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DIRECT SCHOOL ADMISSION EXERCISE 2007 FOR JC1 AND EQUIVALENT LEVEL

1. The Direct School Admission Exercise 2007 for admission to JC1 and its equivalent level (DSA-JC) will be held from Monday, 25 June 2007, to Friday, 5 October 2007.

2. The 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.

3. Similar to last year's exercise, Government and Government-aided junior colleges (JCs)¹ will be admitting up to 10% of their 2008 JC1 intake using school-based criteria under the DSA-JC Exercise. The 3 independent institutions offering pre-university programmes² will have the flexibility to admit up to 20% of their intake using school-based criteria.

Student Selection

4. Each institution will admit students according to its own merit-based admission criteria (academic and/or non-academic criteria), based on the students' 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 found on their respective websites. [Annex A](#) lists the participating institutions' website URLs.

5. 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

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.

Admission Exercise (PAE) and Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE). The eligibility criteria for admission to JC are attached in Annex B.

DSA-JC Exercise

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

| Period | Phase 1 ³ Process (All JCs) | Phase 2 Process (All JCs except the 6 stated in Footnote 4) |
|------------------------|---|---|
| 25 Jun 07 to 24 Jul 07 | <u>Offer Stage</u> JCs may shortlist and make Confirmed Offers to selected students. | |
| 25 Jul 07 to 27 Jul 07 | <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. | |
| 30 Jul 07 to 1 Aug 07 | <u>Cooling-Off Stage</u> (30 Jul - 1 Aug) Students may cancel their Phase 1 acceptances during this stage, if they wish to accept a Phase 2 offer. | <u>Offer Stage</u> (30 Jul – 8 Aug) JCs may shortlist and make Confirmed Offers to selected students. |
| 30 Jul 07 to 8 Aug 07 | | |
| 13 Aug 07 to 16 Aug 07 | | <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. |

³ 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 ³ Process (All JCs) | Phase 2 Process (All JCs except the 6 stated in Footnote 4) |
|-------------|--|--|
| By 5 Oct 07 | <p><u>Withdrawal Stage</u></p> <p>Students must submit withdrawals from DSA-JC Exercise 2007 to participate in PAE, JAE and Joint Polytechnic Special Admission Exercise (JPSAE) before <u>5 Oct 2007 by 5.00pm.</u></p> | |

7. Please refer to Annex C for further details on the exercise.

For Further Information

8. 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.

9. 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.

Direct Polytechnic Admission Exercise

10. Students who are interested in polytechnic studies and wish to gain direct admission to polytechnics can participate in the Direct Polytechnic Admission Exercise (DPA), which will commence on 11 July 2007, for admission to polytechnics in 2008..

11. Students can participate in both DSA-JC and DPA Exercises but can only accept one offer at any one time - either a JC or a polytechnic offer. If a student were to accept both a JC and a polytechnic offer concurrently, he/she will be disqualified from both the DSA-JC and DPA Exercises. Students can refer to MOE website at <http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/admissions/post-sec/dpa/> for more information regarding the DPA Exercise.

Background

12. 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.

13. 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), NUS High School and School of the Arts 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.
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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.acic.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://www.pioneerjc.moe.edu.sg/ |
| 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://www.tampinesjc.moe.edu.sg/ |
| 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 | |

GCE O Levels Eligibility Criteria for Admission to Junior College

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

| Aggregate Range for L1R5 (excluding Bonus Points) <i>For details on computing the aggregate, please refer to Table 3.</i> | Meet Requirements on core subjects (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* | A1 to D7 |
| OR Higher Chinese Language, Higher Malay Language, Higher Tamil Language | A1 to E8 |
| OR Chinese Language 'B' Syllabus (CLB), Malay Language 'B' Syllabus (MLB), Tamil Language 'B' Syllabus (TLB) | Merit or Pass |
| Mathematics: | |
| Mathematics | A1 to D7 |
| OR Additional Mathematics | 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 2007

1. 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.
2. 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 2007.
3. 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.
4. Students who have previously accepted a DSA-JC offer but who would like to participate in the centralised posting exercises - 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, no later than 5 October 2007, 5pm, at the MOE Customer Service Centre.
5. More information regarding the DSA-JC Exercise 2007 is 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.