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<u>Information Note on 2017 Direct School Admission – Junior Colleges (DSA-JC)</u> <u>Exercise</u>

Dear Student,

You will be completing your secondary education soon. At this juncture, you may wish to find out more about the Direct School Admission - Junior Colleges (DSA-JC) Exercise, which provides you an alternative avenue for seeking JC admission.

What is the DSA-JC Exercise?

2. Introduced in 2005, the DSA-JC Exercise provides students with the opportunity to seek admission to a Junior College (JC), based on a diverse range of academic and non-academic achievements and talents that they can demonstrate beyond the GCE 'O' Level Examination.

How is the DSA-JC Exercise conducted?

3. The 2017 DSA-JC Exercise will be conducted in two Phases according to the following schedule.

Phase	Stage	Dates	Remarks
Phase	Offer Stage	27 Jun to	Schools conduct selection and make Phase 1 offers
1		25 Jul	during this stage.
	Acceptance	26 Jul to 28	A student may accept only one Phase 1 offer within this
	Stage	Jul	stage, regardless of the number of offers received. Phase
			1 offers that are not accepted expire at the end of this
			stage.
	Cooling-Off	31 Jul to 2	Students may cancel earlier acceptance of Phase 1 offers
	Stage	Aug	if they wish to consider Phase 2 offers.
Phase	Offer Stage	31 Jul to 25	Schools make Phase 2 offers during this stage.
2		Aug	
	Acceptance	28 Aug to	A student who has yet to commit to an offer may accept
	Stage	31 Aug	only <u>one</u> Phase 2 offer within this period, regardless of the
			number of offers received.

- 4. You may find more details on the 2017 DSA-JC Exercise at **Annex A** and the list of participating schools and their websites at **Annex B**. You should check the detailed exercise schedule of the schools that you would like to apply to, by visiting their websites or contacting them directly way before the start of Phase 1. Please consider carefully what your own strengths are, and which school best meets your own needs, before you commit yourself to participating in tests or trials conducted by the schools.
- 5. By the end of the Offer Stage of each Phase, schools will make offers to their selected students. If you are selected by a school, you can decide whether to accept or reject the offer. If you accept an offer before its expiry date, you will be guaranteed a place in the JC, so long as you meet





the eligibility criteria for JC admission based on your GCE 'O' Level examination results¹. Please note that **you are NOT allowed to accept more than one offer at any time.** If you do so, you will be disqualified from the DSA-JC Exercise, and will have to participate in the Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE) if you still wish to seek JC admission.

- 6. Once you have accepted an offer under the DSA-JC Exercise, you are not allowed to participate in the JAE if you meet the eligibility criteria for JC admission based on your GCE 'O' Level examination results. You are also not allowed to transfer to another school after the release of the GCE 'O' Level examination results as you are expected to honour your commitment to the DSA-JC school. Hence, please consider very carefully before you accept an offer to be admitted to a school under the DSA-JC Exercise.
- 7. Students who change their mind after accepting an offer and wish to withdraw from the 2017 DSA-JC Exercise have to submit their withdrawals personally to the **MOE Customer Service Centre**, no later than <u>6 Oct 2017, 5pm</u>. Once you have submitted your withdrawal from the DSA-JC Exercise, you will be allowed to participate in the JAE.

Early Admissions Exercise (EAE)

- 8. 'O' Level students who wish to gain admission to a polytechnics can also participate in the Polytechnic EAE (Poly EAE), which will commence on **22 Jun 2017**, for admission in **AY2018**.
- 9. Students may also participate in the Institute of Technical Education EAE (ITE EAE) if they wish to gain admission to ITE. Applications open on **21 Jun 2017**, for admission in **AY2018**.
- 10. If you have accepted an EAE offer from a polytechnic or ITE and have met the criteria for admission to the course you have been offered, you will be guaranteed a place in that polytechnic or ITE course and you will not be allowed to participate in the JAE.

Participation in DSA-JC and EAE

11. Students can participate in the DSA-JC Exercise and EAE concurrently. However, they may accept only one offer i.e. either a DSA-JC or EAE offer. Students found to have accepted both DSA-JC and EAE offers concurrently will be disqualified from these exercises, unless they cancel either of their offers before the end of the Acceptance Stage.

