

**POLYTECHNIC EARLY ADMISSIONS EXERCISE FOR ITE STUDENTS  
(FOR ADMISSION IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2026)  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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<https://jpeaei.polytechnic.edu.sg>*

**General**

**1. What is the Polytechnic Early Admissions Exercise (Poly EAE) for ITE students?**

Poly EAE for ITE students is an admissions exercise that allows final-year ITE students to apply for and receive conditional offers for admission to polytechnic based on their aptitudes and passions before their final Grade Point Average (GPA) for *Nitec* or *Higher Nitec* is released. It gives polytechnics greater flexibility to select students based on broader measures of merit, beyond academic grades.

**2. Who can take part in Poly EAE for ITE students?**

Poly EAE for ITE students is for ITE students who are in the final year of their *Nitec* or *Higher Nitec* courses.

For the AY2026 polytechnic intake, ITE graduates who complete their *Nitec* course in June or December 2025 or their *Higher Nitec* course in September 2025 or March 2026 will be eligible to apply.

**3. Can I apply for Poly EAE if I previously graduated from ITE?**

No. Only ITE students who are in the final year of their *Nitec* or *Higher Nitec* courses may apply to Poly EAE for ITE students.

However, if you had previously graduated from ITE, you may apply through the Poly EAE for working adults instead, if you have accumulated two years of relevant work experience. More information about the Poly EAE for working adults can be found at <https://eae.polytechnic.edu.sg>.

**4. Who should take part in the Poly EAE for ITE students?**

ITE students in their final year of study who have strong aptitude and sustained passion in a field, and who wish to pursue their studies in that field through a polytechnic course, may consider taking part.

Students who are undecided about their interests may wish to consider other pathways, including explore their passions or deepen their skills after graduation.

Students who wish to apply to polytechnic on the basis of their ITE GPA should take part in the Joint Polytechnic Admissions Exercise (JPAE).

**5. If I am part of the Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP), can I take part in Poly EAE for ITE students?**

Yes. If you are a DPP student, you may take part in the Poly EAE for ITE students.

Should you be offered a place and your conditional Poly EAE for ITE students offer is subsequently confirmed, you will not be eligible to participate in the JPAE and other polytechnic admissions exercises. Your DPP guarantee of a place to a mapped polytechnic diploma course (subject to meeting the minimum qualifying GPA) will also be voided.

Should you not be offered a place through Poly EAE for ITE students, or should you reject a Poly EAE for ITE students offer, you may apply for polytechnic admission through JPAE. If you successfully complete your *Higher Nitec* course and attain the required minimum qualifying GPA, you will be able to use your DPP guarantee for polytechnic admission.

**6. How many places are set aside for the Poly EAE?**

The five polytechnics (Nanyang Polytechnic, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Republic Polytechnic, Singapore Polytechnic and Temasek Polytechnic) admit about 20% of their Academic Year intake through Poly EAE. The EAE intake may differ from year to year, as it depends on student demand and the quality of applications.

**7. Why do I still need to meet the minimum academic criteria to confirm my Poly EAE offer?**

While passion in a field of study is important, having the requisite academic foundation ensures that you will be able to cope with the rigour of a polytechnic education and benefit from it. That is why students with EAE offers are required to meet the following admissions criteria for their offers to be confirmed:

- a) Final net GPA 3.5 for *Nitec* holders\* (including CCA bonus points); and
- b) Final net GPA 2.0 for *Higher Nitec* holders (including CCA bonus points).

\*For *Nitec* in Nursing holders only, the minimum GPA requirement for admission to Diploma in Nursing is 3.0.

**8. What happens if I do not meet these requirements?**

If you do not meet the minimum GPA requirements, your conditional offer through the Poly EAE for ITE students will be automatically revoked. You will be eligible to participate in JPAE and other polytechnic admissions exercises at that point.

**Application**

**9. When can I apply through the Poly EAE for ITE students?**

Poly EAE applications for ITE students will open from 12 June 2025 to 18 June 2025.

