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## **DIRECT POLYTECHNIC ADMISSION EXERCISE 2007 FOR POLYTECHNIC ACADEMIC YEAR 2008**

1. The first Direct Polytechnic Admission (DPA) Exercise will commence on 11 July 2007, for admission into polytechnics in 2008. The DPA Exercise will give the polytechnics greater flexibility to select students on criteria other than examination results, thus allowing a wider range of talents to be recognised. The DPA Exercise also allows students who are interested in, and who have the aptitude for applied learning, to confirm places in polytechnic courses prior to taking their GCE 'O' level examinations. Students accepted to polytechnics through the DPA can also benefit from special programmes in the polytechnics, before the start of the formal polytechnic calendar in April.

2. The five polytechnics – Nanyang Polytechnic, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Republic Polytechnic, Singapore Polytechnic and Temasek Polytechnic – will each admit up to 2.5% of their Academic Year 2008 intake through DPA, or about 100 students per polytechnic on average. There will also be a course-specific cap of 30% for each polytechnic course under the DPA. This is to ensure that students admitted through the GCE 'O' level route will continue to have access to popular polytechnic courses.

### **Student Selection**

3. In selecting the students, the polytechnics will take into account their abilities, talents and interests in the specific applied courses that they are applying for. For example, a student's passion and talents in film and video production would be considered by polytechnics when he applies through the DPA for a polytechnic course in Media Studies. More information on the polytechnics, the courses they offer and their selection criteria can be found on their websites. (See [Annex A](#)).

4. Students admitted via the DPA will still have to meet the following admission criteria:

- (i) obtain a net ELR2B2<sup>1</sup> score of not more than 26 points for the GCE 'O' level examinations; and
- (ii) meet the Minimum Entry Requirements (MER) for their respective polytechnic courses. The MER for each polytechnic course can be found on the polytechnics' websites.

This is to ensure that students admitted through DPA will be able to cope with the rigours of a polytechnic education. These students will not take part in the Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE) or Joint Polytechnic Special Admissions Exercise (JPSAE).

#### DPA Exercise

5. The exercise will be conducted as follows:

Period	Process
11 Jul 07 to 16 Jul 07	<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>
17 Jul 07 to 7 Aug 07	<p><b><u>Selection Stage</u></b></p> <p>Polytechnics shortlist and interview selected DPA applicants.</p>
13 Aug 07 to 16 Aug 07	<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 13 Aug 07</u> and <u>3.00 pm on 16 Aug 07</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 stated in Para 4 above.</p> <p><i>Note: A student who accepts a DPA Offer cannot concurrently</i></p>

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<sup>1</sup> ELR2B2 is used for admission into the Polytechnics. It refers to English Language, 2 relevant subjects for the polytechnic course applied for, and best 2 other subjects which could be elective subjects.

Period	Process
	<i>accept an Offer from a Junior College (JC) via the Direct School Admission for JCs (DSA-JC).</i>
By 5 Oct 07	<p><b><u>Withdrawal Stage</u></b></p> <p>If a student would like to withdraw from the DPA Exercise 2007 to participate in JAE and JPSAE, he must submit his withdrawals <b>by <u>5.00pm on 5 Oct 2007.</u></b></p>

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

### **Polytechnic Preparatory Programme**

7. The Polytechnic Preparatory Programme, which will be conducted by the polytechnics for all DPA students from mid-Jan 08 to Mar 08, aims to broaden the students' learning experiences, orientate them better to the polytechnic environment, and help prepare them for polytechnic courses. The Programme will include activities such as industry visits, student camps and leadership development activities. Students can also take polytechnic modules during the Programme.

### **For Further Information**

8. Students who are interested in participating in the DPA Exercise are encouraged to visit the websites of the polytechnics that they are interested in to obtain more details.

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9. Students/Parents can also call the MOE Customer Service Centre at 6872 2220 for further clarifications or refer to the MOE website at <http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/admissions/post-sec/dpa/> for more information.

10. Students who are interested in a JC pathway and wish to gain direct admission to a JC can participate in the DSA-JC Exercise, which is conducted during the same period as the DPA Exercise.

### **Background**

11. 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.

12. In March 2006, the Polytechnic School Review Committee (PSRC) chaired by the Minister of State for Education & Manpower, Mr Gan Kim Yong, recommended the introduction of Advanced Elective Modules (AEMs), Applied Graded Subjects (AGS) and the Direct Polytechnic Admission (DPA) Exercise, to cater more fully to the interests and aspirations of students who are keen to progress along an applied and practice-oriented path of education. The report of the PSRC can be found at <http://www.moe.gov.sg/corporate/pdf/psrc-report.pdf>.

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**List of Websites:**

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

**Details on DPA Exercise 2007**

1. Each student is allowed to accept only one offer, either to a junior college or to a polytechnic course. If a student is found to have accepted offers from both the DPA and DSA-JC Exercises 2007, he will be disqualified from both the DPA and DSA-JC Exercises.
2. A student who has previously accepted a DPA offer but would like to participate in the centralised posting exercises, i.e. the Provisional Admission Exercise (PAE), the Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE), or the Joint Polytechnic Special Admissions Exercise (JPSAE), must cancel his earlier acceptance. He can do so by downloading a Withdrawal Form from the DPA website at <http://www.polytechnic.edu.sg/dpa/>, filling it up and submitting it by hand to the polytechnic which he has been admitted to. He must submit his Withdrawal Form no later than 5.00 pm, 5 October 2007.
3. More information regarding the DPA Exercise 2007 is available on the MOE website <http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/admissions/post-sec/dpa/>. Additional information on the various courses offered by the polytechnics is available on the respective polytechnics' websites.

**Flowchart of the DPA Exercise 2007****Period****Process**

11 Jul (3 pm) to  
16 July (6 pm) 07

**Application Stage**

Students apply for DPA online at the DPA website, <http://www.polytechnic.edu.sg/dpa/>. Students can choose up to 3 polytechnics and/or courses.

17 July to 7  
Aug 07

**Selection Stage**

Polytechnics shortlist and consider applicants. Polytechnics may conduct interviews to further ascertain applicants' aptitude and interest in the specific area of applied learning.

13 Aug (2 pm) to  
16 Aug (3 pm)  
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**Offer and Acceptance Stage**

Students view and accept their DPA offers on the online application system. A student is guaranteed a place in the polytechnic course if he accepts his DPA Offer during this stage, as long as he is able to obtain a net ELR2B2 score of not more than 26 points for the GCE 'O' level examinations and meet the Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER) of the course.

By 5 Oct (5pm)  
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**Withdrawal Stage**

Students who wish to withdraw from the DPA Exercise 2007 must submit withdrawals by hand at the polytechnics to which they have been admitted, **by 5.00pm on 5 Oct 2007**.

Students who have accepted a DPA Offer but do not withdraw by the deadline are deemed to have confirmed their acceptance and will not be eligible to participate in centralised posting exercises, if they obtain a net ELR2B2 score of not more than 26 points for the GCE 'O' level examinations and meet the MER of their respective courses.

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