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## **RELEASE OF 2018 SINGAPORE-CAMBRIDGE GCE N(A)- & N(T)-LEVEL EXAMINATION RESULTS**

1. Students who sat for the 2018 Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education (GCE) Normal (Academic) [N(A)] and Normal (Technical) [N(T)] Level Examinations collected their results from their secondary schools today.
2. 9,917 students from the Secondary 4 N(A) Course and 4,715 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. 97.5% 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. 76.9% of the students from the N(A) course are eligible for promotion to Secondary 5 N(A). These are students in the N(A) course who obtained an aggregate not exceeding 19 points in English Language, Mathematics and the best three subjects (ELMAB3), and at least a Grade 5 for all subjects used in the computation of the ELMAB3.
6. This year, 39.6% of the students from the N(A) course sat for subjects in the GCE Ordinary Level (GCE O-Level) Examinations. Using their combined GCE N(A)-Level and school-based O-Level preliminary examination results, these students are also eligible for promotion to Secondary 5 N(A) if they obtain an aggregate not exceeding 19 points in ELMAB3, and at least a Grade 5 for all subjects used in the computation of the ELMAB3.

## PROGRESSION PATHWAYS FOR NORMAL (ACADEMIC) STUDENTS

7. Secondary 4 N(A) students who sat for the GCE N(A)-Level Examinations in 2018 and obtained an ELMAB3 aggregate not exceeding 19 points<sup>1</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 minimum qualifying Grade Point Average (GPA) are guaranteed a place in a polytechnic diploma course mapped to their *Higher Nitec* course.

9. About 1,200 DPP places will be offered across all three ITE Colleges. Applications for the DPP will open on 17 December 2018. For more information, please refer to <http://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/definitely-dpp/>.

10. Secondary 4 N(A) students who sat for the GCE N(A)-Level Examinations in 2018 also have the option of applying for the Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP). From 2019, the PFP will be open to students who obtained an ELMAB3 aggregate not exceeding 12 points<sup>2</sup>, up from the current 11 points.

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 PFP, students will progress to their pre-selected diploma course, subject to them passing all modules in the PFP.

12. The polytechnics will offer about 1,500 PFP places in total. Applications for the PFP will open in January 2019, 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 2 January 2019. For more information, please refer to <https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/index.html>.

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<sup>1</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, and minimum grade of 5 in three other subjects (excluding CCA). CCA bonus points are not factored into the ELMAB3 aggregate used for considering eligibility for the DPP, but are taken into account for posting. More information can be found at <http://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/definitely-des/>.

<sup>2</sup> To be eligible for the PFP, students must obtain an ELMAB3 aggregate score of 12 points or better (excluding CCA bonus points), as well as meet the course-specific requirements. 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 <https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/index.html>.

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

13. All N(T) course students who completed their secondary education in 2018 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 both English Language and Mathematics, and grade B or better for one other subject at the GCE N(T)-Level Examination.

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