



BRIEFING FOR GROUP C – POTENTIAL PFP STUDENTS

PROGRESSION PATHWAYS FOR 4N (ACADEMIC)

No	Item	Eligibility Criteria	Remarks
1	*Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)	ELMAB3 ≤ 12 (Excl CCA pts) + course entry requirement	Apply when O-levels results are released in Jan 2024 : fr 2pm on release day (Day 1) – 4pm on Day 6
2	*Direct-Entry-Scheme to Poly Prog (DPP) – Higher NITEC	ELMAB3 ≤ 19 (Excl CCA pts) + course entry requirement	Application from 2.30pm (Today) – 5pm on 21 Dec (Thurs)
3	Progression to ITE for NITEC / 3-Year Higher Nitec course	Prerequisites & bonus pts stated in booklet	Same as above as DPP
4	Repeat 4NA	ELMAB3 ≤ 21 or ELB3 ≤ 14 or MAB3 ≤ 14 or Other prerequisites	Depends on Vacancy & students need to submit a formal appeal to school
5	Progression to 5NA	ELMAB3 ≤ 19 AND at least a Grade 5 for all subjects used in the computation of ELMAB3	

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EDUCATION

Sec 5 studies less popular as new paths to poly open

Chances of entering poly are better via new courses, say N(A) students who choose them

Pearl Lee

With the introduction of alternative routes to post-secondary education for students in the Normal (Academic) stream, more of them are taking up these options instead of going to Secondary 5.

Data from the Ministry of Education (MOE) showed that before 2012, about 70 per cent of the Sec 4 N(A)-cohorts went on to Sec 5. Sec 5 students take the O-level exams at the end of the one-year programme.

This year, 24.9 per cent of students in the Sec 4 N(A) batch made the cut for Sec 5, but not all of them will pass this course, going by recent trends.

Since the year-long Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP) and the two-year Direct-Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DEPP) began in 2012, the proportion of students moving on to Sec 5 has fallen to 50 per cent.

Students in the two programmes

- which are meant for the better performers - told *The Straits Times* that they had chosen these routes as they gave them a better chance of getting into a polytechnic diploma course.

In fact, almost all students who completed the PFP and about 60 per cent of those who finished the DEPP made it into the polytechnics.

Top N(A) students, who receive a

score of not more than 11 points, with at least a grade three for both English and mathematics in their N levels, are eligible for the PFP.

They go on to the polytechnics to do a one-year preparatory course that covers English, mathematics, and domain-specific modules such as life sciences or physics.

If they pass all their modules, they will move on to the first year of

their chosen diploma course.

Each year, about 1,200 places are offered.

The PFP, which takes in students in April, took in its third batch of about 1,000 students this year, a number similar to its second batch. It had 837 students for its pioneer batch.

Lee Jing Hui, 17, who is in the PFP in Singapore Polytechnic (SP), sees

the programme as a stepping stone. The former Koo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School student, who dreams of flying a plane one day, hopes to enter the aerospace engineering diploma course next year.

He said: "Here, we do a lot of group work and projects. There are more hands-on activities and

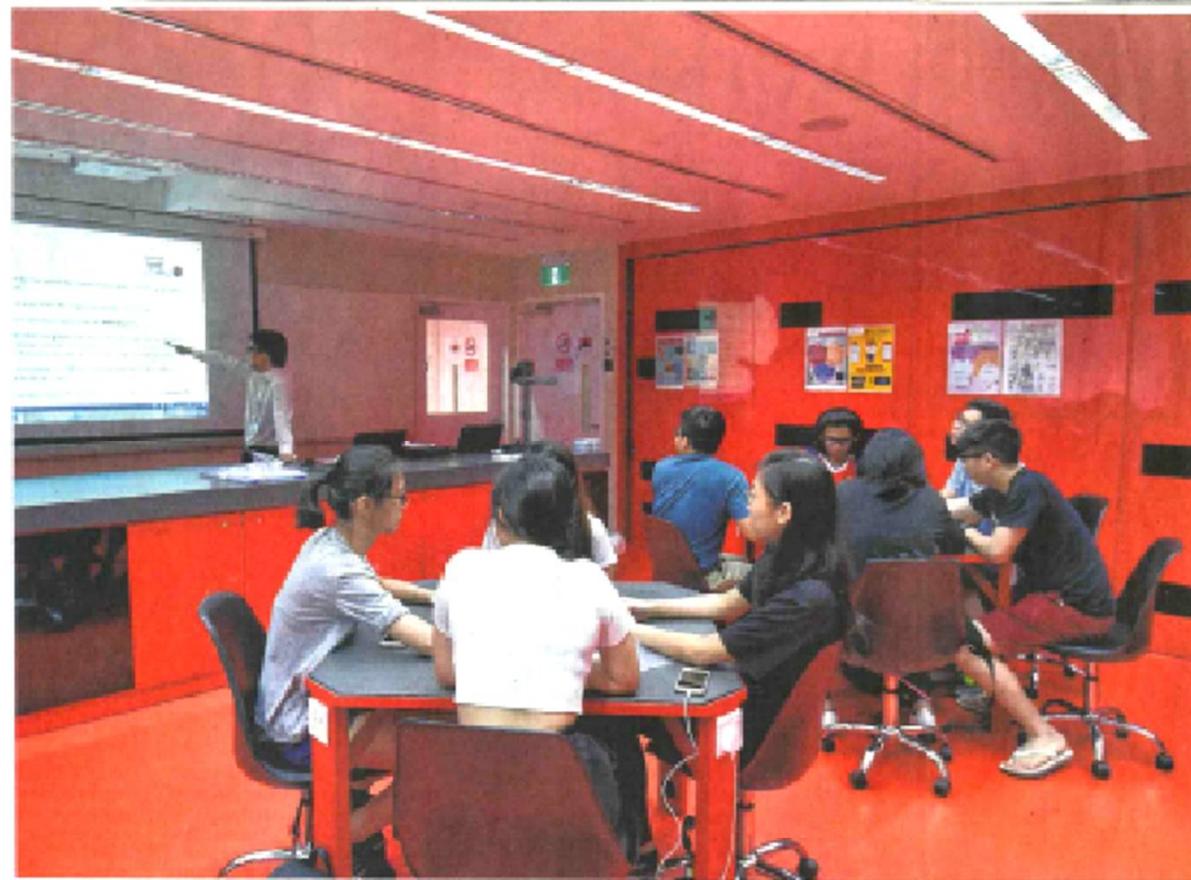
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SAFETY NETS IN PLACE

We monitor borderline cases in three ways: remedial sessions, counsellelling them and working with their parents, and giving them personal tuition.



MR PATRICK PHAM, Singapore Poly's vice-chair for the PFP course



Singapore Polytechnic's Mr Patrick Pham uses pop quizzes and friendly competitions to engage students in the Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP). Normal (Academic) students in the year-long PFP skip the O levels and go straight to polytechnic. PHOTO: DETS VINOD JR FOR THE STRAITS TIMES

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Beyond N levels

More applying for poly entry programmes

1st scheme lets top students gain direct entry;
2nd one requires two-year stint at ITE first

Yuen Sin

Schemes that provide alternative routes for N-level students to gain entry to polytechnic – instead of moving on to Secondary 5 to sit the O levels – have been attracting more applications since they were first launched in 2012.

Since 2013, the proportion of eligible students who applied for the year-long Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) has grown by 10 per cent.

The proportion of those who applied for the year-long Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP) has grown by 5 per cent over the same period, said the Ministry of Education (MOE).

These schemes are reserved for Normal (Academic) students who have done well in their N levels.

Madam Sung Mee Har, principal of Heng Kah Secondary School, said that most of her students who were offered a chance to go for the PFP will take it up.

"In the past, everyone will choose

to move on to Sec 5 if they can, because that was how they could get a place in polytechnic. But that has changed," she said.

Top N(A) students, who receive a score of not more than 11 points in their N levels and have at least a grade three for both English and mathematics, are eligible for the PFP.

They go on to the polytechnics to do a one-year preparatory course, taught by polytechnic lecturers, that covers English, mathematics, and domain-specific modules such as life sciences or physics. If they pass all their modules, they will move on to the first year of their chosen diploma course.

Temasek Polytechnic student Chew Harris Rezal opted for the PFP when he scored 11 points for his N levels in 2012.

"My learning style is more hands-on and practical so I thought I'd prefer the PFP over Sec 5," said Mr Chew, 20, who is in his final year of an infocomm and network engineering diploma course.

Like the PFP, the DPP guarantees students a place in a polytechnic if they meet the qualifying grade. N(A) students are eligible for the DPP if they score not more than 19 points, with at least grade four for

English and mathematics, in the N-level exams.

Under the DPP, students spend two years in a Higher Nitec course at the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) and are guaranteed a spot in a polytechnic if they meet the minimum grade point average, which is between 2.5 and 3. This year, about 1,000 students have been admitted to the DPP, similar to the past few years.

The students attend a 10-week preparatory course, starting in January, that covers oral and communication skills and topics such as maths and business. They then go on to the Higher Nitec course, which begins in April.

Poh Jia Qi, 17, was one of those who chose to go for the DPP when he got his N-level results last year. He is now doing a Higher Nitec course in information technology at ITE College West, and said that he enjoys the change of pace from a secondary school timetable.

"Most of our assignments are completed in school and we do more practical tasks, like coding and setting up a router," said Jia Qi, who hopes to study information technology in polytechnic.

The MOE said that most of students in the DPP have completed

the programme and obtained a Higher Nitec, and a "significant proportion" of them have moved on to polytechnics, though it did not give specific figures. Most of the students in the PFP have also moved on to polytechnics.

Students who fail the PFP are not allowed to repeat. They may apply for the ITE's Higher Nitec programmes, approach their secondary schools for readmission in the following year or take the O-level exams as private candidates.