## **Selection**

### **10. What attributes will be considered under the Poly EAE for ITE students? How will I be assessed for admission through this exercise?**

Poly EAE is targeted at students who have strong aptitude and passion in a field related to specific diploma courses of interest. The polytechnics may consider students' outstanding talents and achievements, where relevant, such as in sports, arts, leadership, entrepreneurship and community service.

Polytechnics will have the discretion to determine their modes of assessment, such as portfolios, interviews, and aptitude tests. Polytechnics may also consider participation in activities such as work attachments and sustained involvement in projects related to the course of choice.

### **11. How are students selected during EAE? How can students find out more about what is expected of them during the EAE selection?**

The polytechnics use a range of assessment modalities to determine students' passion and aptitude in a particular area, including portfolios, aptitude tests, and interviews. Students may visit the respective institutions' websites to find out more about the expectations of the EAE selection process for the different courses, and how they can be best prepared to demonstrate their passion and aptitude in the chosen course.

### **12. What if I am unable to attend the selection tests (e.g. interviews) as I am unwell?**

You should inform the polytechnic immediately so that alternative arrangements can be made. When the polytechnics reach out to shortlisted applicants to inform them about their selection tests, they will also share a point of contact whom applicants may reach out to in the event that they are unable to make it for their scheduled appointment, whether online or on-campus.

## **Offer and Acceptance**

### **13. Can I receive more than one offer in the Poly EAE? How will the order of my course choices affect my final outcome?**

While you may apply for up to three course choices, you are only eligible to receive up to **one** offer. If you are assessed to be suitable for more than one of your course choices, you will only receive one offer which is the course ranked highest among your three choices.

### **14. Can I switch courses after the release of my final *Nitec* / *Higher Nitec* results?**

No. Students are expected to honour the commitment to their choice of polytechnic and the course under Poly EAE for ITE students.

Once you have accepted your conditional offer and met the admissions criteria for the polytechnic course after the release of your final results, your conditional Poly EAE for

ITE students offer will be automatically confirmed. You will not be able to switch courses within or across polytechnics. You will also not be eligible to take part in the JPAE and other polytechnic admissions exercises.

If you are still discovering and/or developing your strengths and passions, you may consider applying through the JPAE after receiving your final GPA.

**15. If I am offered and accept a place via Poly EAE for ITE students, can I still participate in the Joint Polytechnic Admissions Exercise?**

No. Once you accept a place and meet the minimum GPA requirements, your conditional Poly EAE for ITE students offer will be automatically confirmed. You will not be able to participate in the JPAE and other polytechnic admissions exercises.

**Withdrawal**

**16. If I have accepted a Poly EAE offer but subsequently decide that I prefer taking part in JPAE, what can I do?**

Should you wish to withdraw your acceptance of the Poly EAE offer, you must submit your withdrawal online via the Poly EAE online portal no later than 17 October 2025.

Students who have accepted a Poly EAE offer but do not withdraw by the deadline will be deemed to have confirmed their acceptance and will not be eligible to participate in the JPAE and other polytechnic admissions exercises.

**Course-Level Allowances**

**17. What are the courses that have a course-level allowance of 50% for aptitude-based admissions? Why and how were these courses selected?**

The full list of courses with a course-level allowance of 50% for the upcoming 2025 Poly EAE will be made available by early-June 2025 at <https://eae.polytechnic.edu.sg>.

These courses have been given a higher EAE allowance as passion and strengths in these fields are particularly important, e.g., in Early Childhood, Social Work, and Design.

**18. Why not expand the course-level allowance for these courses to 100%?**

Keeping the course-level intake allowance at 50% preserves a viable pathway into these courses for other students who do not apply through aptitude-based admissions, whether it is because they have yet to discover or develop specific passions, or are undecided on the diploma course that they wish to apply for.

**19. What about other courses that do not have a 50% allowance?**

Course-level allowance for all other polytechnic diploma courses will remain at 30%.

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*(Information updated as of 2 May 2025)*