



ITE EARLY ADMISSIONS EXERCISE (EAE) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SINGPASS

1. How do I obtain my Singpass to login to the ITE Admissions Portal? What should I do if I encounter issue with my Singpass?

Please visit the [Singpass website](#) for information on Singpass application and password reset. For further assistance, please refer to the [Singpass FAQ page](#), call the Singpass helpdesk at +65 6335 3533 or email support@singpass.gov.sg.

2. What should I do if I am not eligible to apply for Singpass to access the ITE Admissions Portal?

If you are unable to submit the application via the ITE admissions portal with your singpass, you can contact ITE for assistance through these options:

- Call the ITE customer service hotline: 1800 2222 111
- Contact any ITE customer & visitor centre:
 - ITE college central: 6590 2211 / college_central@ite.edu.sg
 - ITE college east: 6590 2262 / college_east@ite.edu.sg
 - ITE college west: 6590 2628 / college_west@ite.edu.sg

GENERAL

3. What is the age requirement for full-time Higher Nitec courses under EAE, for admission under AY2026?

Applicants must be at least 16 years old as of 1st January 2026.

4. Will the ITE EAE be open to all students? Which month will the exercise be conducted annually/when will applications open?

The ITE EAE is open to:

- Singapore Citizens (SC) and Singapore Permanent Residents (SPR) who have registered to sit for the GCE N- or O-Level examinations in the year of the ITE EAE application;
- International Students (IS) enrolled in Government, Government-aided and Independent Schools during the year of the ITE EAE application, and who have registered to sit for the GCE N- or O-Level examinations in the year of the ITE EAE application;
- SC, SPR and IS full-time *Nitec* or Traineeship students who will graduate in the same ITE academic year as the ITE EAE; and



- SC, SPR who have sat for the GCE N- or O-Level examinations previously or have graduated from ITE full-time *Nitec* or Traineeship courses.

Applications will open from **Tue 20 May 2025** to **Mon 26 May 2025**, and may be done online at <https://www.ite.edu.sg/apply-eae> (for secondary school students and GCE holders), or <https://www.ite.edu.sg/apply-eaep> (for *Nitec* progression to *Higher Nitec*).

5. Would students from the Specialised Schools for Normal (Technical) students (SSNTs) be eligible to apply under the ITE EAE?

Yes. Students from the SSNTs are eligible to apply under the ITE EAE. In addition, SSNT students who are applying to 3-year *Higher Nitec* courses related to the ITE Skills Subject Certificates (ISSC) they are offering in the SSNTs would be able to include this experience as part of their EAE portfolio, as the ISSC is a skills-based curriculum aligned to the related 3-year *Higher Nitec* courses in ITE.

6. Will students from NorthLight School (NLS) and Assumption Pathway School (APS) be eligible to apply under the ITE EAE?

NLS and APS students who take both the ITE Skills Certificate (*ISC*) and at least two GCE N-Level subjects are also eligible to apply under the ITE EAE. The students will be assessed holistically, factoring in *ISC* performance, portfolios, interviews and aptitude tests, where relevant and appropriate.

7. Will private candidates be eligible to apply under the ITE EAE?

Yes, SC / SPR private candidates are eligible to apply to ITE courses through the EAE. Private 'N'-level candidates are eligible to apply for admission to 3-year *Higher Nitec* courses, while private 'O'-level candidates are eligible to apply for admission to 2-year *Higher Nitec* courses.

8. Are Sec 4N(A) students able to apply for 2-year *Higher Nitec* courses under the Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) through the ITE EAE?

No. Sec 4N(A) students are only eligible to apply for 3-year *Higher Nitec* courses through the ITE EAE. Sec 4N(A) students who wish to apply for the DPP may do so under the Joint Intake Exercise 'H' (also known as DPP Admissions Exercise), which is a grades-based admissions exercise.

