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## **DIRECT ADMISSION EXERCISES FOR JUNIOR COLLEGES AND POLYTECHNICS TO COMMENCE IN JUNE-JULY 2011**

1. Students can apply for direct admission to junior colleges (JC) and polytechnics through the Direct School Admission - Junior College Exercise (DSA-JC) and the Direct Polytechnic Admission (DPA) Exercise. The DSA-JC application period varies across the schools, with some starting from 18 May 2011. The DPA application period is from 8 July 2011 to 13 July 2011. Successful applicants will be offered places in a JC, institution or polytechnic prior to taking their GCE 'O' level examinations or equivalent assessments, though they must still meet the 'O' level examinations criteria for eventual admission to a JC, institution or polytechnic.

### **Direct Admission Exercises**

2. The direct admission exercises provide JCs, institutions and polytechnics with more flexibility to select students while upholding the key principles of transparency and meritocracy.

3. The DSA-JC Exercise provides students an opportunity to demonstrate a more diverse range of achievements and talents in seeking admission at the pre-university level.

4. The DPA Exercise allows students who are interested in and have the aptitude for applied learning to seek prior admission to the polytechnics. Successful DPA applicants will be able to participate in the Polytechnic Preparatory Programme (PPP), conducted by the individual polytechnics from mid-January 2012 to March 2012. Under the PPP, students will engage in activities such as industry visits, student camps and leadership development activities. These activities aim to broaden the students' learning experience and better orientate them to the polytechnic environment. Students may also register for polytechnic modules during the PPP. This would allow students to pursue advanced modules or cross-disciplinary modules during their polytechnic education.

### **Student Selection**

5. For the DSA-JC Exercise, each JC or institution will admit students according to its own merit-based admission criteria (which include both academic and/or non-

academic criteria), taking into account the students' personal qualities and the areas of focus (such as leadership, science, music and sports) that the JC or institution would like to emphasise. Students admitted via the DSA-JC Exercise will have to meet the admission criteria to a JC.

6. For the DPA Exercise, polytechnics will take into account students' abilities, talents and interests in the specific courses that they have applied for. For example, a student's passion and talent in film and video production would be considered when he/she applies through the DPA for a polytechnic course in Media Studies. To ensure that students admitted through DPA are able to cope with the rigours of a polytechnic education, applicants will have to meet prevailing polytechnic admission criteria.

7. Similar to last year's exercises, the percentage of students that JCs and polytechnics can admit via direct admission is as follows:

- Government and Government-aided JCs<sup>1</sup> can admit up to 10 percent of their 2012 JC1 intake using school-based criteria under the DSA-JC Exercise. The three independent institutions<sup>2</sup> offering pre-university programmes can admit up to 20 percent of their intake using school-based criteria. SOTA will admit a small number of its Year 5 students through the DSA-JC Exercise.
- The five polytechnics - Nanyang Polytechnic, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Republic Polytechnic, Singapore Polytechnic and Temasek Polytechnic - will each admit up to 2.5 percent of their Academic Year 2012 intake through the DPA Exercise. There will also be a course-specific cap of 30 percent for each polytechnic course under DPA. This is to ensure that students admitted through the GCE 'O' Level route will continue to have access to popular polytechnic courses.

8. Similar to previous years, if an applicant accepts an offer through DSA-JC or DPA, and is successfully posted to the institution, he will not be able to take part in the Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE) or Joint Polytechnic Special Admissions Exercise (JPSAE) subsequently.

## Further Information

9. Interested students should approach any of the participating institutions or visit their websites for more details regarding the selection exercises. They are advised to do so before the start of the respective exercises. Please refer to the Annexes for the list of participating institutions and details of the exercises.

10. Alternatively, students can call MOE Customer Service Centre at 6872 2220 or refer to the following MOE websites for more information:

- DSA-JC Exercise website  
<http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/admissions/dsa-jc/>

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<sup>1</sup> These are: Anderson JC, Anglo-Chinese JC, Catholic JC, Innova JC, Jurong JC, Meridian JC, Nanyang JC, National JC, Pioneer JC, Serangoon JC, St Andrew's JC, Tampines JC, Temasek JC, Victoria JC and Yishun JC.

<sup>2</sup> These are: Anglo Chinese School (Independent), Hwa Chong Institution and Raffles Institution.

