

*All you need to know about the*

# **Polytechnic Early Admissions Exercise**





# **Things You Should Know About Poly EAE**

# 1 It's for those who have *aptitudes* and *interests* in specific fields of study

- Focus on **course-specific aptitudes and interests**
- Non-course-specific achievements, e.g. sports, leadership, may also be considered

## 2 You'll be assessed through different modes

- E.g. interviews, aptitude tests, portfolio showcase, depending on the course you apply for

## 3 All this will take place *before* your O-Level exams

- If your application is successful, the polytechnics will give you a **conditional offer** before you take the O-Level exams

## **4** You'll still have to meet the polytechnic admissions criteria

- Net ELR2B2 score of **26 points or better** at O-Levels
- **Minimum entry requirements** for the polytechnic course

**(...or your offer will be revoked)**



**5** But you won't have to compete for admission to polytechnic strictly on the basis of how well you do academically compared to everyone else



# **Important Dates to Remember**

**22 June – 28 June**

*Application Stage*

- Apply online at the Poly EAE portal
- Three choices in order of preference, one write-up for each course

**3 July – 22 August**

*Selection Stage*

- Shortlisted students will be contacted for interviews, aptitude tests etc. at the polytechnics

**28 August – 31 August**

*Offer & Acceptance Stage*

- Check results online
- Successful students can choose to *accept* or *reject* offer
- If you had earlier accepted a DSA-JC offer but wish to take up a Poly EAE offer instead, you will need to withdraw from DSA-JC

**1 September – 6 October**

*Withdrawal Stage*

- Students who want to cancel their acceptance must withdraw during this period. They will then be able to take part in the Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE) after the O-Level exams.



# **Things You Could Do Before You Apply**

# Step 1 Explore your interests and develop your strengths

- Advanced Elective Modules; Applied Subjects; Applied Learning Programme
- Work attachments; community / volunteer work
- Course-related school / personal activities; course-related achievements and projects, CCAs

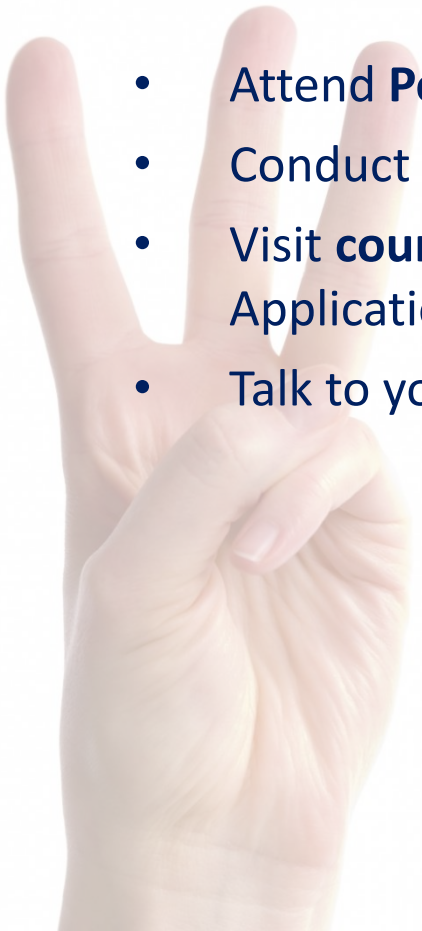




# Step 2

**Research on the polytechnic courses you are interested in and related careers in the sector**

- Attend **Poly EAE talks and workshops** at the polytechnics
- Conduct online **research**, e.g. polytechnic websites
- Visit **course counselling booths** at the polytechnics during Application Stage
- Talk to your **teachers, ECG Counsellors, family/relatives**