9. How will ITE assess students under the ITE EAE? Will successful applicants be admitted to ITE immediately?

Applicants must display strong aptitude and interest in the course that they are applying for. ITE will utilise various modes of assessment to identify course-specific aptitude and interest of applicants, such as portfolios, interviews and aptitude tests, where relevant and appropriate to the specific course. ITE may also consider



participation in relevant CCAs, Elective Modules, Advanced Elective Modules, Applied Learning Programmes, Applied Subjects, ITE Skills Subjects, as well as participation in activities such as work attachments and sustained involvement in projects that are related to the course that students are applying for.

Successful ITE EAE applicants will be given conditional offers. These offers will be automatically confirmed when the applicants meet the subject-specific minimum entry requirements of respective courses after the release of the GCE N- or O-Level examination or ITE *Nitec* results. Successful students enrolled via the EAE will commence their training in ITE when the academic year commences in January (for 3-year *Higher Nitec* courses) or April (for 2-year *Higher Nitec* courses).

10. Does the ITE EAE consider talents in sports/ performing & visual arts/ leadership & entrepreneurship in its selection criteria?

The ITE EAE is primarily targeted at students who have strong aptitude and interest in a field related to the *Higher Nitec* course they are applying for. Students' achievements in sports, arts, leadership, entrepreneurship and community service will also be taken into consideration during the selection process.

11. How long do ITE EAE students need to remain in ITE to graduate with *Higher Nitec*?

ITE EAE students will undergo the *Higher Nitec* course alongside students admitted through the other admissions exercises such as the Joint Intake Exercise (JIE) and *Nitec* Progression to *Higher Nitec* Intake Exercise (NCHN). The typical duration of *Higher Nitec* courses is two years, or three years for the *Higher Nitec* courses under the enhanced curricular structure.

From the 2022 intake, ITE has implemented the enhanced ITE curricular structure for selected *Higher Nitec* courses. Students in these *Higher Nitec* courses will undergo a 3-year curriculum leading a *Higher Nitec* qualification.

ENHANCED ITE CURRICULAR STRUCTURE

12. Which are the courses currently available under the enhanced ITE curricular structure?

The courses under the enhanced ITE curricular structure available for the AY2026 intake via EAE are listed in the table below.

No.	3-year <i>Higher Nitec</i> courses offered in AY2026	School
1	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Community Care & Social Services	Health Sciences
2	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Nursing	
3	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Opticianry	
4	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Accounting	Business & Services



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No.	3-year <i>Higher Nitec</i> courses offered in AY2026	School	
5	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Beauty & Wellness Management		
6	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Business Administration		
7	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Customer Experience		
8	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Event Management		
9	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Hairdressing & Salon Management		
10	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Logistics & Supply Chain Management		
11	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Passenger Services		
12	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Retail & Online Business		
13	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Sport Management		
14	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Tourism		
16	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Communication Design		Design & Media
17	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Film & Video Production		
18	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Interior & Product Design		
19	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Technical Theatre & Production		
20	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Visual Merchandising		
21	<i>Higher Nitec</i> AI Applications	Electronics & Info-comm Technology	
22	<i>Higher Nitec</i> Business Information Systems		
23	<i>Higher Nitec</i> Cyber & Network Security		
24	<i>Higher Nitec</i> Data Engineering		
25	<i>Higher Nitec</i> Electronics Engineering		
26	<i>Higher Nitec</i> Immersive Applications & Game		
27	<i>Higher Nitec</i> IT Applications Development		
28	<i>Higher Nitec</i> IT Systems & Networks		
29	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Operational & Information Technology		
30	<i>Higher Nitec</i> Security System Integration		
31	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Advanced Manufacturing*	Engineering	
32	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Aerospace Engineering*		
33	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Applied Food Science		
34	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Architectural Technology		
35	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Automotive Engineering*		
36	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Bio-Chemical Technology		
37	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Chemical Process Technology		
38	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Civil & Structural Engineering Design		
39	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Electrical Engineering		
40	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Facilities Management & Engineering		



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No.	3-year <i>Higher Nitec</i> courses offered in AY2026	School
41	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Integrated Mechanical & Electrical Design	
42	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Landscape Management & Design	
43	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Marine & Offshore Engineering*	
44	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Mechanical Engineering*	
45	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Mechatronics Engineering*	
46	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Rapid Transit Engineering*	
47	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Vertical Transportation	
48	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Culinary Arts	Hospitality
49	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Hospitality Operations	
50	<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Pastry & Baking	

* 3-year *Higher Nitec* course with first intake under the enhanced curricular structure in AY2026

More information on the 3-year *Higher Nitec* courses can be found at <https://www.ite.edu.sg/courses/full-time-courses/nitec-and-3-year-higher-nitec>.

