **If you can check all 3 boxes above, you're eligible!** (Note: Eligibility does not guarantee placement.)

If you have offered GCE O-Level examination subjects in 2025, you may refer to this table for the equivalent grade to compute your ELMA3 aggregate:

| GCE O-Level Grade | Converted Grade |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| A1-B3 | 1 |
| B4-C6 | 2 |
| D7 | 3 |
| E8 | 4 |

3. How do I apply?

- Upon release of the GCE N-Level results, all DPP-eligible students may apply for DPP *Higher Nitec* courses via the ITE website (<https://www.ite.edu.sg>).
- You may select up to 12 course choices.
- Remember to provide updated contact details in your application so that ITE can contact you if necessary.

4. How will I know the outcome?

- You should check your DPP posting results online on the morning of the release of the DPP posting results.
- You will then have to indicate if you wish to accept/reject/appeal the offer.
- Your offer will be void if you do not accept the offer by the stipulated date. You will be required to continue with your classes in Sec 5, or with your *Nitec* / *Higher Nitec* course if your application via JIE 'N' is successful

5. What happens next?

Upon accepting your DPP offer, you will attend a 10-week DPP preparatory programme starting from Jan 2026.

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| Release of GCE N-Level Results | DPP Application | Application Processing | Release of DPP Posting Results | Accept/Reject/Appeal | Release of GCE O-Level Results | DPP Application for newly-eligible students | Application Processing | Release of DPP Posting Results | End of DPP Admissions Exercise |
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