# Step 3 Prepare for your application

## Prepare your write-ups

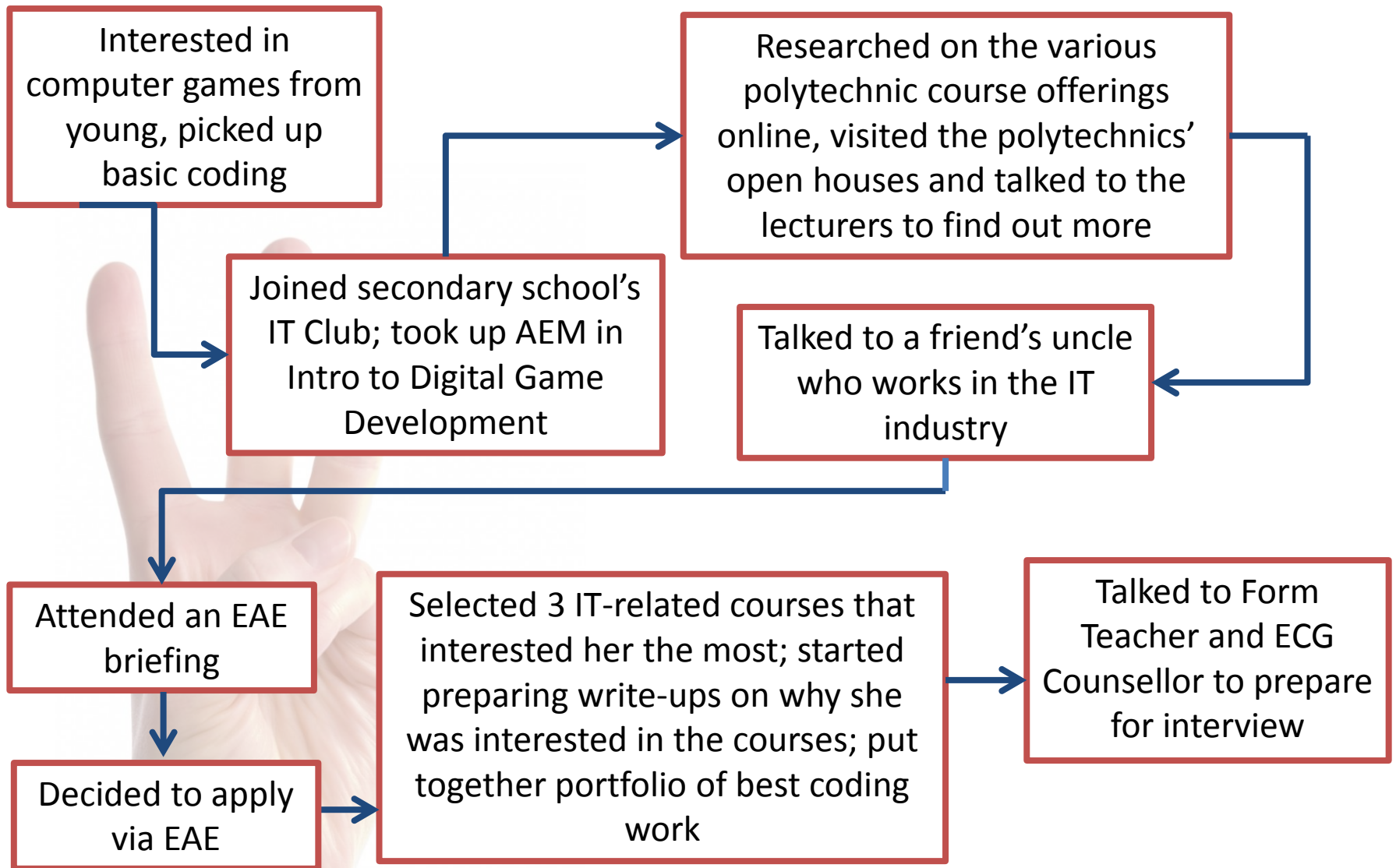
- Short-write-up on why you want to enter the course
- Clear and concise descriptions of your interests, passion and relevant skills, experiences and activities participated in

## Prepare relevant documents

- Portfolios (where relevant), e.g. samples of creative work done for design courses
- Other examples include evidence of experiences / involvement in course-related activities, CCA records, course-related certificates / awards, latest school-based examination results

## Prepare for interviews

# Aqilah's Story





# **Increased Opportunities**

**Expansion in the overall allowance for polytechnics to admit students via aptitude-based admissions**

**1**

**Focus on courses for which aptitude-based admissions is most meaningful, i.e. where interests and strengths in the field are particularly important**

**2**



# Polytechnic courses where up to 50% of students can be admitted via Poly EAE

## Applied Sciences

- Baking & Culinary Science

## Built Environment

- Architecture
- Landscape Architecture
- Sustainable Architectural Design

## Health Sciences

- Health Sciences (Nursing)
- Nursing
- Social Sciences (Social Work)
- Sports & Exercise Sciences

## Business & Management

- Arts Business Management
- Communications & Media Management
- Culinary & Catering Management
- Food & Beverage Business
- Mass Media Management
- Outdoor & Adventure Learning
- Restaurant & Culinary Operations
- Sport & Wellness Management
- Sports & Leisure Management
- Sports Coaching

