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Information Note on 2020 Direct School Admission – Junior Colleges (DSA-JC)

Dear Student,

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

What is DSA-JC?

2. Introduced in 2005, DSA-JC 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 DSA-JC conducted?

3. The 2020 DSA-JC will be conducted in two Phases according to the following schedule.

Phase	Stage	Dates	Remarks
Phase 1 & 2	Application		Application deadline for each DSA-JC school may be different. Students should visit the individual schools' website for information on application period, procedures and selection criteria.
Phase 1	Offer Stage	29 Jun to 11 Aug	Schools conduct selection and make Phase 1 offers during this stage.
	Acceptance Stage	12 Aug to 14 Aug	A student may accept only <u>one</u> Phase 1 offer within this stage, regardless of the number of offers received. Phase 1 offers that are not accepted expire at the end of this stage.
	Cooling-Off Stage	17 Aug to 19 Aug	Students may cancel earlier acceptance of Phase 1 offers if they wish to consider Phase 2 offers.
Phase 2	Offer Stage	17 Aug to 4 Sep	Schools make Phase 2 offers during this stage.
	Acceptance Stage	7 Sep to 10 Sep	A student who has yet to commit to an offer may accept 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 2020 DSA-JC in **Annex A** and the list of participating schools and their websites in **Annex B**. You should check the detailed DSA-JC schedule of the schools that you would like to apply to, by visiting their websites or contacting them directly. Please consider carefully what your strengths are, and which school best meets your needs, before you commit yourself to participating in selections conducted by the schools.

5. To ensure the safety and well-being of our students and school personnel amid the COVID-19 situation, DSA schools will conduct all interviews and selection for DSA via electronic modes (e-modes). The e-modes will be done in your secondary school during the selection period. You may approach your secondary school for assistance, if shortlisted.

6. 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 DSA-JC, and will have to participate in the Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE) if you still wish to seek JC admission.

7. **Once you have accepted an offer under DSA-JC, 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 DSA-JC.

8. Students who change their mind after accepting an offer and wish to cancel their acceptance, will have to submit the DSA-JC Cancellation Form no later than **9 Oct 2020, 5pm**. Please contact the DSA-JC school which you have accepted the offer for the form. Your parent will have to submit the completed Cancellation Form to the DSA-JC school and the school will send email to both parent and student on the outcome of your cancellation request. Once you have cancelled your acceptance, you will be allowed to participate in the JAE.

Early Admissions Exercise (EAE)

9. O-Level students who wish to gain admission to a polytechnic can also participate in the Polytechnic EAE (Poly EAE), which will commence on **25 Jun 2020**, for admission in **AY2021**.

10. Students may also participate in the Institute of Technical Education EAE (ITE EAE) if they wish to gain admission to ITE. Applications open on **27 May 2020**, for admission in **AY2021**.

11. 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

12. 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

13. For more information on 2020 DSA-JC, please refer to the MOE website at www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-jc. If you do not wish to apply for JC admission via DSA-JC, you can seek admission through the JAE that is conducted in the first quarter of 2021 after the release of the GCE O-Level examination results.

14. For more information on Poly EAE for O-Level students, you may refer to the website at <https://eae.polytechnic.edu.sg>. For more information on ITE EAE for O-Level students, you may refer to the ITE website at <https://www.ite.edu.sg/admissions/full-time-courses/higher-nitec/eae/>.

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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 DSA-JC. 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.

PHASE 1 PROCESS
(All participating schools)

PHASE 2 PROCESS
(Participating schools: ASRJC, ACJC, CJC, JPJC, NYJC, SSP, SAJC, TMJC, YIJC)

<p>APPLICATION (The application deadline for each DSA-JC school may be different)</p>	<p>Students interested in applying for Direct School Admission to JCs for admission in 2021 should submit the DSA application before the deadline. They should visit the individual schools' websites for information on application periods, procedures and selection criteria, which may differ across schools.</p>	
<p>29 Jun - 11 Aug 2020</p>	<p>OFFER STAGE</p>	
<p>12 Aug - 14 Aug 2020</p>	<p>ACCEPTANCE STAGE</p>	
<p>17 Aug - 19 Aug 2020</p>	<p>A student may accept only one offer by submitting his 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.</p>	
<p>17 Aug - 4 Sep 2020</p>	<p>COOLING-OFF STAGE</p>	
<p>7 Sep - 10 Sep 2020</p>	<p>Students may cancel their Phase 1 acceptances during this stage if they wish to accept a Phase 2 offer.</p>	
<p>By 9 Oct 2020 (Phase 1 & 2: Withdrawal)</p>	<p>OFFER STAGE</p>	
<p>By 9 Oct 2020 (Phase 1 & 2: Withdrawal)</p>	<p>ACCEPTANCE STAGE</p>	
<p>By 9 Oct 2020 (Phase 1 & 2: Withdrawal)</p>	<p>A student may accept only one offer by submitting his 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.</p> <p>Note: Students can participate in the DSA-JC Exercise and Early Admissions Exercise (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.</p>	
<p>By 9 Oct 2020 (Phase 1 & 2: Withdrawal)</p>	<p>WITHDRAWAL STAGE</p>	
<p>By 9 Oct 2020 (Phase 1 & 2: Withdrawal)</p>	<p>Students who wish to participate in the Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE) must cancel their acceptance from 2020 DSA-JC by 9 Oct 2020, 5.00pm.</p> <p>Students successfully admitted to a school via DSA-JC are not allowed to participate in the annual JAE. They are also not allowed to transfer to another school after the release of the GCE O-Level examination results. They are expected to honour their commitment to the DSA-JC schools.</p>	

List of Schools Participating in 2020 DSA-JC

Name of JC	Website
Anderson Serangoon Junior College	https://asrjc.moe.edu.sg
Anglo-Chinese School (Independent) ^{# ^}	https://www.acsindep.moe.edu.sg
Anglo-Chinese Junior College [*]	https://acjc.moe.edu.sg
Catholic Junior College [*]	https://cjc.moe.edu.sg
Dunman High School [^]	https://dunmanhigh.moe.edu.sg
Eunoia Junior College [^]	https://eunoiajc.moe.edu.sg
Hwa Chong Institution ^{# ^}	http://www.hwachong.edu.sg
Jurong Pioneer Junior College	https://jpjc.moe.edu.sg
Nanyang Junior College [*]	https://nanyangjc.moe.edu.sg
National Junior College [^]	https://nationaljc.moe.edu.sg
Raffles Institution ^{# ^}	http://www.ri.edu.sg
River Valley High School [^]	https://rivervalleyhigh.moe.edu.sg
School Of The Arts, Singapore ^{@ ^}	https://www.sota.edu.sg
Singapore Sports School [@]	https://www.sportsschool.edu.sg
St. Andrew's Junior College [*]	https://standrewsjc.moe.edu.sg
St. Joseph's Institution ^{# ^}	https://www.sji.edu.sg
Tampines Meridian Junior College	https://tmjc.moe.edu.sg
Temasek Junior College [^]	https://www.temasekjc.moe.edu.sg
Victoria Junior College [^]	https://victoriajc.moe.edu.sg
Yishun Innova Junior College	https://yijc.moe.edu.sg

* Government-aided JC

Independent School offering JC or equivalent courses / Independent JC

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^ JCs participating in Phase 1 only