Post-secondary Admissions for students in Sec 4 N(A)

For students **taking mostly N(A) subjects**, **post-secondary admissions to**

- **3-year Higher Nitec will be based on 4 subjects.** Minimum entry requirements differ (e.g. pass in English, Math/Science).

- **Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP) and Direct entry scheme to Polytechnic (DPP) will be based on 5 subjects – ELMAB3.**
  Minimum subject grades differ (e.g. English 1 to 3 or 4, Math 1 to 3 or 4).

Posting for these post-secondary courses after meeting requirements is **based on net aggregate score for 4 or 5 subjects less bonus points**.

5 subjects ELMAB3 Aggregate Points for PFP, DPP, NFP and Sec 5

Aggregate Point for DPP, PFP, NFP & Sec 5	'N(A)' Level Grade	'O' Level Grade
1	1	A1 – B3
2	2	B4 – C6
3	3	D7
4	4	E8
5	5	-

4 Subjects Aggregate Points for JIE 'N' – 3-year Higher Nitec

ITE Aggregate Point for JIE'N'	'N(T)' Level Grade	'N(A)' Level Grade	'O' Level Grade
1	A	1, 2, 3	A1 – D7
2	B	4	E8
3	C	5	9
4	D	6	-
5	E	-	-

Course eligibility is based on raw score without bonus points. But for posting of courses, net aggregate scores after deducting bonus points will be used.

For students with CCA grades of Excellent or A1 – A2, 2 bonus points will be awarded.

For students with CCA grades of Good or B3 – C6, 1 bonus point will be awarded

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Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)

- The **Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)** is a **1-year programme** that offers eligible students a **practice-based preparatory pathway to a polytechnic education**.

- Starting from the Academic Year 2026 intake, **admissions to the PFP will be restructured to a cluster-based approach**. Students in the PFP can enter **one of three key broad clusters**: (i) Sciences, (ii) Design, Engineering & Technology or (iii) Humanities, Art, Media and Business, before posting to a specific diploma course based on their interest and PFP performance. Diploma-specific admission will apply for the Diploma in Nursing, Diploma in Early Childhood Development & Education and Diploma in Tamil Studies with Early Education.

- **Starting from the Academic Year 2028 intake**, the **PFP will be expanded to allow students taking G3 subjects, or a mix of G2 and G3 subjects** to access PFP by mapping their G3 grade to the G2 equivalent.
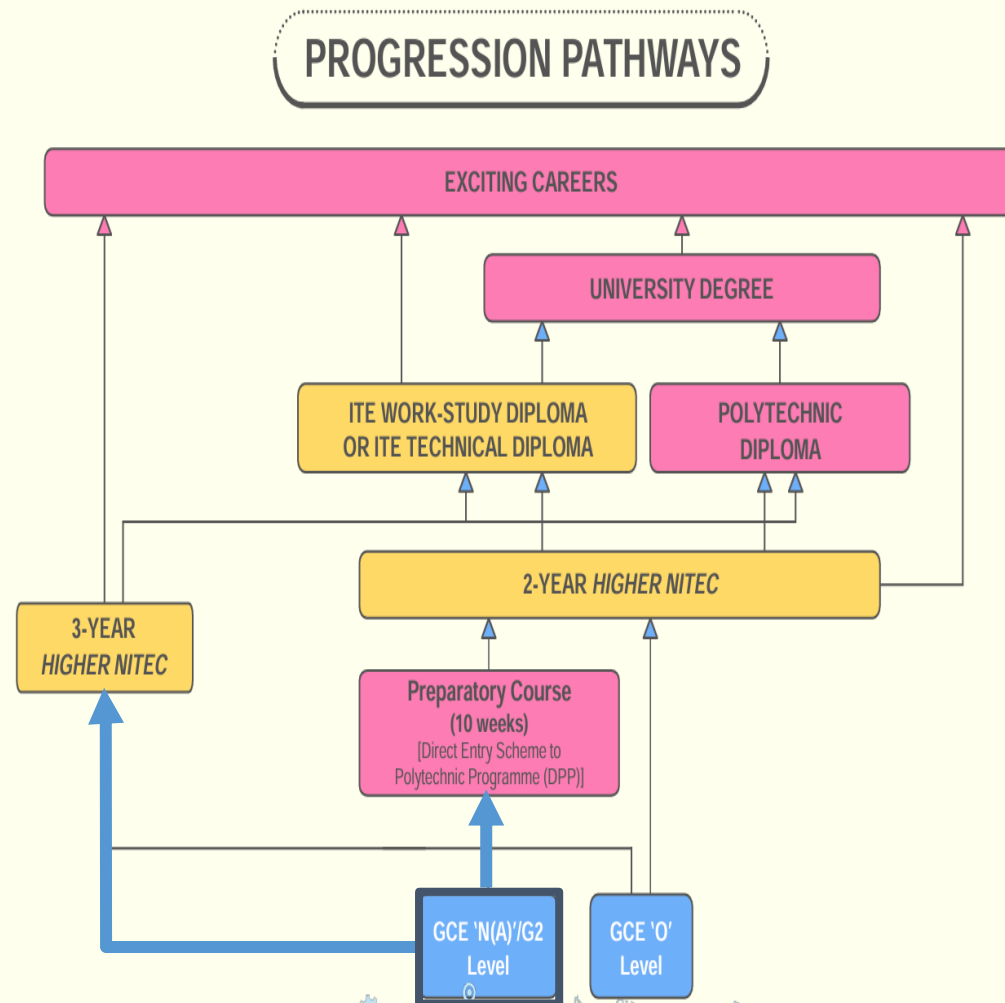
Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)