- DPA Exercise website  
<http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/admissions/dpa/>
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## List of Websites of Institutions Participating in DSA-JC Exercise:

Name of JC/Institution	Website
1. Anderson Junior College	<a href="http://www.andersonjc.moe.edu.sg">http://www.andersonjc.moe.edu.sg</a>
2. Anglo-Chinese School (Independent) <sup>#</sup>	<a href="http://www.acs.sch.edu.sg/acs_indep">http://www.acs.sch.edu.sg/acs_indep</a>
3. Anglo-Chinese Junior College <sup>*</sup>	<a href="http://www.acjc.edu.sg">http://www.acjc.edu.sg</a>
4. Catholic Junior College <sup>*</sup>	<a href="http://www.cjc.edu.sg">http://www.cjc.edu.sg</a>
5. Hwa Chong Institution <sup>#</sup>	<a href="http://www.hwachong.edu.sg">http://www.hwachong.edu.sg</a>
6. Innova Junior College	<a href="http://www.innovajc.moe.edu.sg">http://www.innovajc.moe.edu.sg</a>
7. Jurong Junior College	<a href="http://www.jurongjc.moe.edu.sg">http://www.jurongjc.moe.edu.sg</a>
8. Meridian Junior College	<a href="http://www.mjc.moe.edu.sg">http://www.mjc.moe.edu.sg</a>
9. Nanyang Junior College <sup>*</sup>	<a href="http://www.nanyangjc.org">http://www.nanyangjc.org</a>
10. National Junior College	<a href="http://www.njc.edu.sg">http://www.njc.edu.sg</a>
11. Pioneer Junior College	<a href="http://www.pioneerjc.moe.edu.sg">http://www.pioneerjc.moe.edu.sg</a>
12. Raffles Institution <sup>#</sup>	<a href="http://www.ri.edu.sg">http://www.ri.edu.sg</a>
13. School of the Arts, Singapore <sup>@</sup>	<a href="http://www.sota.edu.sg">http://www.sota.edu.sg</a>
14. Serangoon Junior College	<a href="http://www.srjc.moe.edu.sg">http://www.srjc.moe.edu.sg</a>
15. St. Andrew's Junior College <sup>*</sup>	<a href="http://www.standrewsjc.moe.edu.sg">http://www.standrewsjc.moe.edu.sg</a>
16. Tampines Junior College	<a href="http://www.tpjc.moe.edu.sg">http://www.tpjc.moe.edu.sg</a>
17. Temasek Junior College	<a href="http://www.tjc.edu.sg">http://www.tjc.edu.sg</a>
18. Victoria Junior College	<a href="http://www.vjc.moe.edu.sg">http://www.vjc.moe.edu.sg</a>
19. Yishun Junior College	<a href="http://www.yishunjc.moe.edu.sg">http://www.yishunjc.moe.edu.sg</a>

\* Government-aided JCs

<sup>#</sup> Independent Schools offering JC or its equivalent courses / Independent JCs

<sup>@</sup> Specialised Independent Schools

**List of Websites of Institutions Participating in DPA Exercise:**

<b>Name of Polytechnic</b>	<b>Website</b>
1. Joint Polytechnic Portal	<a href="http://www.polytechnic.edu.sg">http://www.polytechnic.edu.sg</a>
2. Nanyang Polytechnic	<a href="http://www.nyp.edu.sg">http://www.nyp.edu.sg</a>
3. Ngee Ann Polytechnic	<a href="http://www.np.edu.sg">http://www.np.edu.sg</a>
4. Republic Polytechnic	<a href="http://www.rp.sg">http://www.rp.sg</a>
5. Singapore Polytechnic	<a href="http://www.sp.edu.sg">http://www.sp.edu.sg</a>
6. Temasek Polytechnic	<a href="http://www.tp.edu.sg">http://www.tp.edu.sg</a>

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### DSA-JC and DPA Exercise Periods

The DSA-JC Exercise will be conducted in two phases as follows:

