

## EARLY ADMISSIONS EXERCISE (FOR ITE STUDENTS) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **General**

#### **1. What is the Early Admissions Exercise (for ITE Students) [EAE(I)]?**

The Early Admissions Exercise (EAE) is an aptitude-based admissions exercise that allows students to apply and receive conditional offers for admission to the polytechnics based on their aptitudes and interests, prior to receiving their final grades. It gives the polytechnics greater flexibility to select and admit students on criteria other than their academic grades, thus allowing a wider range of talents to be recognised.

As part of EAE, EAE(I) has been introduced to cater to final-year students from the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) who wish to apply for polytechnic admission based on their sustained interests and demonstrated aptitudes relevant to the course, apart from their Grade Point Average (GPA).

#### **2. Who can take part in EAE(I)?**

EAE(I) will be open to those in the final year of their *Nitec* and *Higher Nitec* courses, i.e. for the AY2017 polytechnic intake, ITE graduates who complete their *Nitec* course in June or December 2016 and *Higher Nitec* course in September 2016 or March 2017 will be eligible to apply.

See [Annex A](#) for a list of *Nitec* and *Higher Nitec* qualifications that can be used to apply for polytechnic admission.

#### **3. Who should take part in EAE(I)?**

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

Students who are not completely sure about what they want to do may wish to first further explore their interests and deepen their skills after graduation, e.g. through work, or progressing to a *Higher Nitec* course. Students who wish to apply to polytechnic on the basis of their ITE GPA should take part in the Joint Polytechnic Admissions Exercise (JPAE).

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

If you are a DPP student, you may take part in EAE(I). Should you be offered a place and confirm your EAE(I) offer, you will not be eligible to participate in the Joint Polytechnic Admissions Exercise (JPAE). Your DPP guarantee of a place in one of the polytechnic diploma courses that is mapped to your *Higher Nitec* course (subject to meeting the minimum qualifying GPA) will also be voided.

Should you not be offered a place through EAE(I) or reject an EAE(I) 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.

**5. How many places are set aside for EAE(I)?**

Polytechnics can admit up to 10% of their total intake of ITE graduates for the Academic Year via EAE(I).

**6. Why do I still need to meet academic criteria?**

While interest and aptitude in a field of study is important, having the requisite academic foundation helps to ensure you will be able to cope with the rigour of a polytechnic education and benefit from it. It is for this reason that ITE students seeking admission to the polytechnics are required to graduate from ITE and meet the minimum GPA requirement for their respective diploma courses. The minimum GPA requirements for each polytechnic course are:

- 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 the Diploma in Nursing or the Diploma in Health Sciences (Nursing) is 3.0.

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

If you do not meet the minimum GPA requirements, your conditional offer through the EAE(I) will be revoked.

## **Application**

### **8. When will I be able to apply through EAE(I)?**

Applications will open in January 2017 for ITE students in the final year of their *Nitec* and *Higher Nitec* courses in AY2016, including ITE graduates who have completed their course in June and September 2016.

For subsequent intakes, applications will open in June every year.

## **Selection**

### **9. What attributes will be considered under EAE(I)? How will I be assessed for admission through this exercise?**

EAE(I) focuses on students who have strong aptitude and interest in a field related to the diploma course they are applying for.

Polytechnics will have the discretion to determine their modes of assessment, such as portfolios, interviews and aptitude tests, where relevant and appropriate. Polytechnics may also consider participation in activities such as work attachments and sustained involvement in projects that are related to the course students are applying for, as well as relevant co-curricular activities.

## **Acceptance**

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

No. Once you have accepted your EAE(I) offer and met the minimum GPA requirements for the polytechnic course, you will not be able to switch courses within or across polytechnics.

EAE(I) is targeted at students who are interested in a particular course in the polytechnics, and admission is based on the student's suitability for that course. If you are still discovering and/or developing your strengths and interests related to specific polytechnic courses, you can apply for a course through JPAE after receiving your final GPA.

**11. If I am offered and accept a place via EAE(I), can I still participate in the Joint Polytechnic Admissions Exercise?**

No. Once you accept a place and meet the minimum GPA requirements, you will confirm your offer and will not be eligible to take part in JPAE.

