



All you need to know about the

Polytechnic Early Admissions Exercise



Things You Should Know About Poly EAE

1 It's for those who have *aptitudes* and *interests* in specific fields of study

- Focus on **course-specific aptitudes and interests**
- Non-course-specific achievements, e.g. sports, leadership, may also be considered

2 You'll be assessed through different modes

- E.g. interviews, aptitude tests, portfolio showcase, depending on the course you apply for

3 All this will take place *before* your O-Level exams

- If your application is successful, the polytechnics will give you a **conditional offer** before you take the O-Level exams

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You'll still have to meet the polytechnic admissions criteria

- Net ELR2B2 score of **26 points or better** at O-Levels, and
- **Minimum entry requirements** for the polytechnic course

(...or your offer will be revoked)

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But you won't have to compete for admission to polytechnic strictly on the basis of how well you do academically compared to everyone else



Important Dates to Remember

25 June – 1 July

Application Stage

- Apply online at the Poly EAE portal
- Three choices in order of preference, one write-up for each course

6 July – 1 September

Selection Stage

- Shortlisted students* will be contacted for interviews, aptitude tests etc.

7 September – 10 September

Offer & Acceptance Stage

- Check results online
- Successful students can choose to *accept* or *reject* offer
- If you had earlier accepted a DSA-JC offer but wish to take up a Poly EAE offer instead, you will need to withdraw from DSA-JC

11 September – 16 October

Withdrawal Stage

- Students who want to cancel their acceptance must withdraw during this period. They will then be able to take part in the Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE) after the O-Level exams

*Selection process for most courses will be carried out through remote selection (e.g. online interviews held on videoconferencing platforms)



**Things You Could
Do Before You
Apply**

Step 1 **Explore your interests and develop your strengths**

- Advanced Elective Modules; Applied Subjects; Applied Learning Programme
- Work attachments; community / volunteer work
- Course-related school / personal activities; course-related achievements and projects, CCAs

Step 2

Research on the polytechnic courses you are interested in and related careers in the sector

- Conduct online **research**, e.g. polytechnic websites
- Talk to your **teachers, ECG Counsellors, family/relatives**

Step 3 Prepare for your application

Prepare your write-ups

- Short-write-up of 600 characters on why you want to enter the course. Give clear and concise descriptions of your interests, passion and relevant skills, experiences and activities you have participated in.

Prepare relevant documents

- Portfolios (where relevant to course applied for), e.g. samples of creative work done for design courses
- Other examples include evidence of experiences / involvement in course-related activities, CCA records, course-related certificates / awards

Prepare for interviews

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For those who are clear about what they want to pursue, we should support them as much as possible, to facilitate their admission into our PSEIs based on interests and aptitudes, and not just based on academic results.

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Mr Ong Ye Kung

Minister for Education (Higher Education & Skills)

Committee of Supply Debates 2017

Any Questions?

www.polytechnic.edu.sg



Misconception #1:

I will lose out if I don't apply for a polytechnic course via Poly EAE.

- In AY2020, the EAE intake was about 20% of the overall polytechnic intake. For O-Level students, the JAE will remain the main pathway for polytechnic admissions. Places in polytechnic diploma courses for students who do not apply through Poly EAE. The polytechnics cap the places in each diploma course at 30% or 50% for Poly EAE.
- However, if you have strong interests in and aptitude for specific courses in the polytechnics, you are encouraged to consider applying via Poly EAE

Misconception #2:

Poly EAE allows me to “chope” a place in a polytechnic.

- You should only apply through Poly EAE if you are clear about your interests, as you will need to demonstrate interest/aptitude for the courses you applied for
- If you accept an offer and meet the polytechnic admissions criteria, your offer will be automatically confirmed and you will not be eligible for all other admissions exercises, and will not be able to switch courses
- Hence, if you are uncertain about your interests or the course to apply for, you may wish to apply for admission to polytechnic through JAE instead

Misconception #3:

I don't have to study for my O-Levels once I receive a Poly EAE offer.

- Need to meet polytechnic admissions criteria
 - Net ELR2B2 aggregate of 26 points or better for O-Level exams
 - Minimum entry requirements (MERs) for diploma course
 - E.g. MERs for Diploma in Creative Writing for Television & New Media are B4 for English, D7 for Math, C6 for any three other subjects
- Ensures that students have the academic foundation to cope with the rigour of the diploma course