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RELEASE OF 2019 SINGAPORE-CAMBRIDGE GCE N(A)- & N(T)-LEVEL EXAMINATION RESULTS

1. Students who sat for the 2019 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 today¹.

2. The results of the 2019 and 2018 GCE N(A)-Level examination for school candidates are as follows.

Year	Number of candidates	Award of GCE N(A)-Level certificate ²	
		No.	Percentage
2019	9,752	9,708	99.5%
2018	9,917	9,868	99.5%

3. The results of the 2019 and 2018 GCE N(T)-Level examination for school candidates are as follows.

Year	Number of candidates	Award of GCE N(T)-Level certificate ³	
		No.	Percentage
2019	4,034	3,959	98.1%
2018	4,715	4,597	97.5%

¹ 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.

² The GCE N(A)-Level certificate is awarded to candidates who obtain at least a Grade 5 or better in at least one N(A) subject.

³ The GCE N(T)-Level certificate is awarded to candidates who obtain at least a Grade D or better in at least one N(T) subject.

PROGRESSION TO SECONDARY 5 NORMAL (ACADEMIC)

4. 76.6% 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.

5. This year, 38.1% of the students from the N(A) course sat for subjects in the GCE Ordinary Level (GCE O-Level) Examinations. Schools will take into consideration their combined GCE N(A)-Level and school-based O-Level preliminary examination results when determining their eligibility for Secondary 5 N(A) or post-secondary pathways.

PROGRESSION PATHWAYS FOR NORMAL (ACADEMIC) STUDENTS

6. Secondary 4 N(A) students who sat for the GCE N(A)-Level Examinations in 2019 and obtained a raw ELMAB3 aggregate not exceeding 19 points⁴ will have the option of applying for the Direct-Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP).

7. 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.

8. About 1,200 DPP places will be offered across all three ITE Colleges. Applications for the DPP will open on 19 December 2019. For more information, please refer to <https://www.ite.edu.sg/admissions/full-time-courses/higher-nitec/dpp/>.

9. Secondary 4 N(A) students who sat for the GCE N(A)-Level Examinations in 2019 also have the option of applying for the Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP). Students are eligible to apply for the PFP if they have obtained

⁴ 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.

a raw ELMAB3 aggregate not exceeding 12 points, and meet the subject-specific requirements for their chosen course⁵.

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

11. The polytechnics will offer about 1,500 PFP places in total. Applications for the PFP will open in January 2020, on the day of the GCE O-Level Examination results release. Secondary 4 N(A) students who intend to apply for the PFP should first progress to Secondary 5 on 2 January 2020. For more information, please refer to <https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/index.html>.

12. All N(A) course students who have completed their secondary education may also apply to further their studies through ITE's Nitec programmes. For more information on courses available at ITE, please refer to <https://www.ite.edu.sg/courses/full-time-courses/nitec/>.

PROGRESSION PATHWAYS FOR NORMAL (TECHNICAL) STUDENTS

13. All N(T) course students who complete their secondary education in 2019 may apply to further their studies through ITE's Nitec programmes. For more information on courses available at ITE, please refer to <https://www.ite.edu.sg/courses/full-time-courses/nitec/>.

14. 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.

PROVISION OF EDUCATION AND CAREER GUIDANCE (ECG) SERVICES

15. Students are advised to select courses based on their strengths and interest in the field of study. Students can discuss their options with teachers and Education and Career Guidance (ECG) counsellors at their respective schools. Alternatively, students can also make an appointment to see an ECG counsellor at the MOE ECG Centre via the online booking system: http://bit.ly/moe_ecg, phone: 68311420 or email: MOE_ECG@moe.gov.sg. The MOE ECG Centre is open from 13 to 27 December 2019, 9.00am to 5.00pm.

⁵ To be eligible for the PFP, students must obtain an ELMAB3 aggregate score not exceeding 12 points (excluding CCA bonus points), and attain a minimum grade of 3 (minimum grade of 2 in English Language for Group 2 courses) 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.