**Entry Qualifications**

Eligible ITE students with the following *Higher Nitec* and *Nitec* qualifications may apply for polytechnic admission via EAE(I):

<b>Higher Nitec Courses</b>
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Accounting
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Advanced Manufacturing
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Aerospace Engineering
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Banking Services
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Beauty & Spa Management
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Biotechnology
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Broadcast & Media Technology
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Business Information Systems
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Chemical Technology
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Civil & Structural Engineering Design
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Cyber & Network Security
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Early Childhood Education
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in e-Business Programming
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Electrical Engineering
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Electronics Engineering
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Engineering with Business
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Event Management
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Facility Management
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Facility Systems Design
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Filmmaking (Cinematography)
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Games Art & Design
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Games Design & Development
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Games Programming & Development
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Hospitality Operations
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Human Resource & Administration
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Information Technology
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Interactive Design
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Leisure & Travel Operations
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Logistics for International Trade
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Marine & Offshore Technology
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Marine Engineering
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Mechanical Engineering
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Mechatronics Engineering
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Mobile Unified Communications
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Network Security Technology
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Offshore & Marine Engineering Design
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Paramedic & Emergency Care
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Passenger Services
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Performance Production
<i>Higher Nitec</i> in Precision Engineering

<i>Higher Nitec in Process Plant Design</i>
<i>Higher Nitec in Rapid Transit Engineering</i>
<i>Higher Nitec in Retail Merchandising</i>
<i>Higher Nitec in Security System Integration</i>
<i>Higher Nitec in Service Management</i>
<i>Higher Nitec in Shipping Operations &amp; Services</i>
<i>Higher Nitec in Space Design Technology</i>
<i>Higher Nitec in Sport Management</i>
<i>Higher Nitec in Visual Merchandising</i>
<b>Nitec Courses</b>
<i>Nitec in Aerospace Avionics</i>
<i>Nitec in Aerospace Machining Technology</i>
<i>Nitec in Aerospace Technology</i>
<i>Nitec in Applied Food Science</i>
<i>Nitec in Asian Culinary Arts</i>
<i>Nitec in Automotive Technology (Heavy Vehicles)</i>
<i>Nitec in Automotive Technology (Light Vehicles)</i>
<i>Nitec in Beauty &amp; Wellness</i>
<i>Nitec in Business Services</i>
<i>Nitec in Chemical Process Technology</i>
<i>Nitec in Chemical Process Technology (Biologics)</i>
<i>Nitec in Chemical Process Technology (Petrochemicals)</i>
<i>Nitec in Chemical Process Technology (Pharmaceuticals)</i>
<i>Nitec in Chemical Process Technology (Process Instrumentation)</i>
<i>Nitec in Community Care &amp; Social Services</i>
<i>Nitec in Digital Animation</i>
<i>Nitec in Digital Audio &amp; Video Production</i>
<i>Nitec in Electrical Technology (Lighting &amp; Sound)</i>
<i>Nitec in Electrical Technology (Power &amp; Control)</i>
<i>Nitec in Electronics (Broadband Technology &amp; Services)</i>
<i>Nitec in Electronics (Computer &amp; Networking)</i>
<i>Nitec in Electronics (Display Technology)</i>
<i>Nitec in Electronics (Instrumentation)</i>
<i>Nitec in Electronics (Microelectronics)</i>
<i>Nitec in Electronics (Mobile Devices)</i>
<i>Nitec in Facility Technology (Air-Conditioning &amp; Refrigeration)</i>
<i>Nitec in Facility Technology (Landscaping Services)</i>
<i>Nitec in Facility Technology (Mechanical &amp; Electrical Services)</i>
<i>Nitec in Facility Technology (Vertical Transportation)</i>
<i>Nitec in Fashion Apparel Production &amp; Design</i>
<i>Nitec in Finance Services</i>
<i>Nitec in Fitness Training</i>
<i>Nitec in Floristry</i>
<i>Nitec in Food &amp; Beverage Operations</i>
<i>Nitec in Hair Services (Hair Fashion &amp; Design)</i>
<i>Nitec in Hair Services (Hair &amp; Scalp Therapy)</i>
<i>Nitec in Info-Communications Technology (Cloud Computing)</i>

<i>Nitec</i> in Info-Communications Technology (Mobile Networks & Applications)
<i>Nitec</i> in Info-Communications Technology (Networking & Systems Administration)
<i>Nitec</i> in Interactive Media Design
<i>Nitec</i> in Laser & Tooling Technology
<i>Nitec</i> in Mechanical Technology
<i>Nitec</i> in Mechatronics
<i>Nitec</i> in Medical Manufacturing Technology
<i>Nitec</i> in Mobile Systems & Services
<i>Nitec</i> in Nursing
<i>Nitec</i> in Opticianry
<i>Nitec</i> in Pastry & Baking
<i>Nitec</i> in Product Design
<i>Nitec</i> in Rapid Transit Technology
<i>Nitec</i> in Retail Services
<i>Nitec</i> in Security Technology
<i>Nitec</i> in Social Media & Web Development
<i>Nitec</i> in Space Design (Architecture)
<i>Nitec</i> in Space Design (Interior & Exhibition)
<i>Nitec</i> in Travel & Tourism Services
<i>Nitec</i> in Visual Communication
<i>Nitec</i> in Visual Effects
<i>Nitec</i> in Western Culinary Arts