Dr Mike Cheong, assistant director of foundation and general studies at Nanyang Polytechnic, said that many PFP students have outperformed their O-level peers. Measures that the school has in place to help students cope with studies include providing remedial lessons and assigning mentors, who counseled students to PFP classes.

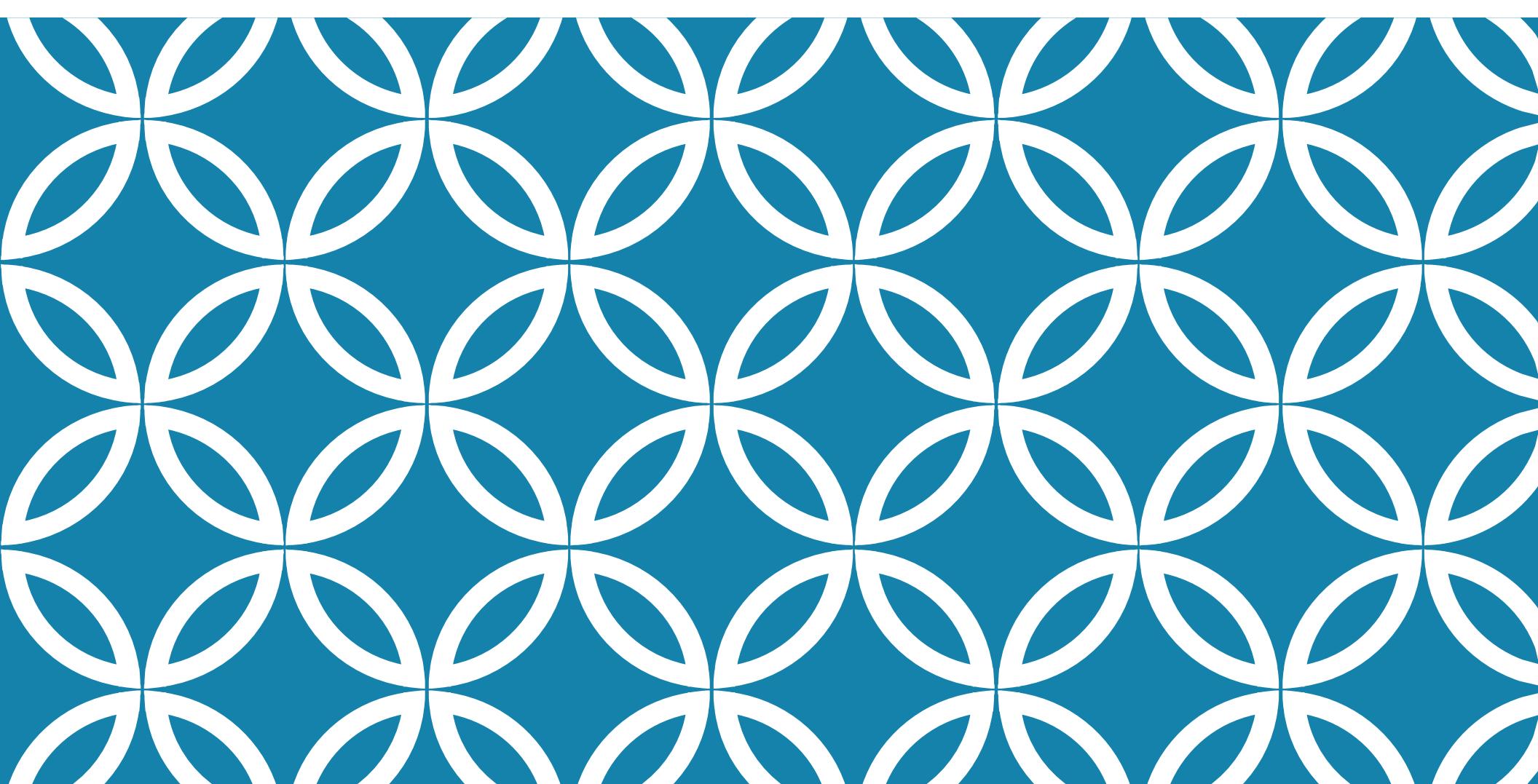
Mr Lee Ming Yaw, principal of Mayflower Secondary School, lauded the introduction of the PFP and DPP schemes, saying that it "has played a significant role in motivating the N(A) students to work hard for their N levels because the pathways are available only to students in their stream".

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CHANGE OF PACE WELCOME
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POH JIA QI, 17, a Higher Nitec student at ITE College West who hopes to move on to an information technology diploma course as part of the DPP.



POLYTECHNIC FOUNDATION PROGRAMME (PFP)



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Essential Things You Need to Know

1. What is the PFP?

- A foundation year at the polytechnics that:
 - Prepares well-performing Sec 4N(A) students for entry into relevant polytechnic diploma courses
 - Serves as an alternative to Sec 5
- Conducted over two academic semesters at the polytechnics
- Students must pass all PFP modules in order to progress to their respective, pre-selected diploma courses.

2. Am I Eligible for PFP 2024?

You are eligible for the PFP if you:

- Sat for GCE N-Level exams as a school candidate in 2023
- Have obtained an ELMAB3 aggregate of 12 points or less (before deduction of CCA bonus points)
- Met subject-specific entry requirements as listed on the PFP portal

If you can check all 3 boxes above, you're eligible!

(Note: Eligibility does not guarantee you a place in a PFP course)

If you had offered GCE O-Level examination subjects in 2023, you may refer to this table for the equivalent grade to compute your ELMAB3 aggregate:

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

3. How do I Apply?

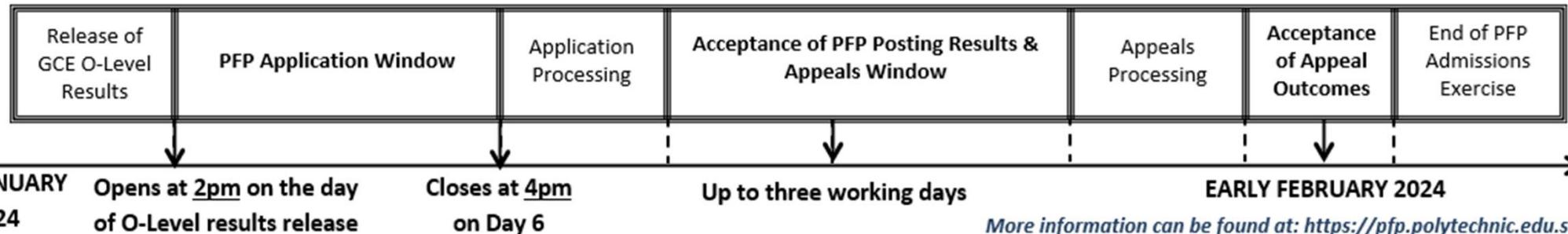
- Upon release of the GCE O-Level results, all PFP-eligible students will receive Form P containing a PFP PIN that allows them to apply for the PFP at this [link](#).
 - You may select up to five course choices.
 - Remember to provide updated contact details in your application to allow the polytechnics to contact you if necessary.
- (Note: You should continue to attend Sec 5 from 2 January 2024 while applying for PFP.)

4. How Will I be Informed of the Outcome?

- You should log in to the PFP portal to check your application outcomes on the day of PFP posting results release.
- You will then have to indicate if you wish to accept/reject/appeal the offer.
- If you do not select any option, your offer will become invalid and you will be required to continue with your classes in Sec 5/DPP.
(Note: If your appeal is successful, your original offer will be voided, regardless of whether you accept the new PFP offer.)

5. What Happens Next?

- If you accept your offer, you will receive an enrolment package from the polytechnics in February/March 2024.
- The PFP year will start in April 2024.

