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Results of 2014 Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) Level Examinations

1. Students who sat for the 2014 Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) Level Examinations have collected their results from their secondary schools today.¹
2. 11,176 students from the Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) Course and 5,120 students from the Secondary 4 Normal (Technical) Course sat for the Examinations.
3. 99.7% of the students from the Normal (Academic) course have been awarded the Normal (Academic) Level certificate. The Normal (Academic) Level certificate is awarded to candidates who obtain a pass grade (i.e. of Grade 5 or better) in at least one Normal (Academic) subject.
4. 97.5% of the 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 (i.e. of Grade D or better) in at least one Normal (Technical) subject.

PROGRESSION TO SECONDARY 5 NORMAL (ACADEMIC)

5. 74.6% of the students from the Normal (Academic) course are eligible for promotion to Secondary 5 Normal (Academic) in 2015. These are students in the Normal (Academic) course who obtained 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.
6. This year, 34.5% of the students from the Normal (Academic) course sat for subjects in the GCE Ordinary Level (GCE 'O' Level) Examinations. These students are also eligible for promotion 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

¹ 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).

combined GCE Normal (Academic) Level and their school-based 'O' Level preliminary examination results.

PROGRESSION PATHWAYS FOR NORMAL (ACADEMIC) STUDENTS

7. Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) students who had attempted the GCE Normal (Academic) examinations in 2014 and obtained an ELMAB3 aggregate not exceeding 19 points² will have the option of applying for the Direct-Entry-Scheme into Polytechnic Programme (DPP).

8. The DPP prepares Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) students for progression into selected polytechnic diploma courses via a two-year *Higher Nitec* programme at the Institute of Technical Education (ITE). Under the DPP, students who successfully complete their *Higher Nitec* course and attain the required qualifying Grade Point Average (GPA) are guaranteed a place in a polytechnic diploma course mapped to their *Higher Nitec* course. About 1,000 DPP places are offered across all three ITE Colleges annually. Applications to the DPP will open on 18 December 2014. For more information, please refer to <http://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/definitely-des/>.

9. Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) students who sat for the GCE Normal (Academic) examinations in 2014 and obtained an ELMAB3 aggregate not exceeding 11 points³ will also have the option of applying for the Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP).

10. The PFP is a one-year foundation programme at the polytechnics that offers a practice-oriented curriculum taught by polytechnic lecturers to prepare students for entry into the relevant Polytechnic Diploma courses. Upon completion of the one-year PFP, students will progress on to their pre-selected diploma course, subject to them passing all modules in the PFP. The polytechnics will offer about 1,200 PFP places in total. Applications to the PFP will open in January 2015 after the release of the GCE 'O' Level Examination results. Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) students who intend to apply for the PFP should first progress to Secondary 5 on 2 January 2015. For more information, please refer to <http://www.polytechnic.edu.sg/pfp>.

².To be eligible for the DPP, students must also attain a minimum grade of 4 in both English Language (Minimum required grade of 3 for Business & Services courses) and Mathematics. The ELMAB3 aggregate does not include CCA bonus points.

³ The ELMAB3 aggregate comprises English Language (EL), Mathematics (MA), and the student's three best other subjects. To be eligible for the PFP, students must also attain a minimum grade of 3 in all subjects that make up the ELMAB3 aggregate. CCA bonus points are not factored into the ELMAB3 aggregate used for application to the PFP, but are taken into account for posting. More information can be found at http://www.polytechnic.edu.sg/pfp/pfp_eligibility.html

PROGRESSION OF NORMAL (TECHNICAL) STUDENTS

11. All Normal (Technical) course students who completed their secondary education in 2014 may 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 Mathematics and grade B or better for one other subject at the Normal (Technical) Level.

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