ELMAB3 (English, Mathematics, Best 3 Subjects) raw aggregate score of 12 points or better.

	Sciences Design, Engineering & Technology Nursing	Humanities, Art, Media and Business Early Childhood Development & Education Tamil Studies with Early Education*
EL	**English Language**	
MA	**Mathematics**	
B1	Design and Technology Food and Nutrition/Nutrition and Food Science Science (Chemistry, Biology) Science (Physics, Biology) Science (Physics, Chemistry)	Art Geography History Humanities (Social Studies, Geography) Humanities (Social Studies, History) Humanities (Social Studies, Literature in English) Literature in English Principles of Accounts
B2	**Any two other subjects**	
B3		

*Students applying to Tamil Studies with early education also need to obtain minimum scores for Tamil language.
 Refer to Changes to PFP starting from 2026 intake | MOE for full subject requirements.

Progression through Institute of Technical Education

More pathways to polys for ITE students from 2027

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More **Institute of Technical Education (ITE) students will be given the chance to move on to polytechnics** from academic year 2027, as part of efforts to expand pathways and choices for students.

Those pursuing a Higher Nitec qualification at ITE will be **guaranteed admission to a polytechnic course related to their Higher Nitec course,** if they attain a grade point average (GPA) of **3.5 or above.**

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Refer to details in ITE Course Booklet.

ITE Progression Award

Support for ITE graduates

For ITE graduates **aged 30 and below**:

- **S$5,000 top-up** to Post-Secondary Education Account when an ITE graduate enrols in a diploma programme

- Further **S$10,000 top-up** to CPF Ordinary Account when the ITE graduate gets their diploma

Infographic: Clara Ho
Source: Ministry of Finance, Feb 16, 2024

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Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme

DPP is a **10 week preparatory and 2-year Higher Nitec leading up to a relevant polytechnic diploma** place. An **alternative to Sec 5. Highly competitive as eligibility to apply does not guarantee placement.**

Eligibility Criteria:
1. **Raw ELMAB3 (English, Mathematics, Best 3 subjects) score of 19 points or better**, excluding CCA bonus points.
2. **Subject requirements**

	▪ **Applied Sciences** ▪ **Engineering** ▪ **Info-Communications Technology**	▪ **Business & Services** ▪ **Hospitality**
English Language Syllabus A	**≤ 4**	**≤ 3**
Mathematics (Syllabus A or Additional)	≤ 4	≤ 4
Any 3 other best subjects, excluding CCA	≤ 5	≤ 5

Refer to DPP or JIE 'H' Courses and entry requirements for more details.

ITE 3-year Higher Nitec

4 subjects are used for admissions.

Examples of Minimum Entry requirements of the courses – passes in 3 subjects

3-Year Higher Nitec Course	Minimum Entry Requirements
Applied Food Science	Mathematics <u>OR</u> Science/Mobile Robotics and 2 other subjects
Chemical Process Technology	Mathematics <u>OR</u> Science/Mobile Robotics and 2 other subjects
Electrical Engineering	Mathematics and 2 other subjects
Sports Management	English Language and 2 other subjects
Pastries and Baking	English Language and 2 other subjects
Nursing	English Language, Mathematics and one other subject

Refer to details in ITE Courses.

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ITE Early Admissions Exercise (EAE)

ITE EAE application process (starts from May)

1 Apply for a course based on your aptitude and interest

2 Attend an interview and/or aptitude test, if selected

3 Receive a Conditional Offer for admission to ITE before your GCE 'N' or 'O' Level exams!

4 Meet the Minimum Entry Requirements of the course and you can join ITE

From **ITE Course Booklet 2026**

For students interested in ITE EAE:
- **Research ITE courses**
- **Start to prepare e-portfolio to accumulate relevant experiences.**

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