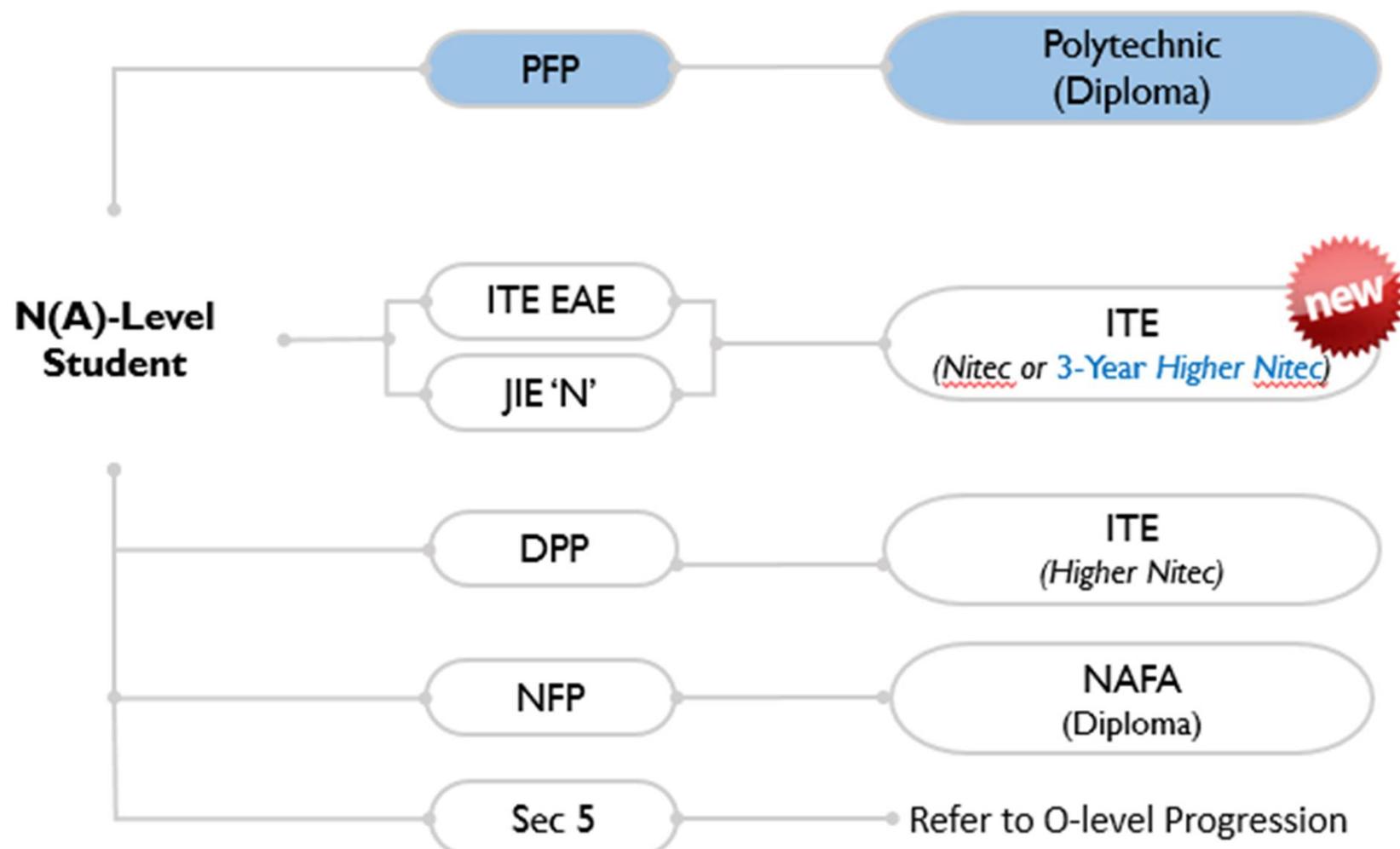


Polytechnic : Merit Based Admission (PFP)

Where am I now?

What can I apply for?

Where do I want to go?



What is PFP?

- **1 Year Foundation Programme +
3 Years Diploma Programme**
- Offered by **5 Polys**
- About **80% of diploma course** offerings

Why consider PFP?

- **Suited for applied learning** in the form of a polytechnic education
- Identify and select **courses based on interests, aptitudes and future career plans**
- Discuss options with teachers, parents and seniors.

PFP: Application

When?

- **Jan 2024** (upon release of O Level results)

Who?

- Eligible students will receive **Form P** where PFP courses are listed

How?

- Application is done online through PFP website

PFP: Eligibility

- ELMAB3 aggregate of **Gross / Raw 12 points** and better
- Excluding CCA bonus points; and
- Subject Entry Requirements

Eligibility **does not** guarantee placement in a PFP course.

Dependent on vacancies and open competition with other applicants based on merit.



CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

IMPT: PLEASE NOTE

The current status PFP-eligibility is the students' own responsibility of checking her N-Level achievement against the stated PFP criteria.

The final PFP-eligible students will be confirmed ONLY upon the release of Jan GCE O-Level results where MOE will issue each student a Form P for PFP application.

There may be girls who may ultimately NOT be eligible for PFP and vice versa.

All girls are advised to apply for DPP first.

Minimum Course-Specific Requirements

For Courses featured in Group 1

Minimum Required
Grades

English Language Syllabus A

3

Mathematics (Syllabus A / Additional)

3

One of the following relevant subjects:

- Design and Technology
- Food and Nutrition
- Science (Chemistry, Biology)
- Science (Physics, Biology)
- Science (Physics, Chemistry)

Please check now

3

Any two other subjects excluding CCA

4

Minimum Course-Specific Requirements

For Courses featured in Group 2	Minimum Required Grades
English Language Syllabus A	2
Mathematics (Syllabus A / Additional)	3
One of the following relevant subjects: -Principles of Accounts -Literature in English -History -Combined Humanities -Geography -Art	3
Any two other subjects excluding CCA	4

Check out the course grouping and Net ELMAB3 Range for PFP 2023 on the PFP website

Course Group	Poly	Course Code	Course Name	Course Group	Course Category	Net ELMAB3 Range for PFP2023
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	NP	N59	Biomedical Science	1	Applied Sciences	3 to 4
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	NP	N56	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	1	Applied Sciences	4 to 6
Course Category	NP	N15	Common Science Programme	1	Applied Sciences	4 to 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applied Sciences	NP	N74	Environmental & Water Technology	1	Applied Sciences	7 to 7
<input type="checkbox"/> Built Environment	NP	N57	Landscape Design & Horticulture	1	Applied Sciences	5 to 10
<input type="checkbox"/> Business & Management	NP	N73	Pharmaceutical Science	1	Applied Sciences	3 to 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	NYP	C45	Applied Chemistry	1	Applied Sciences	3 to 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Sciences	NYP	C49	Biologics & Process Technology	1	Applied Sciences	5 to 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Humanities	NYP	C73	Chemical & Pharmaceutical Technology	1	Applied Sciences	5 to 6
<input type="checkbox"/> Information & Digital Technologies	NYP	C67	Common Science Programme	1	Applied Sciences	5 to 6
<input type="checkbox"/> Maritime Studies						
<input type="checkbox"/> Media & Design						
Polytechnic						
<input type="checkbox"/> Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP)						
<input type="checkbox"/> Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP)						
<input type="checkbox"/> Republic Polytechnic (RP)						
<input type="checkbox"/> Singapore Polytechnic (SP)						
<input type="checkbox"/> Temasek Polytechnic (TP)						

https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/pfp_courses.html

PFP: Computation of 'O' Level Grade

- Allowed to combine both 'N'- and 'O'-Level examination results
- If a student takes the same subject at both 'N' and 'O' Levels, only the better grade will be computed into his or her aggregate.

O Level Grade	Aggregate Point for PFP
A1 – B3	1
B4 – C6	2
D7	3
E8	4

The O-Level grades of E8 and 9 will not be considered for computation of the ELMAB3 aggregate score

OPTIONS FOR 4(NA) STUDENTS

Apply for PFP only

Apply for DPP only

Apply for both DPP &
PFP

APPLY FOR PFP ONLY

- Given Form P if eligible
- **Report to PL on 2 Jan for Sec 5** (Being eligible for the PFP does not guarantee placement into a PFP course)
- Apply for PFP upon release of O level results
- If successful & accept offer, withdraw from Sec 5 – last day **26 Jan 2024**

APPLY FOR DPP ONLY

- Given Form N if eligible
- Apply for DPP on release of N(A) results,
from 18 – 21 Dec.
- If successful & accept offer, **no need to report to PL on 2 Jan.**
- If you **do not have a confirmed place in DPP**, but are eligible for progression to Sec 5, you should **report to PL on 2 Jan 2023 (Tues)** to continue with Sec 5 (pending application & acceptance of PFP).

APPLY FOR DPP & PFP (NOT INTERESTED IN SEC 5)

- Apply for DPP on release of N(A) results, from 18–21 Dec.
- Given Form N if eligible
- If successful & accept offer, start 10-week DPP prep prog in ITE on 8 Jan 2024
- **No need to report to PL on 2 Jan**
- Upon release of O level results, apply for PFP if given Form P
- If successful, withdraw from DPP & apply for refund of fees (subjected to ITE's approval).

APPLY FOR DPP & PFP (PROGRESS TO SEC 5 FIRST)

- No need to do anything in December
- **Report to PL on 2 Jan for Sec 5**
- Upon release of O level results, apply for DPP & PFP concurrently
- If successful in DPP or PFP, withdraw from Sec 5 – last day 26 Jan 2024

Important : If you do not apply for DPP in the **first phase (Dec 2023)**, the number of vacancies open to you in the **second phase (Jan 2024)** will be very **limited**.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR PFP?

Upon release of the GCE O-Level results in Jan 2024, eligible students will receive a copy of '**Form P**', which includes:

- i. Students' computed **raw ELMAB3 aggregate scores** (excluding CCA points);
- ii. The **list of PFP courses** that students are eligible to apply for; and
- iii. A **unique PIN code**, which students should use to create their application accounts on the PFP portal at
<https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/index.html>

HOW DO I APPLY FOR PFP?

Submit an application online via the PFP Portal at
<https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/index.html>

Application window : 2.00 pm on day of release of GCE O-Level results (Day 1) until 4.00 pm on Day 6 as the last day for application.

Select up to 5 choices

Provide updated contact details in case the polytechnic wishes to contact you

POSTING RESULTS

Posting results will be released on the PFP portal **7 days** after the close of the application window.

Log in to the PFP portal to check your application outcome.

You'll receive a SMS reminder on the morning of the release of the PFP posting results

3 working days to decide whether to

- a) **Accept** the offer;
- b) **Reject** your offer and continue with Sec 5/DPP; or
- c) **Appeal** for a change of course through the PFP Portal

POSTING RESULTS

Students must indicate their decision to accept / reject / appeal in the PFP portal. An email acknowledgement will be sent once you have successfully selected one of the options above.

Failure to indicate their decision in the PFP system by the deadline will result in their PFP offers lapsing, i.e. the student would be deemed to have rejected the PFP offer and will continue with their classes in Sec 5/DPP instead.

Hence, students should email the PFP helpdesk (help@pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg) if they do not receive the acknowledgement emails to avoid the possibility of their offers being lapsed.

APPEALS

CHECK YOUR RESULTS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE APPEALS WINDOW.

Students who are successful will have 3 working days to accept or reject their new PFP offer, following which the offer will be voided.

The original PFP offer will be voided, regardless of whether the student accepts the new PFP offer.

Students who are unsuccessful in their appeal will retain their original offer. They will have 3 working days to accept or reject this offer, following which the offer will be voided.