## Humanities

- Applied Drama & Psychology
- Child Psychology & Early Education
- Chinese Studies
- Creative Writing for Television & New Media
- Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Studies
- Tamil Studies with Early Education

## Information & Digital Technologies

- Cyber & Digital Security
- Cyber Security & Forensics
- Digital Forensics
- Digital Visual Effects
- Game Design & Development
- Game Development & Technology
- Infocomm Security Management
- Information Security & Forensics
- Information Technology
- Mobile Software Development
- Multimedia & Animation
- Music & Audio Technology
- Network Systems & Security



## Design & Media

- 3D Interactive Media Technology
- Advertising & Public Relations
- Animation
- Animation & 3D Arts
- Apparel Design & Merchandising
- Arts & Theatre Management
- Chinese Media & Communication
- Communication Design
- Design for User Experience
- Digital Animation
- Digital Film & Television
- Digital Game Art & Design
- Environment Design
- Experience & Product Design
- Film, Sound & Video
- Game Design
- Games Design & Development
- Industrial Design
- Interaction Design
- Interactive & Digital Media
- Interior Architecture & Design
- Interior Design
- Mass Communication
- Media & Communication
- Media Production & Design
- Motion Graphics & Broadcast Design
- Product & Industrial Design
- Product Design & Innovation
- Sonic Arts
- Space & Interior Design
- Visual Communication
- Visual Communication & Media Design
- Visual Effects
- Visual Effects & Motion Graphics





**Last Word**

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For those who are clear about what they want to pursue, we should support them as much as possible, to facilitate their admission into our PSEIs based on interests and aptitudes, and not just based on academic results.

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**Mr Ong Ye Kung**

Minister for Education (Higher Education & Skills)

Committee of Supply Debates 2017

# Any Questions?

[www.polytechnic.edu.sg](http://www.polytechnic.edu.sg)



## **Misconception #1:**

### **I will lose out if I don't apply for a polytechnic course via Poly EAE.**

- There are still other avenues to enter the polytechnics, e.g. using your O-Level results to apply during JAE
- However, if you have strong interests in and aptitude for specific courses in the polytechnics, you are encouraged to consider applying via Poly EAE

## **Misconception #2:**

### **Poly EAE is a way for me to hedge my bets.**

- You will need to demonstrate interest in the courses you applied for
- If you accept an offer and meet minimum entry requirements, your offer will be automatically confirmed and you will not be eligible for all other admissions exercises, and will not be able to switch courses
- Hence, if you are uncertain about your interests or the course to apply for, you may wish to apply for admission to polytechnic through JAE instead

## **Misconception #3:**

# **I don't have to study for my O-Levels once I receive a Poly EAE offer.**

- Need to meet polytechnic admissions criteria
  - Net ELR2B2 aggregate of 26 points or better for O-Level exams
  - Minimum entry requirements (MERs) for diploma course
    - E.g. MERs for Diploma in Creative Writing for Television & New Media are B4 for English, D7 for Math, C6 for any three other subjects
- Requisite academic foundation in order to cope with the rigour of the diploma course

## Misconception #4:

### I can't change my mind after accepting my Poly EAE offer.

- If you accept an offer, you can still withdraw your acceptance during the Withdrawal Stage (1 Sept - 6 Oct 2017) and participate in JAE when O-Level results are released
- If you do not withdraw by 6 Oct 2017, you will not be eligible for other polytechnic admissions exercises

## **Misconception #5:**

### **Polytechnics have a target to meet for Poly EAE.**

- Polytechnics do not have a target, but an allowance that they may utilise
  - 15% of the total polytechnic intake
- Extent of utilisation would vary year-on-year depending on number and calibre of applicants



## **Misconception #6:**

**The raising of course-level allowances from 30% to 50% for Poly EAE means that I don't stand a chance if I apply during JAE.**

- Course-level allowance on admissions through Poly EAE ensures that there continues to be sufficient places set aside for students applying through the JAE and other admissions exercises

## **Misconception #7:**

### **I can only apply for selected courses through Poly EAE.**

- All full-time diploma courses that are available in JAE are open for application through Poly EAE
- Some courses may have higher course-level intake allowances than others, e.g. those for which ability to do well depends on a range of qualities beyond just academic grades, and where passion for the vocation that course will lead to is especially important