

# JOINT PRESS RELEASE



Ministry of Education

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## RELEASE OF GCE NORMAL (ACADEMIC) AND (TECHNICAL) LEVEL EXAMINATION RESULTS ON 17 DECEMBER 2012

1. The results of the 2012 Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education Normal (Academic) [N(A)] and Normal (Technical) [N(T)] Level Examinations will be released on Monday, 17 December 2012.
2. School candidates may obtain their result slips from their respective schools from 2.00 pm on 17 December 2012.
3. Students who wish to apply for the various courses offered by the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) can obtain the application forms from their schools when they collect their results.
4. Students eligible for the Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP) and/or the Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) will also receive from their respective secondary schools, a copy of Form P and/or Form N, inviting them to apply for the PFP and/or DPP.
5. Private candidates will be notified of their individual results by post. They will also be able to obtain their results through the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board website, <http://www.seab.gov.sg>, from 2.00 pm on 17 December 2012.

### Submission of Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP) / Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) Applications

6. Students who receive a copy of Form P and/or Form N should note that each copy of Form P and/or Form N contains a unique Personal Identification Number (PIN). Students should use the respective PINs to submit their applications online via the PFP ([www.polytechnic.edu.sg/pfp/apply.html](http://www.polytechnic.edu.sg/pfp/apply.html)) and/or DPP ([www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/intake/](http://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/intake/)) application websites.
7. Applications for both will open at 2.00 pm on 17 December 2012.
8. PFP applications will close at 4.00 pm on 19 December 2012. DPP applications will close at 5.00 pm on 20 December 2012.

## Release of PFP/DPP Posting Results

9. The PFP/DPP posting results will be released at 9.00 am on Monday, 24 December 2012. Students will be notified of this via SMS (if they provide their mobile phone details). They will also be able to check their posting results online via the respective application portals.

10. Students are required to log on to the respective PFP and/or DPP websites between 9.00 am on 24 December 2012 and 4.00 pm on 26 December 2012 to indicate whether they wish to accept or reject the PFP/DPP offer. Students who reject their PFP/DPP offer will be required to report back to their secondary schools on Wednesday, 2 January 2013 to commence Secondary 5.

11. Students who are offered places in both the PFP and DPP may only accept one offer. **Students who accept both offers will have their applications voided.**

12. Students will be informed by the respective polytechnics and ITE on the dates of enrolment for the PFP and DPP.

## About the PFP/DPP

13. At the 2010 National Day Rally, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong announced that the Ministry of Education (MOE) will be creating more progression pathways for secondary school students from 2013. These included the PFP and DPP, which provide students with additional progression pathways in the areas of applied learning.

14. The PFP is a one-year programme that offers a practice-oriented curriculum taught by polytechnic lecturers, to better prepare polytechnic-bound N(A) students for entry into the relevant Polytechnic Diploma course. The PFP takes into account the strong demand for a polytechnic education, and is an alternative to the Secondary 5 year as GCE 'N' level graduates under the PFP will not sit for the 'O' levels.

15. The DPP is another option for students who have performed well in the 'N' Levels and would like to benefit from more hands-on preparation at the ITE. The programme takes into account the consistent good performance of Higher Nitec graduates and their aspirations for a polytechnic education. Students can take up a Higher Nitec programme at the ITE and subsequently be assured of either a first- or second-year place in a related polytechnic course, provided they achieve the qualifying GPA scores in the Higher Nitec programme. This option builds on the ITE Direct Entry Scheme (DES) which was introduced in 2008 as a pathway for students who do well in their 'N' Levels to progress to ITE, instead of taking their 'O' Levels in Secondary 5.

16. For more information on the PFP and the DPP, please visit these websites –

MOE's Brochure on New Through-Train Pathways for N(A) Students:

<http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/post-secondary/files/through-train-pathways-na-students.pdf>

Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP): <http://www.polytechnic.edu.sg/pfp/>

Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP):

<http://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/definitely-des/>

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