

WHAT'S NEXT



Education & Career Guidance

TAKING MY NEXT STEP
FORWARD AFTER

GCE O-LEVEL

What's Next after the GCE O-Level examination?

Use this brochure to help you in your decision-making! Start your journey by:

Discovering Purpose

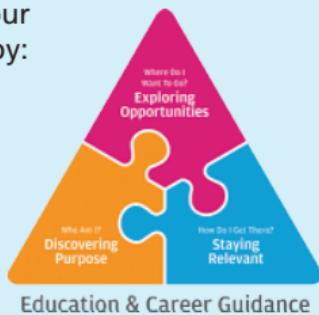
- Who am I?

Exploring Opportunities

- Where do I want to go?

Staying Relevant

- How do I get there?



As you consider these questions, you will have a deeper understanding of your values, interests, personality and skills (V.I.P.S.), strengths, and learning styles to make an informed decision regarding your choice of post-secondary education institutions and courses.

DISCOVERING PURPOSE –

WHO AM I?

Knowing more about myself helps me make better decisions about how I can meaningfully contribute to the community.

To find out more about myself, I can think about these questions:

- What are some of the things that I enjoy doing?
- How would I describe my V.I.P.S. and strengths?
- What is important to me? What motivates me?
- How do I want to contribute to my school and community through my goals and aspirations?



Take the first step to plan for your future and know yourself by finding out more about your work values, career interests, skills and learning styles on the MySkillsFuture Student Portal.

<https://go.gov.sg/mysfsec-knowyourself>



EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES –

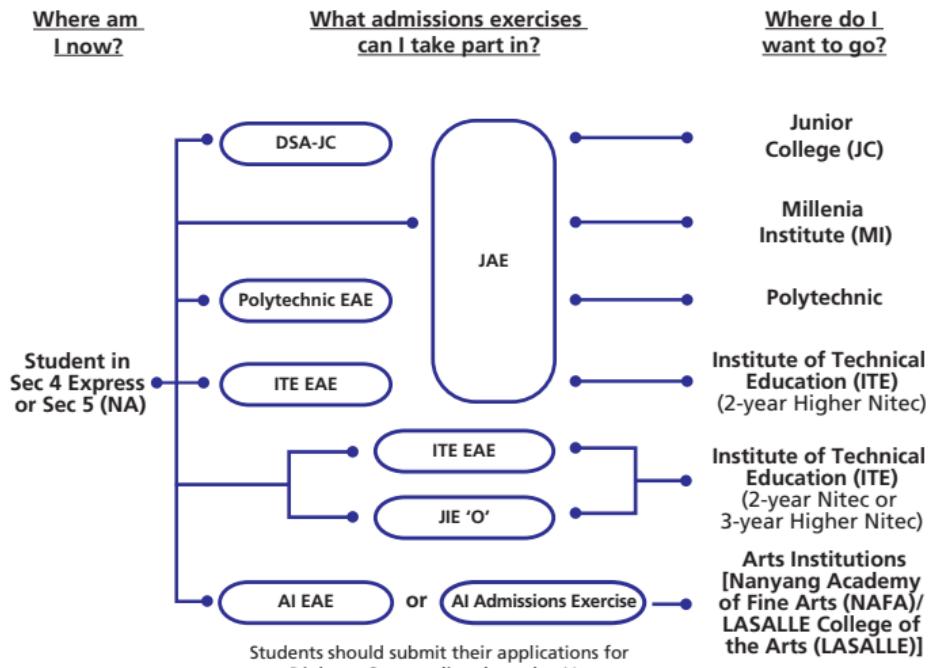
WHERE DO I WANT TO GO?

There are many education and career opportunities which I can confidently explore, while respecting the value of all occupations.

To explore my post-secondary education pathways, I can think about these questions:

- What type(s) of education institutions is/are suitable for me to progress to?
- What are the learning programmes, subjects and Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) offered that I can confidently take up?
- How will the programmes offered by education institutions further develop my V.I.P.S. and strengths?
- What research have I done to fully understand the requirements and the programmes offered by education institutions?

