

PRESS RELEASE



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Direct School Admission Exercise 2006 for JC1 and Equivalent Level

1. The Direct School Admission Exercise (DSA) aims to promote holistic education by giving participating schools greater flexibility in selecting students while holding to the key principles of transparency and meritocracy. For students, the DSA provides them the opportunity to demonstrate a more diverse range of student achievements and talents in seeking admission at the pre-university level. This year, Government and Government-aided junior colleges (JCs)¹ and the three independent institutions offering pre-university programmes² will continue to admit a percentage of their students under the Direct School Admission Exercise (DSA-JC) 2006.

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2. Similar to last year's exercise, Government and Government-aided junior colleges (JCs) will be admitting up to 10% of their 2007 JC1 intake using school-based criteria under the DSA-JC Exercise. The 3 independent institutions offering pre-university programmes will have the flexibility to admit up to 20% of their intake using school-based criteria.

Student Selection

3. Each institution will admit students according to its own merit-based admission criteria (academic and/or non-academic criteria), based on the student personal qualities and the areas of focus (such as leadership, science, music, sports) that the school would like to emphasise. Information on the schools participating in DSA-JC Exercise, their selection criteria and their application and selection processes can be

1 Anderson Junior College, Anglo-Chinese Junior College, Catholic Junior College, Innova Junior College, Jurong Junior College, Meridian Junior College, Nanyang Junior College, National Junior College, Pioneer Junior College, Serangoon Junior College, St Andrew's Junior College, Tampines Junior College, Temasek Junior College, Victoria Junior College and Yishun Junior College.

2 Anglo Chinese School (Independent), Hwa Chong Institution, and Raffles Junior College.

3 ACS (Independent) is offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP). Please refer to the IBDP website for more details: http://www.acs.sch.edu.sg/acs_indep

found on their respective websites. Annex A lists the participating institutions' website URLs.

4. The DSA-JC Exercise will be conducted prior to the annual Provisional Admission Exercise (PAE). Students admitted via the DSA-JC Exercise will have to meet the criteria for admission to a JC. They will not take part in the Provisional Admission Exercise (PAE) and Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE). The eligibility criteria for admission to JC are attached in Annex B.

DSA-JC Exercise

5. The exercise will be conducted in 2 phases as follows:

Period	Phase 1 ⁴ Process <i>(All JCs)</i>	Phase 2 Process <i>(All JCs except the 6 stated in Footnote 4)</i>
26 Jun 06 to 25 Jul 06	<u>Offer Stage</u> JCs may shortlist and make Confirmed Offers to selected students.	
26 Jul 06 to 28 Jul 06	<u>Acceptance Stage</u> A student may accept <u>only one</u> of his Confirmed Offers by submitting his acceptance form to the same institution. He is guaranteed a place in the institution if he accepts the offer during this stage, as long as he is able to meet the eligibility criteria for JC admission.	
31 Jul 06 to 2 Aug 06	<u>Cooling-Off Stage</u> <i>(31 Jul - 2 Aug)</i> Students may cancel their Phase 1 acceptances during this stage, if they wish to accept a Phase 2 offer.	<u>Offer Stage</u> <i>(31 Jul – 8 Aug)</i> JCs may shortlist and make Confirmed Offers to selected students.
31 Jul 06 to 8 Aug 06		

4 The following 6 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 Junior College
- e. Temasek Junior College
- f. Victoria Junior College

Period	Phase 1 ⁴ Process (All JCs)	Phase 2 Process (All JCs except the 6 stated in Footnote 4)
11 Aug 06 to 15 Aug 06		<p><u>Acceptance Stage</u></p> <p>A student may accept <u>only one</u> of his Confirmed Offers by submitting his acceptance form to the same institution. He is guaranteed a place in the institution if he accepts the offer during this stage, as long as he is able to meet the eligibility criteria for JC admission.</p>
By 6 Oct 06 (Phase 1 & 2: Withdrawal)	<p><u>Withdrawal Stage</u></p> <p>Students must submit withdrawals from DSA-JC Exercise 2006 to participate in PAE, JAE and JPSAE before <u>6 Oct 2006 by 5.00pm.</u></p>	

6. Please refer to Annexes C and D for the details on the exercise and flowchart of the processes respectively.

For Further Information

7. Students who are interested in participating in the DSA-JC Exercise should approach any of the participating institutions or visit their websites for more details regarding the selection exercises.

8. Students/Parents can also call MOE Customer Service Centre at 6872 2220 for further clarifications or refer to the MOE website at http://www.moe.gov.sg/esp/schadm/dsa_jc/ for more information regarding the DSA-JC Exercise.

Background

9. The Ministry of Education (MOE) has been giving schools, polytechnics and universities greater flexibility in their admission of students to allow a more diverse range of student achievements and talents to be recognised.

10. Since 2004, MOE has introduced a phased plan to provide greater flexibility in the secondary and junior college (JC) school admission system. The plan includes:

- a. allowing schools with the Integrated Programme (IP) full discretion in admissions;
- b. enhancing the autonomy of Autonomous Schools (AS) and Independent Schools (IS) by:
 - i. increasing their level of discretionary places to 10% and 20% respectively, and

- ii. allowing them to adopt their own merit-based admission criteria for these places;
- c. extending discretion on admissions to mainstream secondary schools that are able to develop strong niche programmes;
- d. giving discretion on admissions to all JCs.

11. This has been accompanied by increasing the flexibility of the admission system for the five polytechnics, National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University.