13. When will admissions to the 3-year *Higher Nitec* courses under the enhanced ITE curricular structure for AY2026 take place?

Students can apply for admissions to the 3-year *Higher Nitec* courses under the enhanced ITE curricular structure through the Early Admissions Exercise (EAE) in May 2025, or the Joint Intake Exercise (JIE) in December 2025. Enrolment into the 3-year curricular pathway will automatically lead to a *Higher Nitec* qualification.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

14. What are the minimum entry requirements (MERs) for students sitting for the N- or O-Level examinations, and ITE *Nitec* students, for their ITE EAE conditional offers to be confirmed?

Secondary school students are not required to have a minimum aggregate score to have their *Higher Nitec* conditional offers confirmed. Students would only be required to meet the course-specific MERs for their conditional offers to be confirmed.

Nitec students applying for *Higher Nitec* courses under the ITE EAE have to meet the minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements of the *Higher Nitec* course they are applying for. *Higher Nitec* courses from the Schools of Design & Media, Electronics & Info-Comm Technology and Engineering require a net GPA of 2.3 or better while the *Higher Nitec* courses from the Schools of Health Sciences, Business & Services and Hospitality require a net GPA of 2.8 or better. For example, a *Nitec* in Mechanical Technology student would have to attain a net GPA of 2.3 and 2.8 or better for



admission to the *Higher Nitec* in Mechanical Engineering (School of Engineering) and Business Administration (School of Business & Services) courses respectively.

The course-specific MERs and GPA requirement help to ensure that students admitted via the ITE EAE will be able to cope with the rigour of their course of study and that all students admitted to an ITE course have met the same baseline eligibility requirements.

15. For secondary school students who have already been offered a place through the ITE EAE, why do they still need to take their N- or O-Level examinations? Why are they not allowed to proceed directly to ITE?

While interest in a field of study is important, students must still have an adequate foundation in order to cope with the rigour of the course. Student performance in the N- or O-Level examinations is a reflection of whether they have acquired the necessary foundation.

Thus, even though students may have secured a conditional offer for an ITE place through the ITE EAE, this conditional offer will only be confirmed if they meet the minimum entry requirements (MERs), including subject-specific requirements, for admission to ITE based on their N- or O-Level examination results.

16. Why are secondary school students still required to meet subject-specific requirements for the ITE EAE?

Secondary school students with ITE EAE conditional offers need not participate in other admissions exercises (JIE or JAE) and are not required to compete for a place based on their results. However, they are still required to meet the subject-specific requirements to ensure that students admitted via ITE EAE will be able to cope with the rigour of their course of study. This ensures that all students admitted to an ITE course have met the same baseline eligibility requirements.

17. For *Nitec* students who are keen on progressing to a *Higher Nitec* course, why do they still need to take their ITE final examinations? Why are they not allowed to proceed directly to the *Higher Nitec* course since they have already been offered a place through the ITE EAE?

While interest in a field of study is important, students must still have an adequate foundation in order to cope with the rigour of the *Higher Nitec* courses. While *Nitec* students with ITE EAE conditional offers need not participate in *Nitec* Progression to *Higher Nitec* (NCHN), they should still have acquired the necessary foundation, for which the student's final *Nitec* GPA is a reflection of. Thus, even though students may have secured a conditional offer for a *Higher Nitec* place through the ITE EAE, this conditional offer will only be confirmed if they meet the MERs for admission to the *Higher Nitec* course offered, based on their final *Nitec* GPA.



18. What happens if students do not meet the MERs?

Students who do not meet the MERs will have their conditional offers revoked.

