

Post-Secondary Admissions Exercise 2028: key dates for SEC students

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If your child sits the new Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) in 2027, the **Post-Secondary Admissions Exercise 2028** will decide where they go next. MOE has now set out the timeline on its website, last updated 22 September 2026. It is one exercise for junior colleges, Millennia Institute, polytechnics and ITE.

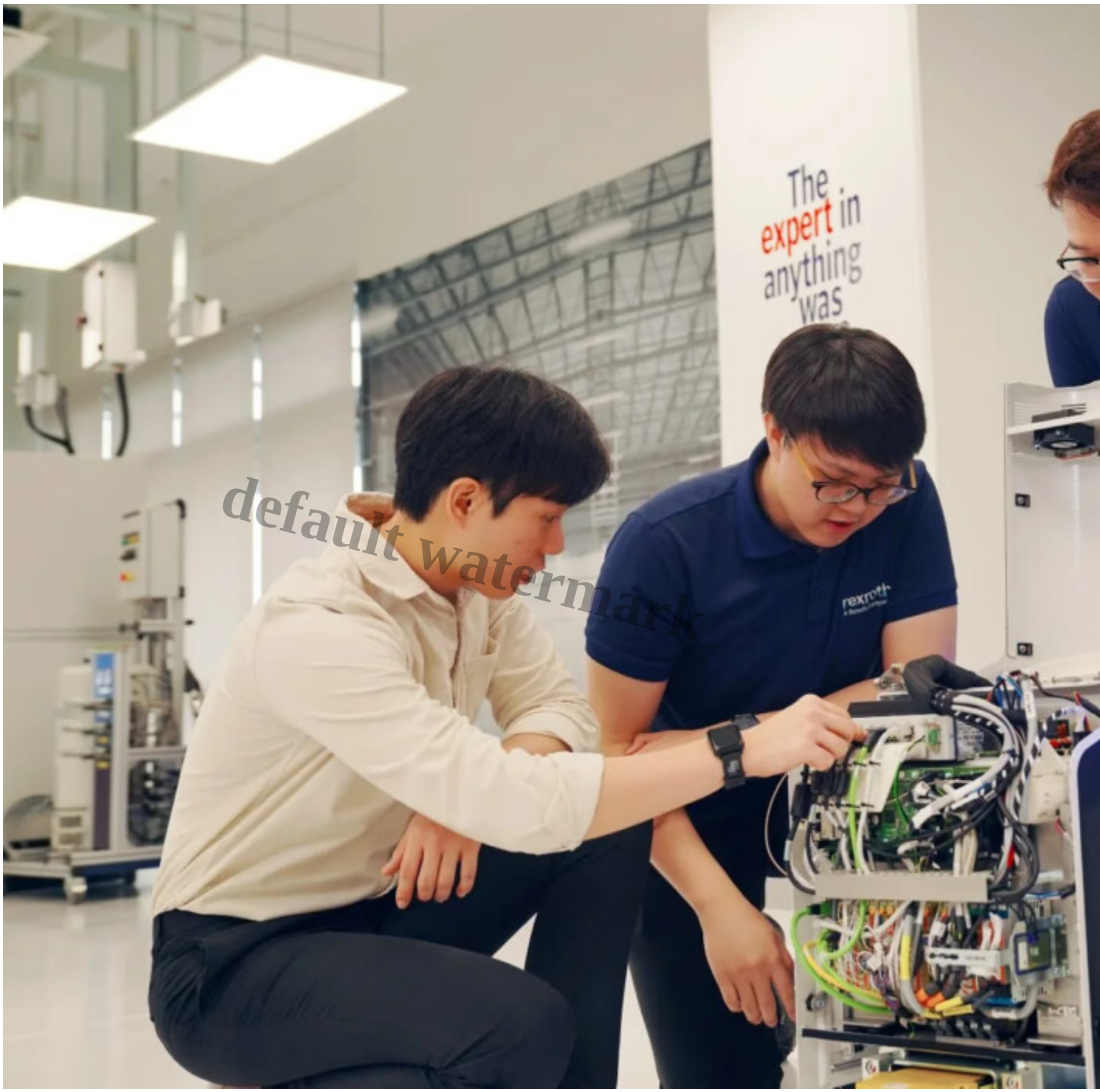
Nothing needs doing today, but a few dates are worth putting in the calendar early. Here is what MOE says.

Who the Post-Secondary Admissions Exercise 2028 is for

From 2028, anyone who has sat the SEC at any subject level (G1, G2 or G3) can take part. That includes school candidates of all nationalities, plus private candidates who are Singapore Citizens or PRs.

It does not apply to current Secondary 4 and 5 students. They stay on the admissions exercises that already apply to them. If you are taking the SEC in 2027, MOE asks you to check its website again in mid-2027 for the latest 2028 information.

One useful flexibility: applicants can combine results from up to two examination years, using SEC, GCE N-/O-Level results, or a mix of both, to meet eligibility requirements.



Source: Institute of Technical Education (ITE)

What you can apply for

Through the Post-Sec Portal, eligible applicants can apply to:

- Junior colleges (JC) and Millennia Institute (MI)
- Polytechnic diploma programmes and the Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)
- ITE 2-Year and 3-Year Higher Nitec courses

Arts students are the exception. NAFA and LASALLE run their own admissions, so you apply to them directly. If that is your childâ??s route, see how LASALLEâ??s new AI programmes are priced.

The key dates, in order

1. **Mid-2027 onwards:** talent and aptitude-based exercises open. These are DSA-JC, Poly-EAE and ITE-EAE, and they run before the SEC.
2. **By September 2027:** check your CCA records. CCA bonus points feed into your net aggregate score, so tell your school straight away if anything looks wrong.
3. **Mid-January 2028:** SEC results are released. You get them on the afternoon of release day.
4. **Six calendar days from results day:** the PSE application window. It opens on the day results come out and runs 24 hours a day.
5. **By early February 2028:** posting results, sent through the Post-Sec Portal and by SMS to the Singapore mobile number you gave.
6. **By end-February 2028:** accept your offer.

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How posting works

Academic merit remains the main factor. Your net aggregate score is your gross aggregate score minus any bonus points. A tie-breaker is only used when two applicants have the same net aggregate score for the last place in a course.

You will need a Singpass to apply, so register before the window opens. During the six days you can log in to see the outcome of any DSA-JC, Poly-EAE or ITE-EAE offers, view your aggregate scores and eligible courses, and submit your application.

Say you are posted to a JC or MI course. You report to the school on the next school day after results release, in your secondary school uniform. For polytechnic and ITE offers, you will get an email with enrolment instructions instead.

If you do not get your first pick

Appeals open from the day posting results are released. For a JC or MI place, approach the school you want directly. For a polytechnic or ITE course, apply on the online portal. MOE also notes that eligible students can choose a fifth year in secondary school instead of moving on.

The course lists in MOEâ??s SchoolFinder and CourseFinder still show 2026 admissions. They will be refreshed for 2028 in mid-2027, so do not plan around them yet.

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What parents can do this year

Use the quiet months to talk through options with your child, rather than only chasing a score. If your family is dealing with this yearâ??s results first, our guide to PSLE results day and the S1 portal covers the dates to know. Take a look at the MOE PSE page too, since that is where the 2028 details will be updated.

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