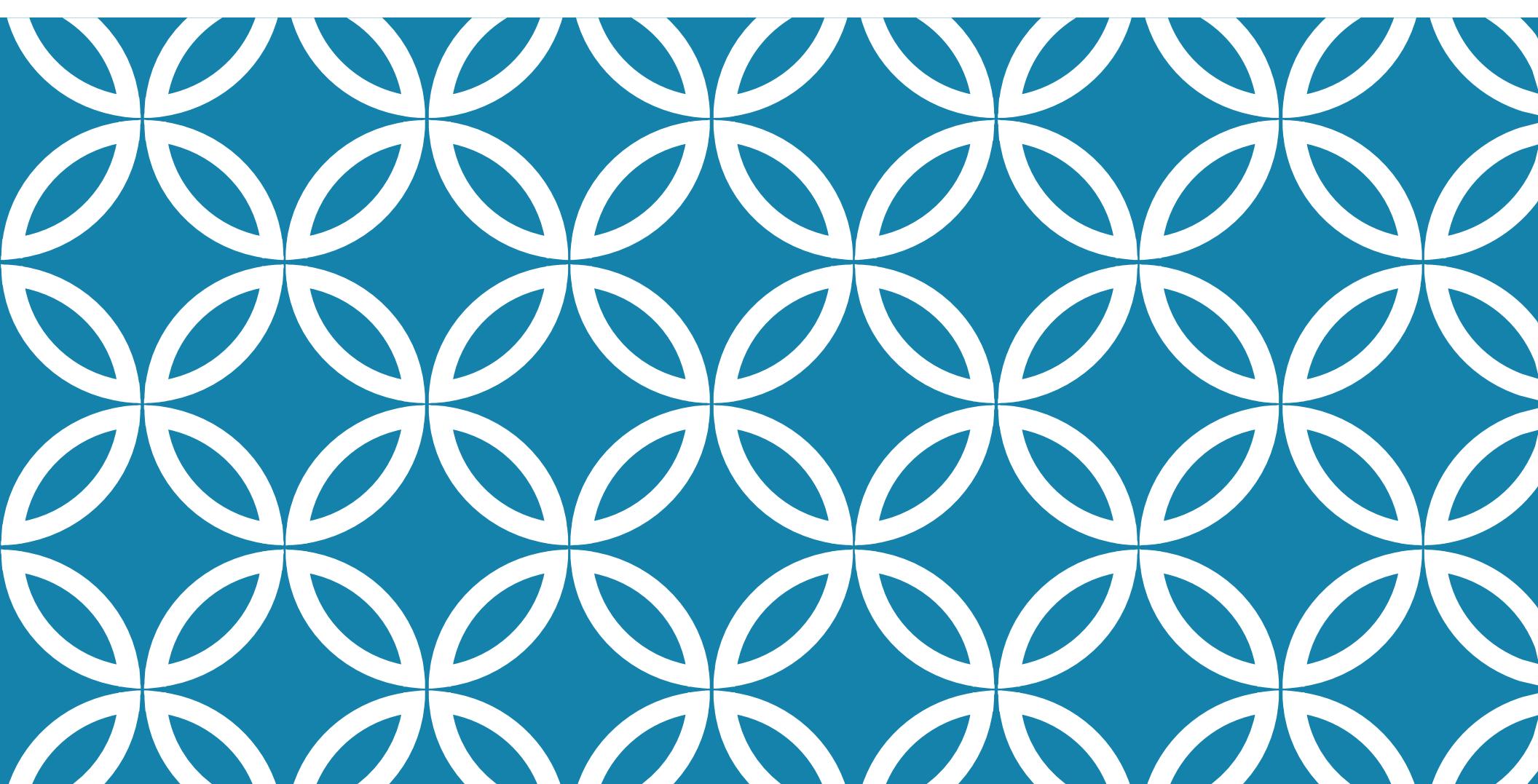
Students who are unsuccessful in their appeal and did not have an original offer could receive a posting to a PFP course that they are eligible for (***but did not apply for***). They will have 3 working days to accept or reject this offer, following which the offer will be voided.

This arrangement is subject to available vacancies and students meeting the subject-specific requirements of the PFP courses.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

If you accept the offer, you will receive an enrolment package from Polys in Feb/March 2024.

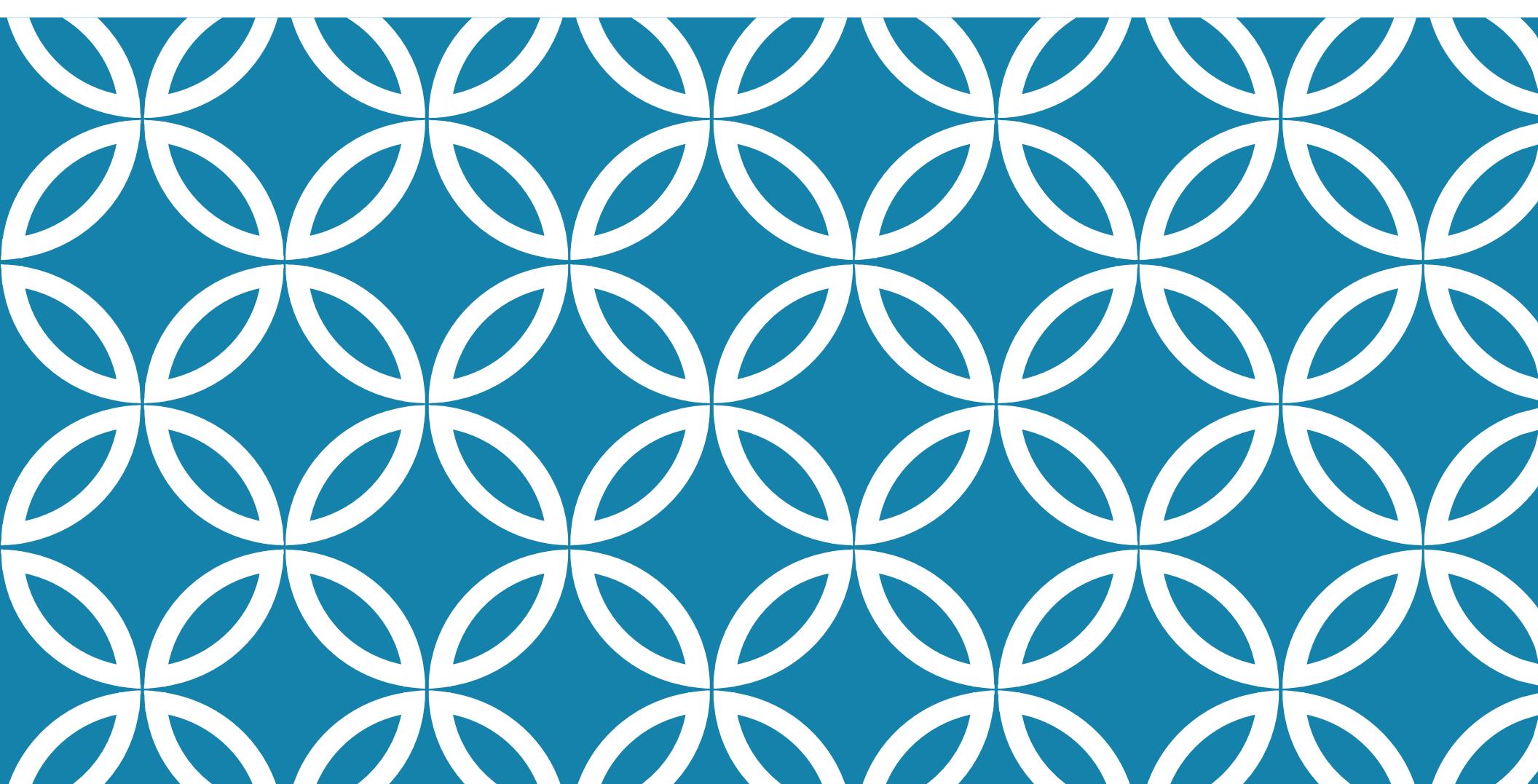
PFP will begin in April 2024, together with the rest of the diploma programmes at the polytechnics.



PFP STUDY AWARDS

PFP Study Awards

	Application	Eligibility
TP		Outstanding EMB3 at the GCE N-Level Exams & Excellent CCA records Good character and conduct
NYP	By invitation after N Levels	ELMAB3 of ≤ 7 points & Excellent CCA records
NP		Good N Level Results & Leadership Qualities
SP		Outstanding ELMAB3 & Excellent CCA records
RP	Before N Levels	Prelim Results ELMAB3 ≤ 10 & Excellent CCA Grade Get a conditional offer before N Levels



DPP: ITE *HIGHER NITEC*

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://www.ite.edu.sg/admissions/full-time-courses/higher-nitec-dpp> 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 2023
 - Obtained ELMAB3 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: Being eligible to apply does not guarantee you a place in a DPP Higher Nitec course.)

If you have offered GCE O-Level examination subjects in 2023, you may refer to this table for the equivalent grade to compute your ELMAB3 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 be informed of 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* 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 2024.