N- or O-Level students whose conditional offers are revoked will be able to apply for admission to ITE through the Joint Intake Exercise or Joint Admissions Exercise. *Nitec* students whose conditional offers are revoked may apply for admission to *Higher Nitec* courses during the NCHN Intake Exercise (or appeals phase for those who did not meet minimum GPA required for progression to a mapped course).

APPLICATION PROCESS

19. How many course choices are students allowed to submit?

Students can apply for a maximum of 3 course choices. Please note that the same course offered at different ITE Colleges are considered separate choices. For example, 3-year *Higher Nitec* in Electronics Engineering at ITE College Central (1st choice), *Higher Nitec* in Facilities Management & Engineering at ITE College East (2nd choice) and *Higher Nitec* in Facilities Management & Engineering at ITE College West (3rd choice).

If an applicant applies for the same course across two or more ITE Colleges, only one interview will be conducted.

20. Why does ITE conduct interviews?

Interviews allow ITE to better determine students' interest and aptitude in a particular area, for example, through interaction with the student and hearing directly from them on why they wish to enrol in their chosen courses, and having them present their portfolios to the interview panel.

In addition to interviews, ITE may also utilise other modes of assessment to identify course-specific aptitude and interest of applicants, such as portfolios, and aptitude tests, where relevant and appropriate to the specific course.

21. How will applicants know if they are shortlisted for interview?

Shortlisted applicants will be notified via email/phone call or SMS by the respective ITE Colleges about the dates for interview(s).

22. What supporting documents are required during the selection interview?

Applicants who are shortlisted are required to prepare the following documents when they attend the remote selection interviews or report to the ITE College for interview.

N- or O-Level applicants	Nitec applicants
a) NRIC (front and back)/Student Pass b) CCA records	a) NRIC (front and back)/Student Pass



c) Relevant certificates of achievements, work testimonial and portfolios (if any)	b) Relevant certificates of achievements, work testimonial and portfolios (if any)
d) Official GCE N- or O-Level examination results (only for applicants who have sat for the GCE examinations previously)	

23. How will the applicant know the result of the ITE EAE application?

The applicant can log in to <https://istudent.ite.edu.sg> to check the application outcome online between **Mon 25 Aug 2025** and **Fri 29 Aug 2025**.

24. How does the successful applicant indicate acceptance of the ITE EAE conditional offer?

Successful ITE EAE applicants will receive a Letter of Offer via email from the ITE Admissions Department. They would have to log in to <https://istudent.ite.edu.sg> to accept the offer online within the acceptance period (between **Mon 25 Aug 2025** and **Fri 29 Aug 2025**). Only one course will be offered and there will be no appeals for other courses after the release of the EAE application outcome.

Conditional ITE EAE offers that are not accepted by the deadline given, will be released.

25. What happens if the applicant is feeling unwell and is unable to take part in the selection? What alternative arrangements will be made?

Applicants should inform the College immediately if they are unable to make it for their scheduled online or on-campus appointment, so that alternative arrangements can be made. When ITE reaches out to shortlisted applicants to inform them about the details of their interview, they will also share a point of contact which applicants may reach out to in the event that they are unable to make it for their scheduled appointment. Alternatively, applicants may also call the Customer & Visitor Centres of the respective ITE Colleges to request for a change to their scheduled appointment.

WITHDRAWAL AND MULTIPLE OFFERS

26. A student has accepted his ITE EAE conditional offer, but has changed his mind and wishes to take up another course. Can he switch to a different course and retain his ITE EAE place?

Should students wish to withdraw their acceptance, they must submit their withdrawal requests to training@ite.edu.sg from **Mon 1 Sep 2025** to **Fri 5 Sep 2025**. Students who have withdrawn their acceptance will not be offered another course through the EAE. Students who have accepted an ITE EAE conditional offer but do not withdraw by **Fri 5 Sep 2025** will be deemed to have accepted their offer.



Should students meet the course Minimum Entry Requirements (MERs) when the GCE N- or O-Level examination results or final *Nitec* GPA are released, their offers will be automatically confirmed and students will **not** be able to switch courses within ITE or participate in other ITE admissions exercises, e.g. Joint Intake Exercise, Joint Admissions Exercise or *Nitec* Progression to *Higher Nitec* Intake Exercise.