Period	Phase 1 <sup>3</sup> Process (All JCs)	Phase 2 Process (All JCs except the seven stated in Footnote 3)
27 Jun 2011 to 26 Jul 2011	<b><u>Offer Stage</u></b> JCs may shortlist and make Confirmed Offers to selected students.	
27 Jul 2011 to 29 Jul 2011	<b><u>Acceptance Stage</u></b> A student may accept <u>only one</u> of his Confirmed Offers by submitting his acceptance form to the institution. He is guaranteed a place in the institution if he accepts the offer during this stage and meets the eligibility criteria for JC admission.	
1 Aug 2011 to 3 Aug 2011	<b><u>Cooling-Off Stage (1 Aug 2011 to 3 Aug 2011)</u></b> Students may cancel their Phase 1 acceptances during this stage, if they wish to accept a Phase 2 offer.	<b><u>Offer Stage (1 to 16 Aug 2011)</u></b> JCs may shortlist and make Confirmed Offers to selected students.  <b><u>Acceptance Stage</u></b> A student may accept <u>only one</u> of his Confirmed Offers by submitting his acceptance form to the institution. He is guaranteed a place in the institution if he accepts the offer during this stage and meets the eligibility criteria for JC admission.  Note: A student who accepts a JC offer cannot concurrently accept an offer from a polytechnic via the Direct Polytechnic
1 Aug 2011 to 16 Aug 2011		
19 Aug 2011 to 24 Aug 2011		

<sup>3</sup> The following 7 Institutions have opted to only participate in Phase 1 of the DSA-JC Exercise:

- a. Anglo Chinese School (Independent)
- b. Hwa Chong Institution
- c. National Junior College
- d. Raffles Institution
- e. School of the Arts, Singapore
- f. Temasek Junior College
- g. Victoria Junior College

Period	Phase 1 <sup>3</sup> Process (All JCs)	Phase 2 Process (All JCs except the seven stated in Footnote 3)
		Admission (DPA) Exercise. A student who is found to have accepted more than one Confirmed Offer (JC and/or polytechnic) will be disqualified from the DSA-JC and DPA Exercises.
By 7 Oct 2011	<p><b><u>Withdrawal Stage</u></b></p> <p>Students who wish to participate in JAE and Joint Polytechnic Special Admission Exercise (JPSAE) must submit withdrawals from DSA-JC Exercise 2011 by <b>7 Oct 2011, 5.00pm</b>.</p> <p>Students who have accepted a DSA-JC Offer but who do not withdraw by the deadline are deemed to have confirmed their acceptance and will not be eligible to participate in the JAE or JPSAE if they meet the eligibility criteria for JC admission based on their GCE 'O' Level results.</p>	

The DPA Exercise will be conducted as follows:

Period	Process
8 Jul 2011 to 13 Jul 2011	<p><b><u>Application Stage</u></b></p> <p>Students apply for DPA via an online application system at <a href="http://www.polytechnic.edu.sg/dpa/">http://www.polytechnic.edu.sg/dpa/</a></p>
14 Jul 2011 to 12 Aug 2011	<p><b><u>Selection Stage</u></b></p> <p>Polytechnics shortlist and interview selected DPA applicants.</p>
19 Aug 2011 to 24 Aug 2011	<p><b><u>Offer and Acceptance Stage</u></b></p> <p>Offers will be made to successful applicants. DPA applicants may view and accept offers on the online application system between <u>2.00 pm on 19 Aug 2011</u> and <u>3.00 pm on 24 Aug 2011</u>.</p> <p>A student who accepts his DPA Offer during this stage is guaranteed a place in the polytechnic course, as long as he is able to meet the admission criteria, i.e.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• obtain a net ELR2B2<sup>4</sup> score of not more than 26 points for the GCE 'O' Level examinations; and</li> <li>• meet Minimum Entry Requirements (MER) for the respective polytechnic course, which can be found on the polytechnics' websites.</li> </ul> <p>Note: A student who accepts a DPA Offer cannot concurrently accept an Offer from a Junior College (JC) via the Direct School Admission for JCs (DSA-JC).</p>

<sup>4</sup> ELR2B2 is used for admission into the Polytechnics. It refers to English Language, two relevant subjects for the polytechnic course applied for, and best two other subjects which could be elective subjects.

Period	Process
By 7 Oct 2011	<p data-bbox="548 233 786 264"><b><u>Withdrawal Stage</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="548 275 1414 373">If a student would like to withdraw from the DPA Exercise 2011 to participate in JAE and JPSAE, he must submit his withdrawal by <b>7 Oct 2011, 5.00 pm.</b></p> <p data-bbox="548 373 1406 464">Students who have accepted a DPA Offer but who do not withdraw by the deadline are deemed to have confirmed their acceptance and will not be eligible to participate in the JAE or JPSAE.</p>

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