



All you need to know about the

ITE Early Admissions Exercise





Things You Should Know About the ITE EAE

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

- Focus on **course-specific aptitudes and interests**
- But, non-course-specific achievements, e.g. sports, performing arts, leadership, are also considered

2 You'll be assessed through different modes

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

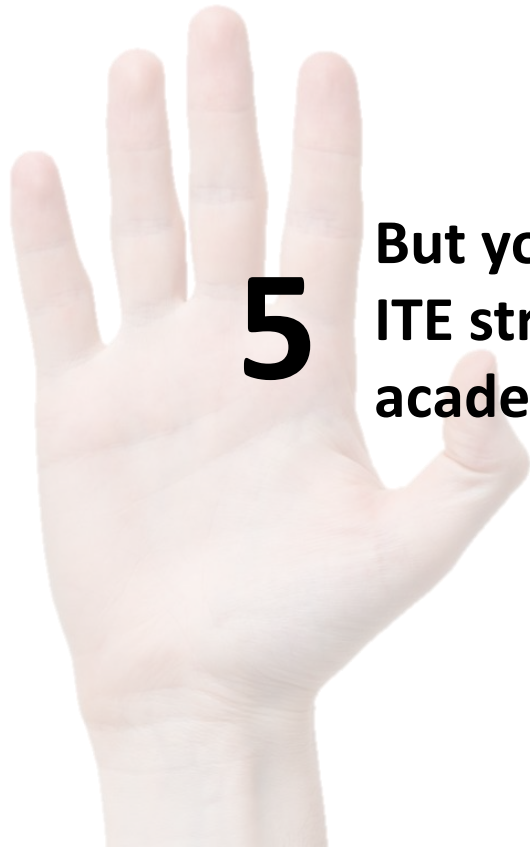
3 All this will take place *before* your N- or O-Level exams

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

4 You'll still have to meet the minimum entry requirements

- Most Nitec or Higher Nitec courses have **subject-specific minimum entry requirements** (see slides 6 and 7)

(...or your offer will be revoked)



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

Examples of MERs of Nitec courses

(refer to ITE's website for full updated list)

S/N	MER for N-Level students	MER for O-Level students	Examples of Nitec courses
1	3 N-Level passes in English, Mathematics and one other subject	2 O-Level grades A1 to E8 in any two subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursing
2	3 N-Level passes in Mathematics or Science and two other subjects		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mechatronics & Robotics Community Care & Social Services
3	3 N-Level passes in English and two other subjects		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floristry Western Culinary Arts
4	3 N-Level passes in Mathematics and two other subjects		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aerospace Avionics Interior & Exhibition Design
5	Completed N-Level	Completed O-Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retail Services

Examples of MERs for the eight 3-year Higher Nitec courses under ITE's enhanced curricular structure

(refer to ITE's website for full updated list)

S/N	MER for N-Level students	MER for O-Level students	Examples of 3-year Higher Nitec courses
1	3 N-Level passes in Mathematics or Science and two other subjects	2 O-Level grades A1 to E8 in any two subjects	• Electronics Engineering
2	3 N-Level passes in English and two other subjects		• Accounting
3	Completed N-Level	Completed O-Level	• Security System Integration



Examples of MERs of Higher Nitec courses

(refer to ITE's website for full updated list)

S/N	MER (O-Levels)	Examples of <i>Higher Nitec</i> courses
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E8 in English Language D7 in Mathematics (E/A) E8 in third subject (List A) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biotechnology Chemical Technology
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E8 in English Language D7 in Mathematics (E/A) E8 in third subject (List B) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Games Art & Design Electrical Engineering
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D7 in English Language E8 in Mathematics (E/A) or POA* D7 in one other subject 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filmmaking (Cinematography) Sport Management
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E8 in English Language D7 in Mathematics (E/A) or POA* E8 in one other subject 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interactive Design
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C6 in English Language C6 in two other subjects* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Childhood Education
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D7 in English Language D7 in two other subjects* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leisure & Travel Operations Hospitality Operations
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D7 in English Language E8 in two other subjects* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual Merchandising

*Student must have attempted Mathematics (E/A) to be eligible for selection.