The ITE EAE is targeted at students who are interested in a particular ITE course, and admission is based on the student's suitability for that course. If students are still discovering and/or developing their strengths and interests related to specific ITE courses or undecided on the specific ITE course that they are keen on, they may wish to apply through other admissions exercises after receiving their N- or O-Level results or final *Nitec* GPA.

27. A Sec 4N(A) student has accepted his ITE EAE offer, but has qualified for the Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) or Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP). Can he apply for the DPP or PFP and retain his ITE EAE place?

Sec 4N(A) students who have a confirmed ITE EAE offer for a 3-year *Higher Nitec* course and have qualified for the DPP or PFP after the release of the GCE N- or O-Level examination results may apply for the DPP or PFP. Students who receive a DPP offer will be required to decide between the DPP or ITE EAE offer. Students who do not decide by the stipulated deadline will be deemed to have accepted their DPP offer and their ITE EAE offer will be released.

As applications to the PFP open in January, students with confirmed ITE EAE offers may progress to ITE first before applying for PFP when applications open. Students who subsequently receive a PFP offer may withdraw from their ITE EAE course.

28. Are O-Level students able to apply for the ITE EAE and the Polytechnic EAE concurrently? Are they allowed to hold conditional offers for both exercises?

O-Level students are able to apply for both the ITE EAE and Polytechnic EAE concurrently. Successful applicants may hold on to both conditional offers. Once their O-Level results are released and they have met the MERs to confirm both offers, they will be required to decide between the ITE EAE or Polytechnic EAE offer. Students who do not decide by the stipulated deadline will be deemed to have accepted the Polytechnic EAE offer and their ITE EAE offer will be released.

29. Are *Nitec* students able to apply for the ITE EAE and Polytechnic EAE concurrently? Are they allowed to hold conditional offers for both exercises?

Nitec students are able to apply for both the ITE EAE and Polytechnic EAE concurrently. Successful applicants may hold on to both conditional offers. Once their final GPAs are released and they have met the MERs to confirm both offers, they will



be required to decide between the ITE EAE or Polytechnic EAE offer. Students who do not decide by the stipulated deadline will be deemed to have accepted the Polytechnic EAE offer and their ITE EAE offer will be released.

30. A Nitec student has accepted his ITE EAE offer, but has qualified for progression to the polytechnics. Can he apply for the Joint Polytechnic Admissions Exercise (JPAE) and retain his ITE EAE place?

Nitec students who have a confirmed ITE EAE offer for a *Higher Nitec* course and have obtained a final GPA that qualifies them for progression to the polytechnics may apply under JPAE for a course in the polytechnics. Students who are given a JPAE offer may then withdraw from their *Higher Nitec* course and take up the JPAE offer.

31. Are Nitec students able to apply for direct entry to second year of Higher Nitec courses under the ITE EAE?

Nitec students who wish to apply for direct entry to second year of *Higher Nitec* courses should apply to *Higher Nitec* courses that are mapped to their *Nitec* course. Successful ITE EAE applicants will be given a conditional offer for admission to the first year of the *Higher Nitec* course. Subsequently, students who meet the GPA requirement for direct entry to second year of mapped *Higher Nitec* courses will be considered for direct entry to second year alongside other *Nitec* students who applied through the *Nitec* Progression to *Higher Nitec* Intake Exercise.

MISCELLANEOUS

32. Can an applicant appeal if he is unsuccessful for his application under the ITE EAE?

An applicant who is not given a course offer under ITE EAE may apply for admission into ITE courses during the regular intake exercises.

33. Where can an applicant obtain more information on the ITE EAE?

Details on ITE EAE are available at <https://www.ite.edu.sg/admissions/full-time-courses/early-admissions-exercise>.

Interested applicants may also enquire via email to training@ite.edu.sg or contact ITE Customer Service Centres on Tel: 6590 2211 (ITE College Central); 6590 2262 (ITE College East); 6590 2628 (ITE College West) for more information.