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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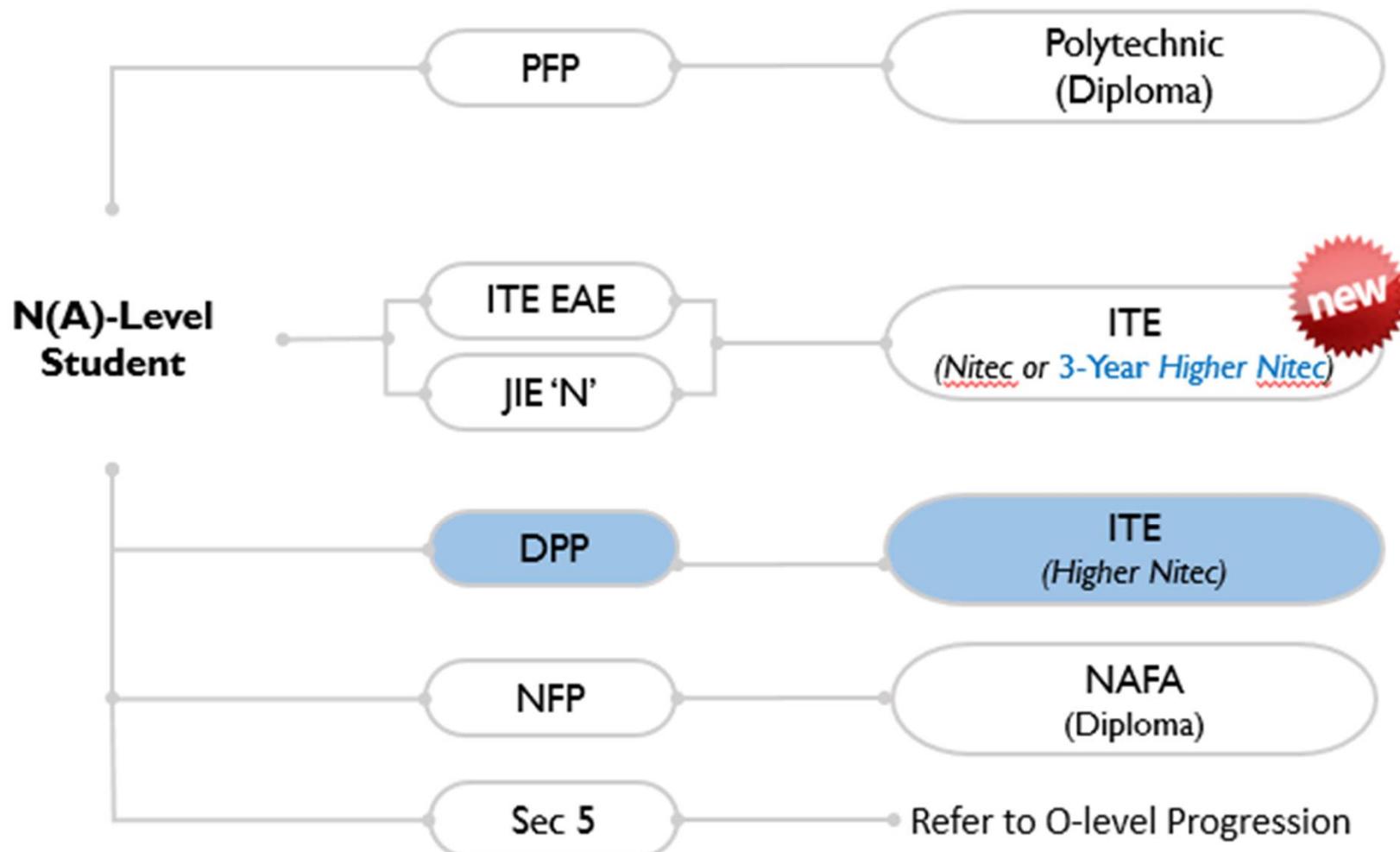
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ITE: Merit Based Admission (DPP)

Where am I now?

What can I apply for?

Where do I want to go?



What is DPP?

- Prepares students for progression into selected polytechnic diploma courses without going through the O-Levels.
- It is via a **two-year *Higher Nitec*** programme at the ITE.
- Students who met the minimum qualifying Grade Point Average (GPA) are **guaranteed** a place in a polytechnic diploma course mapped to their *Higher Nitec* course.

DPP: Application

When?

- **Dec 2023** (upon release of N Level results)
- **Jan 2024** (upon release of O Level results) for newly eligible students

Who?

- Eligible students will receive **Form N** where DPP courses are listed

How?

- Application is done online through ITE website

DPP: Eligibility

- ELMAB3 aggregate of **Gross / Raw 19 points** or better
- Excluding **CCA bonus points**; and
- Minimum Subject Grades

DPP: Minimum Subject Grades

For Applied Sciences, Engineering and Info-Communications Technology courses:

GCE N-Level subjects	Minimum Required Grades
English Language Syllabus A	4
Mathematics (Syllabus A/ Additional)	4
Any three other subjects excluding CCA	5

For Business & Services courses:

GCE N-Level subjects	Minimum Required Grades
English Language Syllabus A	3
Mathematics (Syllabus A/ Additional)	4
Any three other subjects excluding CCA	5

DPP: Computation of 'O' Level Grade

- Allowed to combine both 'N'- and 'O'-Level examination results
- Only the better grade will be computed

O Level Grade	Aggregate Point for DPP
A1 – B3	1
B4 – C6	2
D7	3
E8	4

NOTE:

Students are also advised to note
that eligibility to apply for the DPP
does not guarantee
placement in a DPP course.

POLYTECHNIC DIPLOMA COURSE MAPPED TO DPP COURSES

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Mapping of Higher Nitec Courses to Polytechnic Diploma Courses

Students admitted to 2-year Higher Nitec DPP courses in AY2022 are guaranteed a place in one of the polytechnic diploma courses¹ mapped to their Higher Nitec course shown below, provided they meet the following minimum qualifying GPA scores upon completion of their 2-year Higher Nitec course:

2-year Higher Nitec DPP Course ^[2]	Mapped Polytechnic Courses for articulation from 2-year Higher Nitec DPP Course	Poly	Minimum Qualifying GPA for Year-1 Entry ^[3]
Applied Sciences			
Bio-Chemical Technology (Course merger of Higher Nitec in Biotechnology and Higher Nitec in Chemical Technology, with effect from Jan 2024.)	Applied Chemistry	NYP	2.5
	Biologics & Process Technology	NYP	2.5
	Chemical & Pharmaceutical Technology	NYP	2.5
	Common Science Programme	NYP	2.5
	Food Science & Nutrition	NYP	2.5
	Pharmaceutical Science	NYP	2.5
	Applied Chemistry	RP	2.5
	Biomedical Science	RP	2.5
	Biotechnology	RP	2.5

Upon release of the GCE ‘N’ (Academic) Level results, Secondary 4 ‘N’ (Academic) students may apply for the Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) based on their GCE ‘N’ (Academic) Level final examination results and school-based ‘O’-Level preliminary examination results (if applicable). Students can also combine their GCE ‘N’ (Academic) Level results and school-based ‘O’ Level preliminary examination results to apply for the DPP. Successful applicants will enrol in ITE in January 2024 for a 10-week preparatory course, before joining the 2-year *Higher Nitec* course in April 2024. In order to be assured of a place in the polytechnics, students must meet the qualifying 2-year *Higher Nitec* GPA shown in the Table below.

Qualifying 2-Year *Higher Nitec* GPA for Progression to Polytechnics under DPP

Courses	Progress to first-year in relevant Polytechnic Diploma course*	Progress to second-year in relevant Polytechnic Diploma course*
Applied Sciences 2-year <i>Higher Nitec</i> Courses[#]	ITE raw GPA \geq 2.5 points (excluding CCA bonus points [^])	N.A.
Engineering or Info- Communications Technology 2-year <i>Higher Nitec</i> Courses[#]	ITE raw GPA \geq 2.5 points (excluding CCA bonus points [^])	ITE raw GPA \geq 3.5 points (excluding CCA bonus points [^])
Business & Services 2-year <i>Higher Nitec</i> Courses	ITE raw GPA \geq 3.0 points (excluding CCA bonus points [^])	N.A.

GRADING SYSTEM IN POLY

Module Grade	Descriptor on Transcript / Exam Result Slip	% Range (Marks)	Grade Point*
DIST	: Distinction (to be awarded by the Examinations Board)	> 80	4.0
A	: Excellent	≥ 80	4.0
B+	: Very Good	75 to < 80	3.5
B	: Good	70 to < 75	3.0
C+	: Good Credit	65 to < 70	2.5
C	: Credit	60 to < 65	2.0
D+	: Good Pass	55 to < 60	1.5
D	: Pass	50 to < 55	1.0
D-	: Subsidiary Pass	-	0.5
P	: Non-Graded Pass	-	0.5
F	: Fail	-	0.0
ABS	: Absent	-	0.0
UP	: Pass in a Module which has no grade point	-	N.A.
UF	: Fail in a Module which has no grade point	-	N.A.
EX	: Exempted	-	N.A.

Poly Yr 2
(engin/info-com)

Poly Yr 1

WHY CONSIDER DPP?