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List of Websites:

Name of JC/Institution	Website
1. ANDERSON JUNIOR COLLEGE	http://www.andersonjc.moe.edu.sg/
2. ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (INDEPENDENT)#	http://www.acs.sch.edu.sg/acs_indep
3. ANGLO-CHINESE JUNIOR COLLEGE*	http://www.acjc.edu.sg/
4. CATHOLIC JUNIOR COLLEGE*	http://www.cjc.edu.sg
5. HWA CHONG INSTITUTION#	http://www.hwachong.edu.sg/
6. INNOVA JUNIOR COLLEGE	http://www.innovajc.moe.edu.sg/
7. JURONG JUNIOR COLLEGE	http://www.jurongjc.moe.edu.sg/
8. MERIDIAN JUNIOR COLLEGE	http://www.mjc.moe.edu.sg/
9. NANYANG JUNIOR COLLEGE*	http://www.nanyangjc.org/
10. NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE	http://www.njc.edu.sg/
11. PIONEER JUNIOR COLLEGE	http://schools.moe.edu.sg/PJC/
12. RAFFLES JUNIOR COLLEGE#	http://www.rjc.edu.sg/newrjc/
13. SERANGOON JUNIOR COLLEGE	http://www.srjc.moe.edu.sg
14. ST. ANDREW'S JUNIOR COLLEGE*	http://www.standrewsjc.moe.edu.sg/
15. TAMPINES JUNIOR COLLEGE	http://schools.moe.edu.sg/tpjc/
16. TEMASEK JUNIOR COLLEGE	http://www.tjc.edu.sg/
17. VICTORIA JUNIOR COLLEGE	http://www.vjc.moe.edu.sg/
18. YISHUN JUNIOR COLLEGE	http://www.yishunjc.moe.edu.sg/
* Government-aided JCs	
# Independent Schools offering JC or its equivalent courses / Independent JCs	

**Eligibility Criteria for Admission to Junior College
(extracted from JAE2006 Information Booklet)**

The 2-year Pre-U course is offered only in junior colleges (JC). To be eligible for admission to a JC course, applicants must satisfy the criteria specified in Table 1:

**Table 1
Eligibility Criteria for Admission To Junior Colleges**

Aggregate Range for L1R5 excluding Bonus Points <i>For details on computing the aggregate, please refer to Table 3.</i>	Meet Requirements as specified in Table 2?	
	Yes	No
≤ 15	Eligible	Eligible for <i>Conditional Admission</i>
16 – 20		Eligible for <i>Conditional Admission</i> only if students have grades of 'A1' or 'A2' in all the R5 subjects

Table 2
Requirements on Core Subjects

Subject	Requirement
English Language	A1 to C6
Mother Tongue Language: Chinese Language, Malay Language, Tamil Language* OR Higher Chinese Language, Higher Malay Language, Higher Tamil Language OR Chinese Language 'B' Syllabus (CLB), Malay Language 'B' Syllabus (MLB), Tamil Language 'B' Syllabus (TLB)	A1 to D7 A1 to E8 Merit or Pass
Mathematics: Mathematics OR Additional Mathematics	A1 to D7 A1 to D7

* Or non-Tamil Indian Languages (viz. Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu) and Asian/Foreign Languages (viz. Arabic, Burmese, French, German, Japanese and Thai) approved by the Ministry of Education in lieu of an Official Mother Tongue Language. These subjects may be considered in lieu of the Mother Tongue Language in deciding admission eligibility.

Table 3
Computation of Aggregate

L1R5: For JC Course	
L1	First Language - English / Higher Mother Tongue
R5	Relevant Subject 1 - Humanities / Higher Art / Higher Music
	Relevant Subject 2 - Mathematics / Science
	Relevant Subject 3 - Humanities / Higher Art / Higher Music / Mathematics / Science
	Relevant Subject 4 - Any GCE 'O' Level subjects excluding CCA and Religious Knowledge
	Relevant Subject 5 - Any GCE 'O' Level subjects excluding CCA and Religious Knowledge

Details on DSA-JC 2006

1. Students who wish to apply for elective programmes (e.g. Language Elective Programmes, Humanities Programme) should do so directly at the institutions. Students should check which elective programmes are offered by each institution.

2. When a student accepts a Confirmed Offer, he is required to complete two copies of the DSA-JC Acceptance Form, which come with the Confirmed Offer, and bring them to the institution for endorsement. The institution will retain a copy, while the student will retain another copy (duly endorsed by the institution) for reference.

3. Each student is allowed to accept only one Confirmed Offer at any one time. If a student is found to have accepted more than one Confirmed Offer, he will be disqualified from the DSA-JC Exercise 2006.

4. If any student wishes to change his mind after having accepted a Confirmed Offer from an institution, he must cancel his earlier acceptance by formally submitting a Cancellation Form at the MOE Customer Service Centre at 1 North Buona Vista Drive, Singapore 138675 during the cooling off stage for phase 1 and before the end of acceptance stage in phase 2.

5. Students who have previously accepted a DSA-JC offer but who would like to participate in the centralised posting exercises, either the Provisional Admission Exercise (PAE), the Joint Admission Exercise (JAE) or the Joint Polytechnic Special Admission Exercise (JPSAE) would have to submit their withdrawal from the DSA-JC Exercise. They can submit their withdrawal no later than 6 October 2006 at the MOE Customer Service Centre.

6. More information regarding the DSA-JC Exercise 2006 will be available on the MOE website (http://www.moe.gov.sg/esp/schadm/dsa_jc/). Additional information on the specific admission criteria for each school is available on the respective schools' websites.

Flowchart of the DSA-JC Exercise 2006