

Have you wondered What's Next after O-Level? If you ever had questions about your education and career journey, this brochure can help you in your decision-making. Start with these 3 key questions:

1. Who am I?
2. Where do I want to go?
3. How do I get there?

By exploring these questions, you will have a deeper understanding of your values, interests, personality and skills. Knowing them will enable you to make an informed decision on your journey after O-Level.



Where are you now? In your journey ahead, there are many options you can take. All these options present different possibilities and opportunities as you plan for the future. As you think through your options, remember that there are people around you whom you can turn to for support. Speak with your parents/guardians, teachers and seniors to learn about their perspectives and experiences. Be hopeful, resilient and adaptable as you explore the possibilities after O-Level!

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WHO AM I?

The more I know about myself, the better my decisions.

Knowing Myself

- How would I describe my values, interests, personality and skills?
- What are the areas I would like to contribute in?
- What are some of the things I take pride in doing?
- What are some tasks I enjoy or dislike doing?
- What are my goals and aspirations?
- How do I want to contribute to society through my goals and aspirations?
- What are my education and career plans?
- What are some industries/occupations which are related to my strengths and interests?
- How do my responses above help me to know myself better?



Scan the QR code to find out more.



Log on to **MySkillsFuture** Student Portal (Secondary) to explore your work values, interests and skills using the Know Yourself tools.
<https://go.gov.sg/MySFSec>

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WHERE DO I WANT TO GO?

There are many pathways with opportunities for continuous learning and recognition.

I Want to Continue My Studies

These are the various education pathways after GCE O-Level:

- **Pre-university at Junior Colleges or Millennia Institute for GCE A-Level examination or International Baccalaureate** (<https://go.gov.sg/jcci>)
- **Polytechnics**
 - Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP) (<https://www.nyp.edu.sg/>)
 - Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP) (<https://www.np.edu.sg/>)
 - Republic Polytechnic (RP) (<https://www.rp.edu.sg/>)
 - Singapore Polytechnic (SP) (<https://www.sp.edu.sg/>)
 - Temasek Polytechnic (TP) (<https://www.tp.edu.sg/>)
- **Institute of Technical Education (ITE)**
 - Higher Nitec (<https://www.ite.edu.sg/courses/full-time-courses/higher-nitec>)
 - Nitec & 3-year Higher Nitec (<https://www.ite.edu.sg/courses/full-time-courses/nitec-and-3-year-higher-nitec>)
 - Traineeship (<https://www.ite.edu.sg/courses/traineeship-courses>)
- **Arts Institutions**
 - LASALLE College of the Arts (LASALLE) (<https://www.lasalle.edu.sg>)
 - Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA) (<https://www.nafa.edu.sg>)
- **Retaking GCE O-Level, either in current school or as a private candidate**
 - I will need to consider the following factors if I am considering to retake my GCE O-Level as a private candidate. (<https://go.gov.sg/pei-studentresources>)
 - What will I do differently to achieve a better outcome?
 - Can I cope with the academic rigour?
 - Can I fund my studies if I want to enrol in a Private Educational Institution?
 - Have I considered the 3Rs? (<https://go.gov.sg/3rs>)

Reasons – Why am I retaking my GCE O-Level?

Readiness – How ready am I to retake my GCE O-Level?

Risks – What are the possible drawbacks involved in retaking my GCE O-Level as a private candidate?



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Post-secondary education pathways
<https://go.gov.sg/explorepostsec>



Post-Secondary Education Institutions
<https://go.gov.sg/overview-pseis>



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



Joint Admissions Exercise
<https://go.gov.sg/admissions-jae>



I Want to Enter the Workforce

There are opportunities to upgrade my skills through:

- Industry-relevant modular courses for bite-sized upskilling at ITE
- Programmes such as part-time Nitec and Higher Nitec offered by ITE
- Programmes such as part-time diploma courses in polytechnics
- Workforce Skills Qualification courses



HOW DO I GET THERE?

Be resilient, explore various pathways and be open to possibilities.

As I think about my post-secondary education pathways, I can think about these questions:

I Want to Continue my Studies

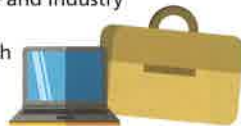
- What type(s) of educational institutions is/are suitable for me?
- Why have I chosen the educational institution(s)?
- Have I done enough research to fully understand the requirements, opportunities and possibilities?
- Have I visited the official website of the educational institution(s) to find out more about the programmes offered?
- Have I participated in virtual or physical education and career fairs/talks and open houses to explore and deepen my interests?
- Do the programmes support the development of my strengths, interests and abilities?
- How can I leverage the available learning opportunities to bring myself closer to my education and career goals, keeping in mind my aspirations?

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- Am I ready to enter the workforce? What are the considerations and trade-offs?
- Which industry do I want to work in?
- What are the skills required to enter and do well in this industry?
- Are there learning and training programmes offered by organisations that can nurture my interests and skills?
- How can I find future opportunities to upgrade my knowledge and skills?
- What are other factors that could influence my decision?

How can I continue to work towards my goals?

- Tap on online and other platforms for education and career talks and open houses to explore and deepen my interests.
- Access the MySkillsFuture Student Portal to find out more about Singapore's Education Landscape and Industry Landscape.
- Consider the different possibilities which can lead to my goals and aspirations.
- Beyond the next step I am taking, find out how I can continue to develop myself and pursue my goals and aspirations through lifelong learning.



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Singapore Education Landscape
<https://go.gov.sg/educationlandscape-sec>



Singapore Industry Landscape
<https://go.gov.sg/industrylandscape-sec>

Where can I find out more about scholarships and financial assistance schemes?

Access the MOE website or websites of the ITE and polytechnics for more information on scholarships and financial assistance schemes.

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Awards and scholarships
<https://go.gov.sg/admissions-scholarships>



Fees, assistance, awards and scholarships
<https://go.gov.sg/faas>



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

What if I need more guidance and assistance to make an informed decision?

- I can discuss my plans with my parents/guardians, family members and teachers.
- I can refer to the following resources:

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SchoolFinder
<https://go.gov.sg/explore-schoolfinder>



MySkillsFuture Student Portal (Secondary)
<https://go.gov.sg/MySFSec>



The Next Step Forward
<https://go.gov.sg/next-step>

- I can make an appointment to speak with my ECG Counsellor in school or via
 - ECG Hotline: +65 6831 1420
 - Email: MOE_ECG@moe.gov.sg
 - Online appointment: <https://go.gov.sg/moe-ecg-centre>



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WHAT'S NEXT



HOPE, RESILIENCE AND ADAPTABILITY

TAKING MY NEXT STEP
FORWARD AFTER MY
GCE O-LEVEL