- APPLIED LEARNING

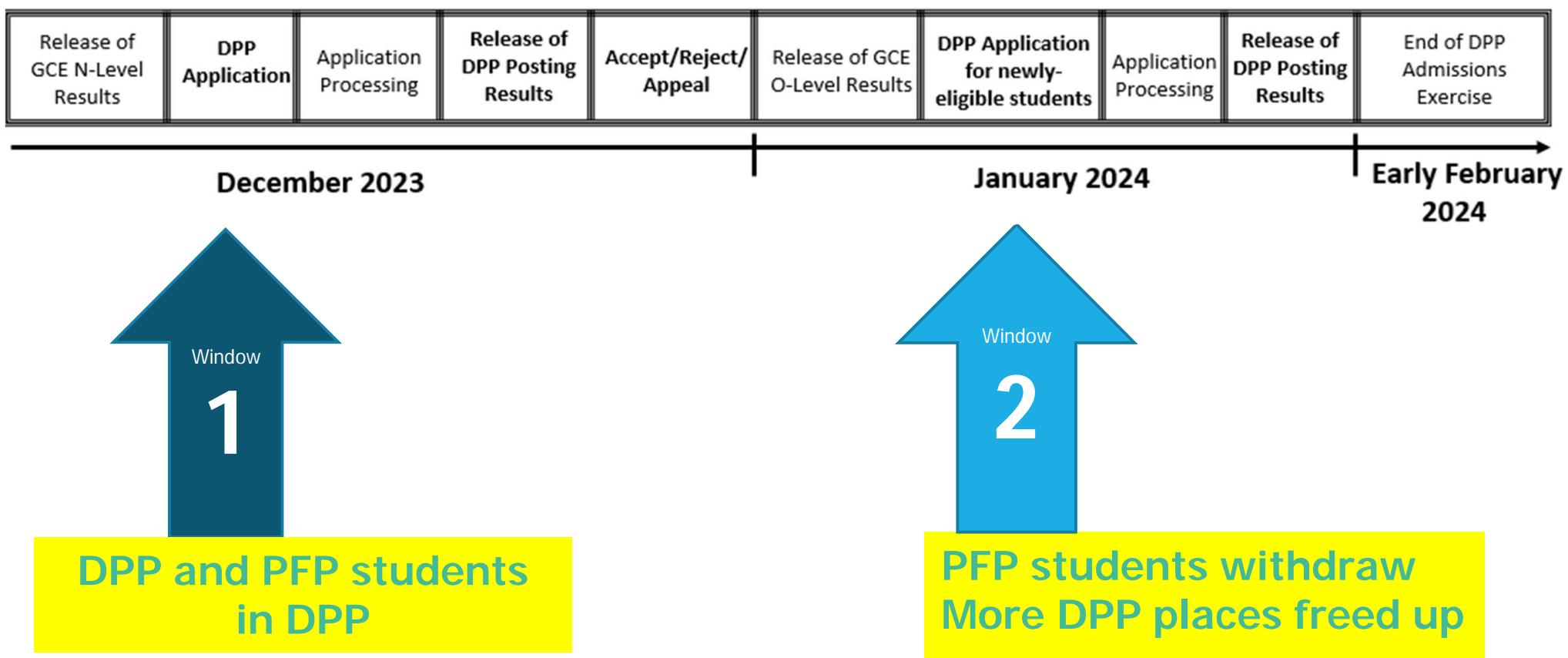
Module-based GPA grading system

- Tailored for students who prefer **varied learning modes** across the academic year.
- **Bite-sized assessments** contribute to final GPA grade, as compared to one seating of National examinations.
- **Industry-specific** so you can pursue your passions immediately.



WHY CONSIDER DPP?

- 2 DPP APPLICATION WINDOWS



WHY CONSIDER DPP?

- LESS COMPETITION TO GET INTO POLY

O-level
Candidature

~24,000

DPP places

1200

CHOICE OF DPP COURSES

12 choices

- First 3 to 4 choices
- Next 3 to 4 choices
- Remaining choices

PASSION
Practical
Prudent

Look at **Polytechnic courses** (Page 45 to 46) of 2024 Admission Booklet) you are interested in **in the future** and see **which DPP courses can lead you there.**

DPP PHASE 1 APPLICATION

18 DEC 2023 – 21 DEC 2023

PLEASE!/
NOTE

- All DPP-eligible students may submit an application online via the ITE website (<https://www.ite.edu.sg>).

Phase 1 DPP for January 2024 Intake

- Application will open from **Mon 18 Dec 2023 (2.30pm)** to **Thurs 21 Dec 2023 (5pm)**.
- The main application results will be released from **Fri 22 Dec 2023 (from 2pm)**.
- Eligible students are allowed to **submit up to 12 DPP course choices** in their application.
- Please refer to following for timelines
 - 2024 Admission Booklet Page 6 or
 - <https://www.ite.edu.sg/apply-for-ITE-courses/dpp>

DPP PHASE 2 APPEAL

22 DEC 2023 - 27 DEC 2023

Upon receiving DPP Phase 1 posting results on 22 Dec 2023, students will have to indicate in the online system whether they are

- (a) accepting**
- (b) rejecting**
- (c) appealing from 22 Dec to 27 Dec**
- (d) appeal results on 29 Dec (from 9am)**



Please refer to 2024 Admission Booklet Page 6

DPP PHASE 3 APPLICATION MID JAN 2024



After the release of 2023 GCE O-Level results, when PFP candidates withdraw from DPP places

- (a) More spaces freed up**
- (b) Application for DPP courses/Appeal for a different DPP course**
- (c) Appeal results between mid to end Jan 2024**

Please refer to <https://www.ite.edu.sg/apply-for-ITE-courses/dpp> for latest timeline

ALLOCATION OF 1200 DPP PLACES IN 3 DPP PHASES

DPP APPLICATION & Results Release

DPP Phase 1:

Application: 18 – 21 Dec 2023

Results: 22 Dec 2023

DPP Appeal Phase 2:

Application: 22 Dec – 27 Dec 2023

Results: 29 Dec 2023

DPP Phase 3:

Application: Jan 2024* (TBC)

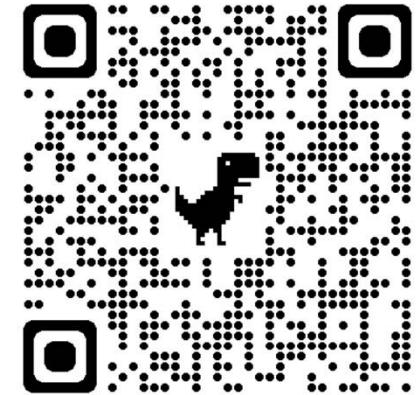
Results: mid to end Jan 2024

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1200 DPP Places

1200 – x
DPP Places

1200 – x – y
DPP Places



<https://www.ite.edu.sg/apply-now/dpp>

Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) (JIE 'H')

Full-Time 2-Year Higher Nitec Courses (Jan 2024 Intake)

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Full-Time Technical Diploma Courses (Apr 2024 Intake)

Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (JIE 'H') (Jan 2024 Intake)

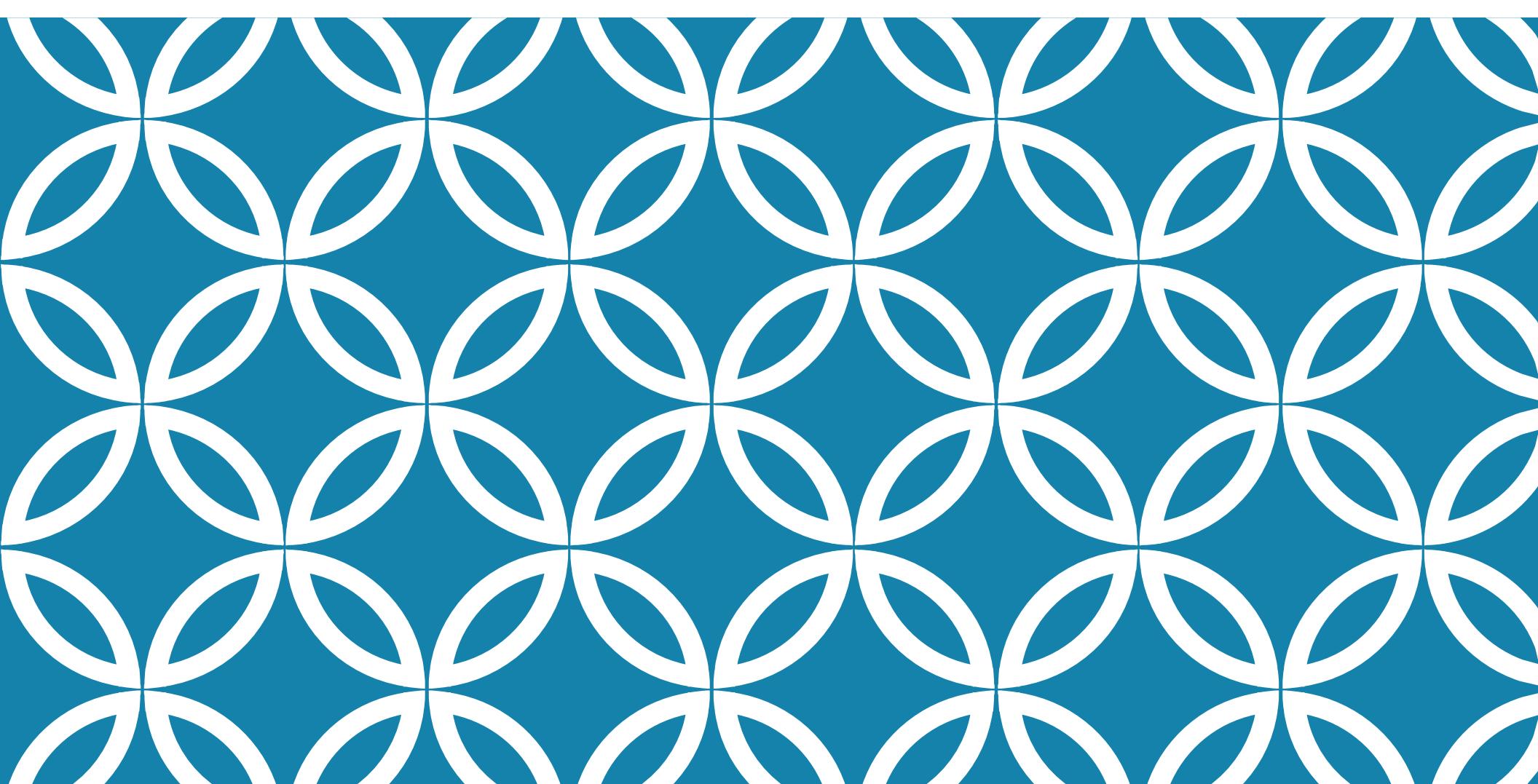
Full-Time 3-Year Higher Nitec / 2-Year Nitec Courses (Jan 2024 Intake)

Full-Time 4-Year Higher Nitec and 3-Year Nitec Courses (JIE 'E') (Jan 2024 Intake)

Application is now open. Submit your application latest by **Thu 21 Dec 2023 (5pm)**.