For Further Information

- 12. For more information on the 2017 DSA-JC Exercise, please refer to the MOE website at www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-jc or call MOE Customer Service Centre at 6872-2220. If you do not wish to apply for JC admission via DSA-JC Exercise, you can seek admission through the JAE that is conducted in the first quarter of 2018 after the release of the GCE 'O' Level examination results.
- 13. For more information on Poly EAE for 'O' Level students, you may refer to the MOE website at www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/eae. For more information on ITE EAE for 'O' Level students, you may refer to the ITE website at www.ite.edu.sg.

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¹ Students who do not meet the eligibility criteria for JC admission based on their GCE 'O' Level examination results will not be admitted to the JC under the DSA-JC Exercise. These students may participate in the Joint Admissions Exercise to seek admission to MI, Polytechnics, or ITE, if they qualify for a course offered by the institution.



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Flowchart of the Steps in the 2017 DSA-JC Exercise

Period

Phase 1 Process

(All JCs)

27 Jun to 25 Jul

Offer Stage

JCs to make offers to students

JCs shortlist and make offers to selected students.

26 Jul to 28 Jul

Acceptance Stage

Students to accept only one offer

A student who wishes to accept an offer must submit the Acceptance Form to the JC. He is guaranteed a place in the JC if he accepts the offer during this stage and meets the eligibility criteria for JC admission.

Phase 2 Process

(All JCs except ACS(I). EJC, HCI, NJC, RI, SJI, TJC. VJC & SOTA)

31 Jul to 2 Aug

Cooling-Off Stage (31 Jul to 2 Aug)

Students may cancel their Phase 1 acceptances during this stage, if they wish to accept a Phase 2 offer. They must approach MOE Customer Service Centre during this period.

31 Jul to 25 Aug

Offer Stage (31 Jul to 25 Aug)

JCs to make offers to students

JCs shortlist and make offers to selected students.

28 Aug to 31 Aug

Acceptance Stage

Students to accept only one offer

A student who wishes to accept an offer must submit the Acceptance Form to the JC. He is guaranteed a place in the JC if he accepts the offer during this stage and meets the eligibility criteria for JC admission.

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By 6 Oct

(Phase 1 & 2: Withdrawal)

Withdrawal Stage

- Students must submit withdrawals from 2017 DSA-JC Exercise personally by 6 Oct 2017, 5.00pm at MOE CSC to participate in JAE.
- Students who had accepted a DSA-JC Offer but did not withdraw by 6 Oct 2017 are deemed to have confirmed their acceptance and they are not eligible to participate in JAE, if they meet the eligibility criteria for JC admission.
- Students who have been successfully admitted to a school via the DSA-JC Exercise are not allowed to transfer to another school after the release of the GCE 'O' Level examination results. They are expected to honour the commitment to the DSA-JC schools.





Annex B

List of Participating JCs in the 2017 DSA-JC Exercise

Name of JC	Website
Anderson Junior College	http://ajc.moe.edu.sg
Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)# ^	http://www.acsindep.moe.edu.sg
Anglo-Chinese Junior College*	http://www.acjc.edu.sg
Catholic Junior College*	http://www.cjc.edu.sg
Eunoia Junior College^	http://www.eunoiajc.moe.edu.sg
Hwa Chong Institution# ^	http://www.hwachong.edu.sg
Meridian Junior College	http://meridianjc.moe.edu.sg
Nanyang Junior College*	http://www.nanyangjc.moe.edu.sg
National Junior College [^]	http://www.nationaljc.moe.edu.sg
Pioneer Junior College	http://www.pioneerjc.moe.edu.sg
Raffles Institution# ^	http://www.ri.edu.sg
School Of The Arts, Singapore ^{@ ^}	http://www.sota.edu.sg
Singapore Sports School [®]	http://www.sportsschool.edu.sg
St. Andrew's Junior College*	http://www.standrewsjc.moe.edu.sg
St. Joseph's Institution# ^	http://www.sji.edu.sg
Temasek Junior College^	http://temasekjc.moe.edu.sg
Victoria Junior College^	http://www.victoriajc.moe.edu.sg
Yishun Junior College	http://www.yishunjc.moe.edu.sg

* Government-aided JC Independent School offering JC or equivalent courses / Independent JC [®] Specialised Independent School ^JCs participating in Phase 1 only



