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## RESULTS OF 2015 SINGAPORE-CAMBRIDGE GCE N(A)- AND N(T)-LEVEL EXAMINATIONS

1. Students who sat for the 2015 Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education (GCE) Normal (Academic) [N(A)] and Normal (Technical) [N(T)] Level Examinations have collected their results from their secondary schools today.<sup>1</sup>
2. 11,528 students from the Secondary 4 N(A) Course and 5,139 students from the Secondary 4 N(T) Course sat for the Examinations.
3. 99.5% of the students from the N(A) course have been awarded the GCE N(A)-Level certificate. The GCE N(A)-Level certificate is awarded to candidates who obtain a pass grade (i.e. of Grade 5 or better) in at least one N(A) subject.
4. 96.6% of the students from the N(T) course have been awarded the GCE N(T)-Level certificate. The GCE N(T)-Level certificate is awarded to candidates who obtain a pass grade (i.e. of Grade D or better) in at least one N(T) subject.

### PROGRESSION TO SECONDARY 5 NORMAL (ACADEMIC)

5. 74.9% of the students from the N(A) course are eligible for promotion to Secondary 5 N(A) in 2016. These are students in the N(A) 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, 33.4% of the students from the N(A) course sat for subjects in the GCE Ordinary Level (GCE O-Level) Examinations. These students are also eligible for promotion to Secondary 5 N(A) 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 N(A)-Level and their school-based O-Level preliminary examination results.

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<sup>1</sup> The University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), the Ministry of Education, Singapore and the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) are the joint examining authorities for the Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) Level Examinations.

## PROGRESSION PATHWAYS FOR NORMAL (ACADEMIC) STUDENTS

7. Secondary 4 N(A) students who had attempted the GCE N(A)-Level Examinations in 2015, and obtained an ELMAB3 aggregate of not exceeding 19 points<sup>2</sup> will have the option of applying for the Direct-Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP).

8. The DPP prepares Secondary 4 N(A) 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.

9. About 1,000 DPP places will be offered across all three ITE Colleges annually. Applications to the DPP will open on 17 December 2015. For more information, please refer to <http://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/definitely-des/>.

10. Secondary 4 N(A) students who sat for the GCE N(A)-Level Examinations in 2015 and obtained an ELMAB3 aggregate not exceeding 11 points<sup>3</sup> will also have the option of applying for the Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP).

11. 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 2016 after the release of the GCE O-Level Examination results. Secondary 4 N(A) students who intend to apply for the PFP should first progress to Secondary 5 on 4 January 2016. For more information, please refer to <http://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg>.

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<sup>2</sup> 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. CCA bonus points are not factored into the ELMAB3 aggregate used for considering eligibility for the DPP. More information can be found at <http://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/definitely-des/>

<sup>3</sup> 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 considering eligibility for the PFP, but are taken into account for posting. More information can be found at [http://www.polytechnic.edu.sg/pfp/pfp\\_eligibility.html](http://www.polytechnic.edu.sg/pfp/pfp_eligibility.html)

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

12. All N(T) course students who completed their secondary education in 2015 may apply to further their studies at ITE. Schools may also laterally transfer Secondary 4 N(T) students to Secondary 4 N(A) if they have obtained grade A for EL and Mathematics and grade B or better for one other subject at the GCE N(T)-Level Examination.

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