Important Dates to Remember

27 May – 2 Jun
Application Stage

- Apply online at the ITE website
- Three choices in order of preference, one write-up for each course

22 Jun – 27 July
Interviews Stage

- Shortlisted students will be informed of their interview dates, starting from mid-June.
- **Approach your Form Teacher if you need support for the EAE selection.**

23 August – 27 August
Offer & Acceptance Stage

- Check results online
- Successful students can choose to *accept or reject* offer

30 August – 3 September
Withdrawal Stage

- Students who wish to withdraw from should submit their withdrawal request to training@ite.edu.sg during this period. They will then be able to take part in the Joint Intake Exercise (JIE) or Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE) after the N- or O-Level exams.



Things You Could Do Before You Apply

Step 1 Explore your interests and develop your strengths

- Elective Modules, 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 ITE courses you are interested in and related careers in the sector

- Conduct online **research**, e.g. ITE website www.ite.edu.sg
- Visit the **Career Services Centres** that are open for walk-ins
- Talk to your **teachers, ECG Counsellors, family/relatives**

Step 3 Prepare for your application

Prepare your write-ups

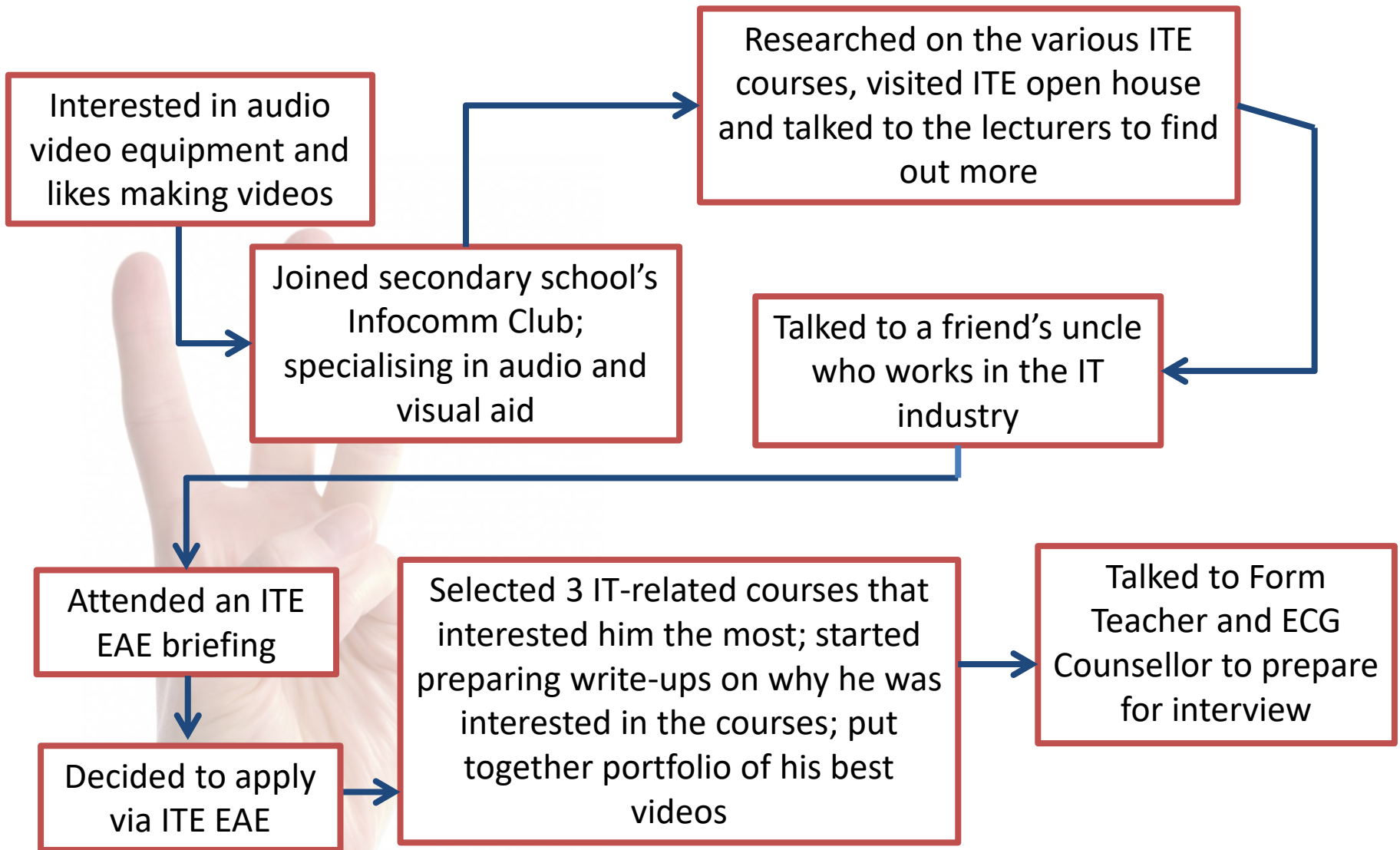
- Short-write-up (100 words) on why you want to enter the course
- Clear and concise descriptions of your interests, passion and relevant skills, experiences and activities participated in