The Joint Intake Exercise 'H' (JIE 'H') caters to the direct entry of eligible GCE N(A) holders into full-time 2-year *Higher Nitec* courses, under the Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP). JIE 'H' is held in December each year, after the release of the GCE 'N' Level results. Successful applicants will commence their training in January.

Only Sec 4N(A) students of the preceding cohort, i.e. only scores received by Sec 4N(A) students at the GCE 'N' Level examinations in 2023 will be considered for application to the DPP 2024 intake.



FAQS

I am not interested in moving on to Sec 5NA but I am interested in both PFP & DPP.

What should I do, given that application for DPP is in Dec & PFP is in Jan?

I am **NOT** interested in Sec 5NA

**QUESTION: I AM INTERESTED IN BOTH PFP AND DPP.
WHAT SHOULD I DO, GIVEN THAT THE DPP
APPLICATION IS IN DECEMBER AND THE PFP
APPLICATION IS IN JANUARY?**

1. Apply for DPP in Dec 2023
2. Progress to DPP on 8 Jan 2024 (*don't buy uniform yet*)
3. Apply for PFP upon release of the GCE O-Level examination results in Jan 2024

End: Successful in PFP or continue in DPP

if the student is offered a place in both the PFP and DPP,
he/she may only accept one course offer.

Students who accept both offers will have their offers voided.

NOTE THAT FOR PFP & DPP

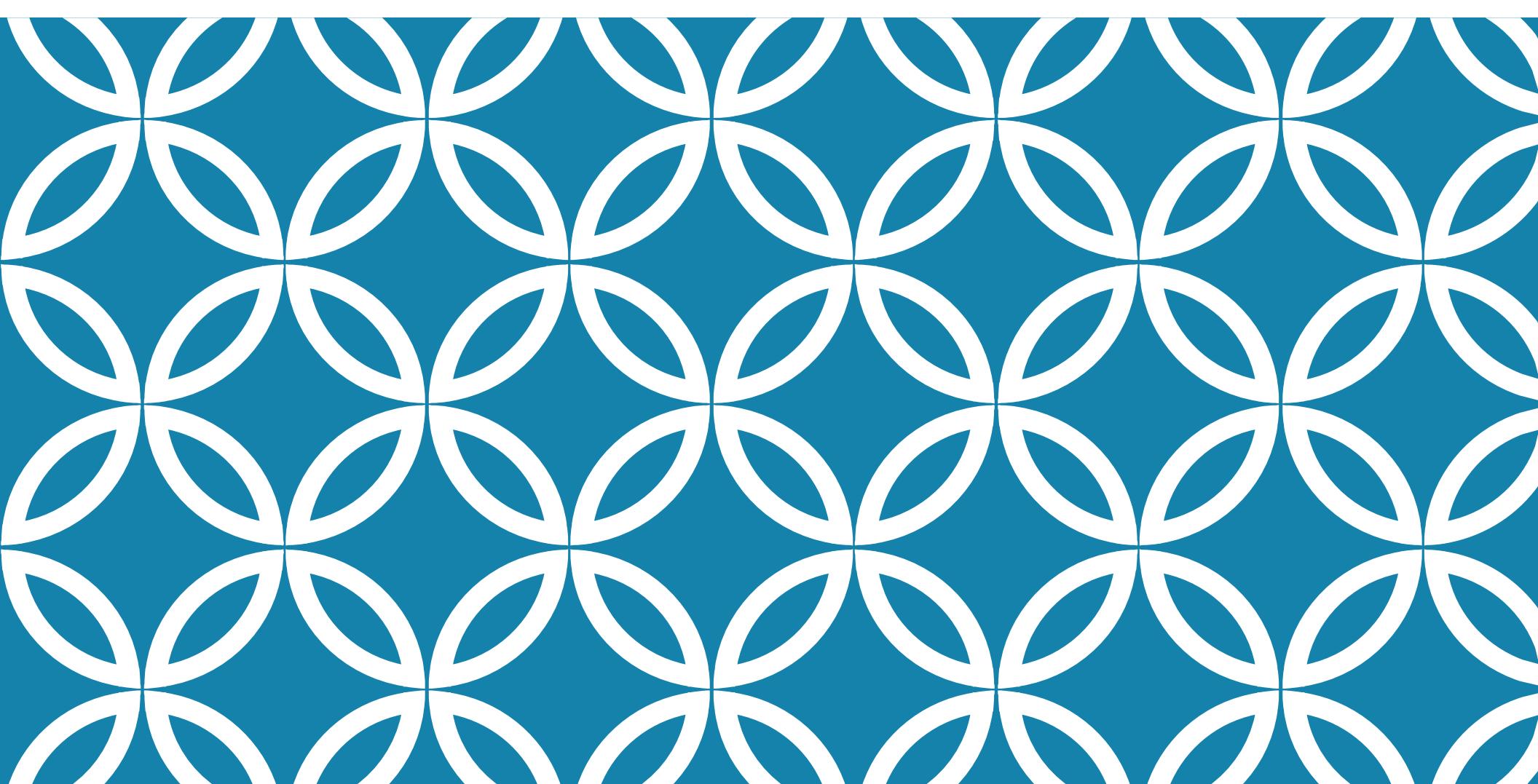
Eligibility does not guarantee placement in a PFP/DPP course.

Placement is subject to the **availability of vacancies** and in open competition with other eligible applicants **based on merit**.

Each year

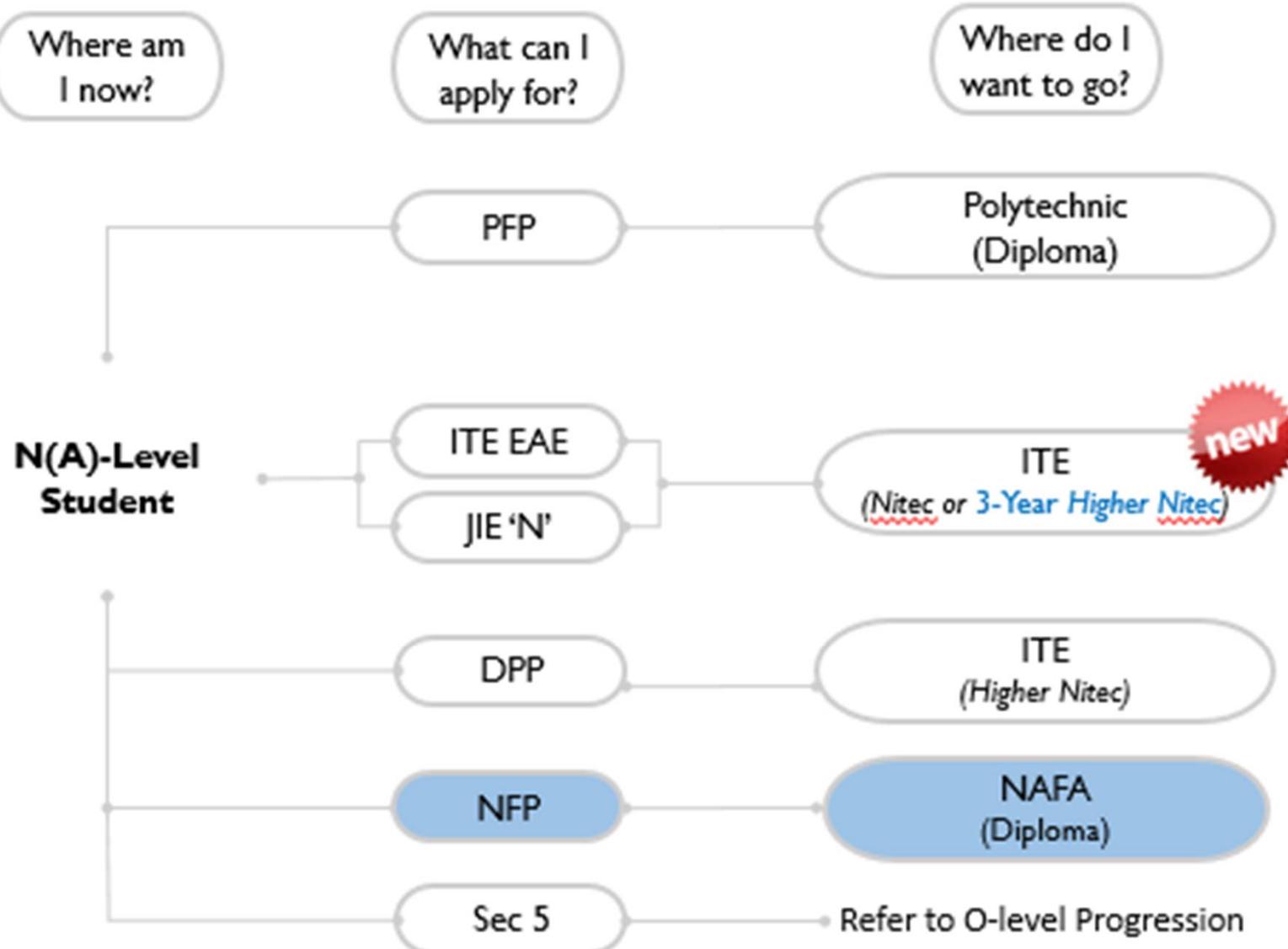
Total **DPP** places – **1,200 only**

Total **PFP** places – **1,600 only**. More than 80% of Polytechnic Diploma courses will be offered under the PFP.