Explore possible education pathways, institutions and courses that align to your V.I.P.S. and strengths as well as career aspirations.



DSA: Direct School Admission
JAE: Joint Admissions Exercise
AI: Arts Institution

EAE: Early Admissions Exercise
JIE: Joint Intake Exercise



Find out more about the various education pathways and institutions after GCE O-Level.
<https://go.gov.sg/overview-pseis>



Find out more about Admissions Exercises and Programmes.



Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE)

<https://go.gov.sg/admissions-jae>

Other Admissions Exercises and Programmes (e.g. DSA, Poly EAE, AI EAE)

<https://go.gov.sg/admissions-olevel>

For admissions exercises conducted by the Arts Institutions (e.g. AI EAE), please visit the respective institutions' websites for more information.



Explore courses based on aggregate type, score, type of education institution and area of interest.

<https://go.gov.sg/coursefinder>

For Arts Institutions, please visit the respective institutions' websites for more information.



Explore education institutions using **Education Guide** on the MySkillsFuture Student Portal.

<https://go.gov.sg/explorepostsec>



Find out more about how others have made informed decisions on their education and career journeys.

<https://go.gov.sg/next-step-forward>

To consider retaking my GCE O-Level examinations or enrolling in a private education institution, I can think about these questions:

- What will I do differently to achieve a better outcome?
- What can I do to manage the demands of the course?
- What do I have to consider if I want to enrol in a private education institution?
- Have I considered the 3Rs?

Reasons – What will furthering my studies in this course allow me to achieve?

Readiness – How ready am I to further my studies?

Risks – Do I know the possible drawbacks?



Find out more about the 3Rs before you consider private education.

<https://go.gov.sg/3rs>

To consider entering the workforce, I can think about these questions:

- Am I ready to enter the workforce? What are the benefits and trade-offs?
- What are other factors that could influence my decision?
- What are some of the industries or occupations I can consider that are related to my skills, strengths and interests?
- What are the skills required to enter and do well in that role?

There are opportunities to upgrade your skills through:

- Industry-relevant modular courses for bite-sized upskilling at polytechnics and ITE, as well as private training providers.



<https://go.gov.sg/upskillingcourses>

- Part-time full qualification programmes such as:
 - Higher Nitec and Nitec offered by ITE
 - Diploma offered by the polytechnics
- Workforce Skills Qualification courses



Stay informed about upcoming Education and Career Guidance events, including open houses and career talks, by checking the **Calendar of Events** on the MySkillsFuture Student Portal.

<https://go.gov.sg/eccalendar>

STAYING RELEVANT – HOW DO I GET THERE?

By staying adaptable and resilient, I can continuously pursue opportunities for learning to develop myself.

To achieve my goals and aspirations, I can think about these questions:

- What are the possible pathways that can lead to my goals and aspirations?
- How can I work towards my goals and aspirations and be resilient in pursuing them?
- What can I do and who can I turn to when I am facing challenges?
- How can I continue to develop myself and pursue my goals and aspirations through lifelong learning?



Set goals and make plans for your education and career journey using **My Goals** on the MySkillsFuture Student Portal.

<https://go.gov.sg/mysfsec>



Find out more about the resources available to support you in your journey after GCE O-Level.



Fees, Assistance, Awards and Scholarships
<https://go.gov.sg/faas>



Financial Assistance
<https://go.gov.sg/moefinassist>



Post-Secondary Education Account
<https://go.gov.sg/pseaccount>



Make an appointment to speak with your ECG Counsellor in school if you need more guidance and assistance to make an informed decision.



The MOE ECG Centre also offers online or phone counselling support via
<https://go.gov.sg/moe-ecg-centre>.



As you think through your options, remember that there are people around you whom you can turn to for support. Speak to your parents/guardians, teachers and seniors to learn about their perspectives and experiences. Visit open houses by post-secondary education institutions to find out more so you can make an informed decision.

Be hopeful, resilient and adaptable as you explore the possibilities after GCE O-Level!



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