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## **Results of the 2012 Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) Level Examinations**

1. Students collected their Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) Level Examinations results from their respective secondary schools today.<sup>1</sup>
2. This year, 12,510 students in the Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) Course and 5,855 students in the Secondary 4 Normal (Technical) Course sat for the 2012 GCE Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) Level Examinations respectively.
3. 12,463 (99.6 %) students from the Normal (Academic) course have been awarded the Normal (Academic) Level certificate. The Normal (Academic) Level certificate is awarded to a candidate who obtains a pass grade of Grade 5 or better in at least one Normal (Academic) subject.
4. 5,741 (98.1 %) students from the Normal (Technical) course have been awarded the Normal (Technical) Level certificate. The Normal (Technical) Level certificate is awarded to a candidate who obtains a pass grade of Grade D or better in at least one Normal (Technical) subject.

### **PROGRESSION TO SECONDARY 5 NORMAL (ACADEMIC)**

5. A total of 9,082 (72.6 %) students are eligible for promotion to Secondary 5 Normal (Academic) in 2013. These are students in the Normal (Academic) course who obtain an aggregate not exceeding 19 points in English Language (EL), Mathematics and best three subjects (ELMAB3) and a Grade 5 or better for both EL and Mathematics.

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<sup>1</sup> The Singapore-Cambridge GCE Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) Level Examinations are conducted jointly by the University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) and the Ministry of Education (MOE).

6. This year, 4,581 Normal (Academic) students sat for subjects in the 'O' Level Examinations. These students are also eligible to proceed to Secondary 5 Normal (Academic) if they obtain an aggregate not exceeding 19 points in EL, Mathematics and best three subjects, and a Grade 5 or better for both EL and Mathematics, using their combined GCE Normal (Academic) Level and their school-based 'O' Level preliminary examination results.

### **NEW PROGRESSION PATHWAYS FOR NORMAL (ACADEMIC) STUDENTS**

7. Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) students who attempted the GCE Normal (Academic) examinations in 2012 and obtained an ELMAB3 aggregate not exceeding 11 points<sup>2</sup> will have the additional option of enrolling in the Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP), instead of moving on to Secondary 5 Normal (Academic). The PFP is a new one-year foundation programme offering a practice-oriented curriculum taught by polytechnic lecturers, catering to students who have decided to pursue a polytechnic education. The polytechnics will offer about 1,200 PFP places across a range of diploma courses, with the first intake commencing in 2013. For more information, please refer to <http://www.polytechnic.edu.sg/pfp/>.

8. Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) students who attempted the GCE Normal (Academic) examinations in 2012 and obtained an ELMAB3 aggregate not exceeding 19 points<sup>3</sup> will also have the option of enrolling into the Direct-Entry-Scheme into Polytechnic Programme (DPP) at ITE. Instead of moving on to Secondary 5 Normal (Academic), students who accept the DPP will enroll directly into Higher Nitec courses at ITE, and are subsequently guaranteed a place in a polytechnic diploma course mapped to their Higher Nitec, subject to their meeting Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements. ITE will offer about 1,000 DPP places, with the first intake commencing in 2013. Successful applicants are required to attend a 10-week preparatory course prior to commencing their Higher Nitec courses. For more information, please refer to <http://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/definitely-des/>.

### **PROGRESSION OF NORMAL (TECHNICAL) STUDENTS**

9. All Normal (Technical) course students who have completed their secondary education in 2012 can apply to further their studies at ITE. Schools may also laterally transfer Secondary 4 Normal (Technical) students to Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) if they have obtained grade A for EL and

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<sup>2</sup> The ELMAB3 aggregate is based on English Language (EL), Mathematics (MA), and the student's 3 best other subjects. To be eligible for the PFP, students must also attain a minimum grade of 3 in English Language and Mathematics. The ELMAB3 aggregate does not include CCA bonus points.

<sup>3</sup> To be eligible for the DPP, students must also attain a minimum grade of 4 in both English Language and Mathematics. The ELMAB3 aggregate does not include CCA bonus points.

Mathematics and grade B or better for one other subject at the Normal (Technical) Level.

10. An info graphic to illustrate the progression pathways and their eligibility criteria is attached in Annex A.

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