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
- Upload the supporting documents onto the online portal

Prepare for interviews

Benjamin's Story





Increased Opportunities

**Greater flexibility for
ITE to admit students
via aptitude-based
admissions**

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

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Last Word

Remember:

The EAE is for those who are clear about what they want to pursue, to facilitate their admission into our PSEIs based on interests and aptitudes, and not just based on academic results.

For students who are still exploring their interests and aptitudes, there are still other pathways for them to gain admission to ITE, such as the JAE (for O-Level students) and JIE (for N-Level and O-Level students).

Any Questions?

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Possible Scenario #1:

Are O-Level students able to hold on to concurrent ITE EAE and Poly EAE offers?

- **Yes, O-Level students can hold on to concurrent ITE EAE and Poly EAE offers.**
- Those who have met the MERs for both offers will be required to decide between them. **The Poly EAE offer will be automatically confirmed and ITE EAE offer released if the student does not decide by a stipulated deadline.**
- The O-Level student is also not allowed to participate in JAE.

Possible Scenario #2:

A Sec 4N(A) student has accepted his ITE EAE offer but has qualified for the DPP or PFP. Can he still apply for DPP/PFP? What about his ITE EAE offer?

- Yes, students who have accepted their ITE EAE offer and who are eligible **may apply for the DPP or PFP.**
- Those who receive a DPP offer will be required to decide between the DPP or ITE EAE offer. **The DPP offer will be automatically confirmed and ITE EAE offer released if the student does not decide by a stipulated deadline.**
- As applications to the PFP open in January, students with confirmed ITE EAE or DPP offers may progress to ITE first before applying for PFP when applications open. They may then subsequently withdraw from ITE if they receive a PFP offer.

Misconception #1:

ITE has a target of 15% to meet for ITE EAE and I would be disadvantaged if I do not apply early.

- 15% is an allowance that ITE may utilise
- Extent of utilisation would vary year-on-year depending on number and calibre of applicants

Misconception #2:

I will lose out if I don't apply for a ITE course via ITE EAE.

- If you are not certain about your interests and aptitudes at this point in time, there are still other avenues to enter ITE, e.g. using your N- or O-Level results to apply during JIE or JAE
- However, if you have interests and/or aptitudes in certain ITE courses, you are encouraged to consider applying via ITE EAE

Misconception #3:

I can only apply for selected courses through ITE EAE.

- **All full-time ITE Nitec and Higher Nitec courses are open for application through ITE EAE. This also includes the eight Higher Nitec courses that will be offered on a 3-year pathway under the enhanced ITE curricular structure.**

Misconception #4:

I don't have to study once I receive an ITE EAE offer.

- You will still need to meet the subject-specific MERs for ITE courses in order for your offers to be confirmed. Your conditional offer will be revoked if you do not meet the MERs.
- The MERs ensure that you have the requisite academic foundation in order to cope with the rigour of the ITE course

Misconception #5:

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

- If you accept an offer during the Acceptance Stage (23 Aug – 27 Aug), you **can still withdraw your acceptance during the Withdrawal Stage** (30 Aug – 3 Sep) and participate in JIE or JAE when results are released
- If you do not withdraw by 3 Sep 2021, the offers will be automatically confirmed when results are released and you meet the subject-specific MERs. **You will not be eligible for other ITE admissions exercises or be able switch courses.**

Misconception #6:

I can choose to withdraw from the ITE EAE offer after the N- or O-Level results are released.

- No. If you meet the MERs when the GCE N- or O-Level results are released, **your ITE EAE conditional offers will be automatically confirmed** and you will not be able to switch courses within ITE or participate in other ITE grades-based admissions exercises, e.g. JIE or JAE.
- **Sec 4N(A) students who are DPP/PFP-eligible will, however, be allowed to apply for DPP/PFP**, so as to allow them to pursue a higher level of study.
- **O-Level students will be barred from JAE if they have a confirmed ITE EAE offer.** However, should they qualify for studies at the polytechnics or JC/MI, they may appeal to the institutions directly.