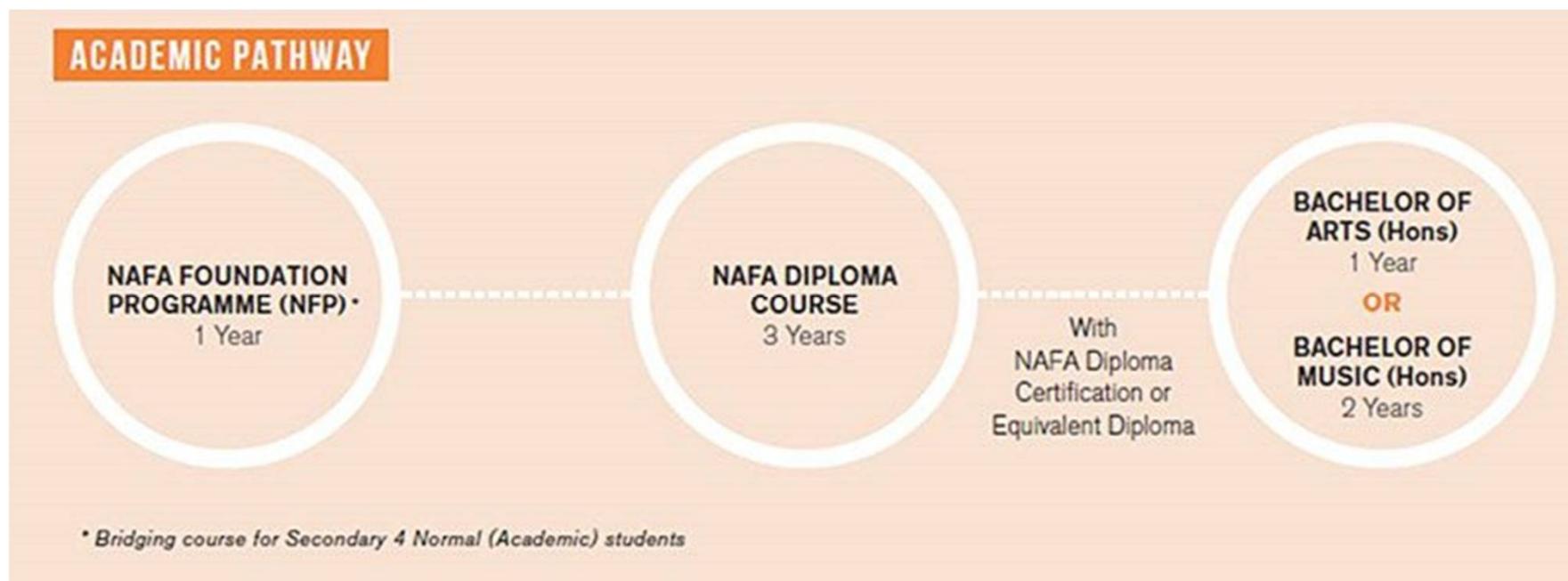
NAFA FOUNDATION PROGRAMME (NFP)

NAFA: Merit Based Admission (NFP)



What is NFP?

1 Year Bridging Course + 3 Years Diploma at NAFA



NFP: Eligibility

- Raw / Gross Score **ELMAB3 \leq 15 points**
- Excluding CCA Bonus Points
- **English \geq 4** will be required to attend an interview.
- There may be an admission test or audition, depending on their selected course of study.
- Applicants may be asked to attend an interview.

NFP: Application

When?

- Application Opens **18 to 29 Dec 2023**. (please check website for updates)

How?

- Application is done online **directly** to NAFA
- Verified copies of Academic Results, CCA Records, Music Qualifications and other documents as specified on website
- Audition &/or Interview

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 4 N(A) students for entry into selected polytechnic diploma courses. PFP students are given provisional places in diploma programmes, subject to them passing all modules in the one-year programme.



go.gov.sg/pfp

DPP – Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme

DPP allows Secondary 4 N(A) students to be admitted directly into selected 2-year *Higher Nitec* programmes at ITE without having to sit for the O-Level examinations or undergo a *Nitec* programme. 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.



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NFP – NAFA Foundation Programme

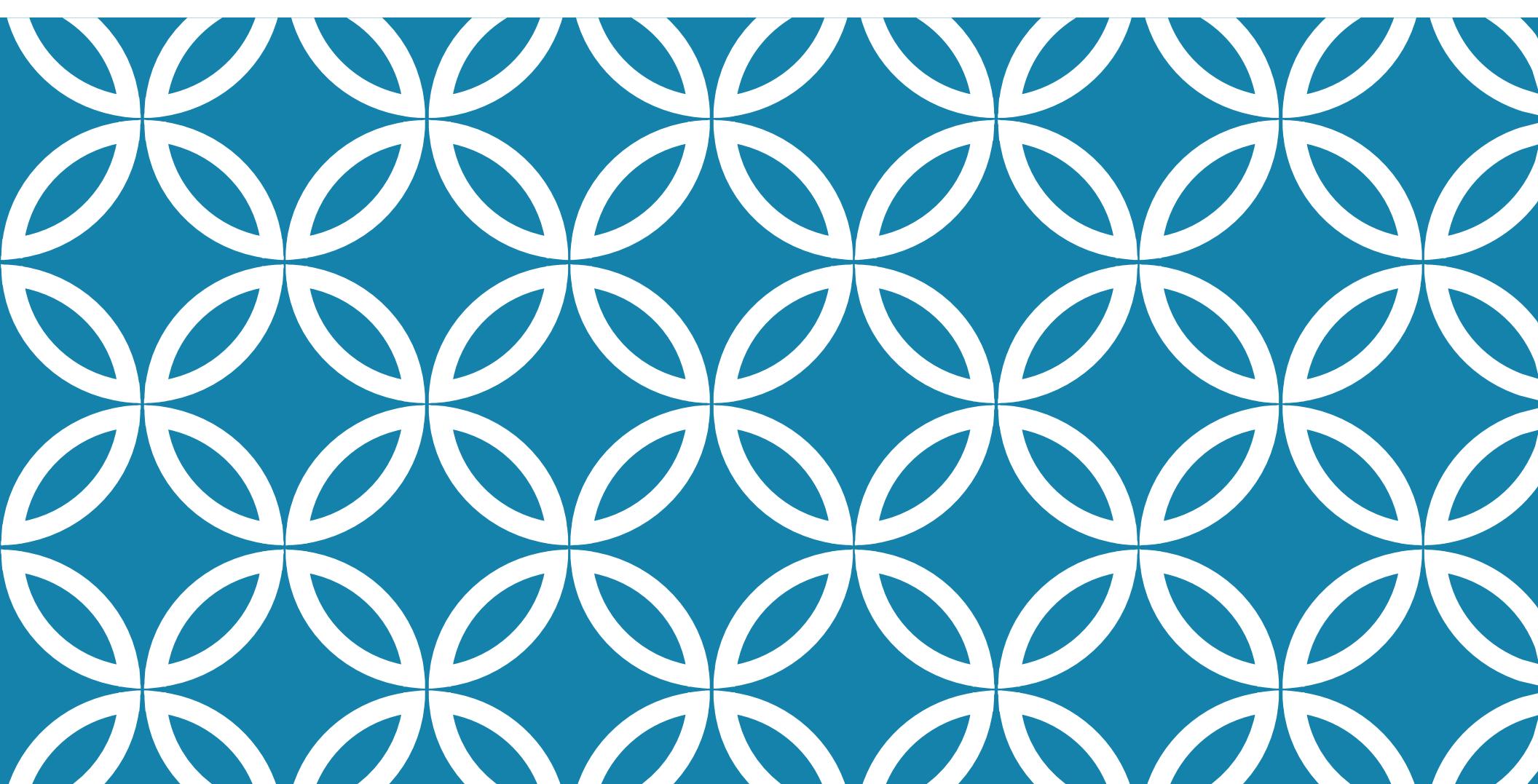
NFP is a one-year practice-based programme that prepares N(A)-Level holders to pursue a diploma in the creative arts. NFP students who successfully complete the programme will be offered a place in their chosen diploma course at NAFA.



go.gov.sg/nafa-applynow

..... N(T)-Level Student

..... N(A)-Level Student



IN A NUTSHELL...

**ALL STUDENTS WHO
QUALIFY FOR PFP (TOP
10% OF COHORT)
SHOULD
TAKE UP THE OFFER**

TAKE NOTE

All Sec 4N(A) students who do not have a confirmed place in the DPP or are waiting to apply for the PFP, following the release of the GCE O-Level results,

MUST report to PLMGS(Sec) on 2 Jan 2023 Tues) to continue with Secondary 5.

FOR ALL 4 NA STUDENTS:

Timeframe	Action to be taken
Submit by 21 Dec 2023	Complete and submit the Google form which will be sent to you to indicate your choice of pathway. You must report to school on 2 Jan 2024 even if you are applying for PFP.



<https://go.gov.sg/pl4napplication>

**ALL students MUST
COMPLETE and submit
the Google form**

ECG SUPPORT AT PLMGSS



Online or Face to Face Session with Ms Chong, ECG Counsellor

Ms Chong will be available from 18th – 22nd Dec, 9am – 5pm for ECG Counselling

Book an Appointment : <https://go.gov.sg/plmgss-ecg>

Support by School

Mrs Low Hwee Hwee, HOD CCE / Ms Das Ruth, AYH

Email: oh_hwee_hwee@moe.edu.sg / das_ruth_hannah@moe.edu.sg

Online or Phone Counselling by MOE ECG Centre

Contact : 6831 1420

Email: MOE_ECG@moe.gov.sg or

Book an Appointment : <https://go.gov.sg/moe-ecg-centre>

'N' Level support by ITE

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Before the Session

- Do your course exploration and shortlisting
- Jot down any questions you might have
- Find out your CCA grade

Please have these ready for the ECG session

- 2024 JIE Booklet
- Result Slip & Form N
- Prelim Result Slip if you are taking O level subject(s)

Thank you!