

# Post-Secondary Options

# Overview

- With the common **Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) examination** from 2027, secondary students can apply for various post-secondary pathways at the same time when they receive their SEC results in Jan 2028. This is done through the **Post-Secondary Admissions Exercise (PSE) - a single, centralised admissions platform.**
- **Purpose:** Replace multiple post-secondary admissions exercises (such as Joint Admissions Exercises (JAE), Polytechnic Foundation Programme Admissions Exercise (PFPAE) and ITE Joint Intake Exercises (JIE) (2-Year and 3-Year *Higher Nitec*)) to provide a more streamlined application process through a one-stop Post-Sec Portal and a common timeline.
- **Who it is for:** Eligible candidates who have sat for the SEC examinations at any subject level (G1, G2, G3).



# 2027 and beyond: End of Secondary 4/5 and post-Secondary

## End of Secondary 4/5

### Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) Examination

From 2027, students will sit for the new SEC examinations, with different papers for each subject level.

With SEC, MTL exams will be in one sitting in September alongside EL written exams.

The Science Practical Examinations and Written papers for all other subjects will be conducted between September and November.

## Post-Secondary

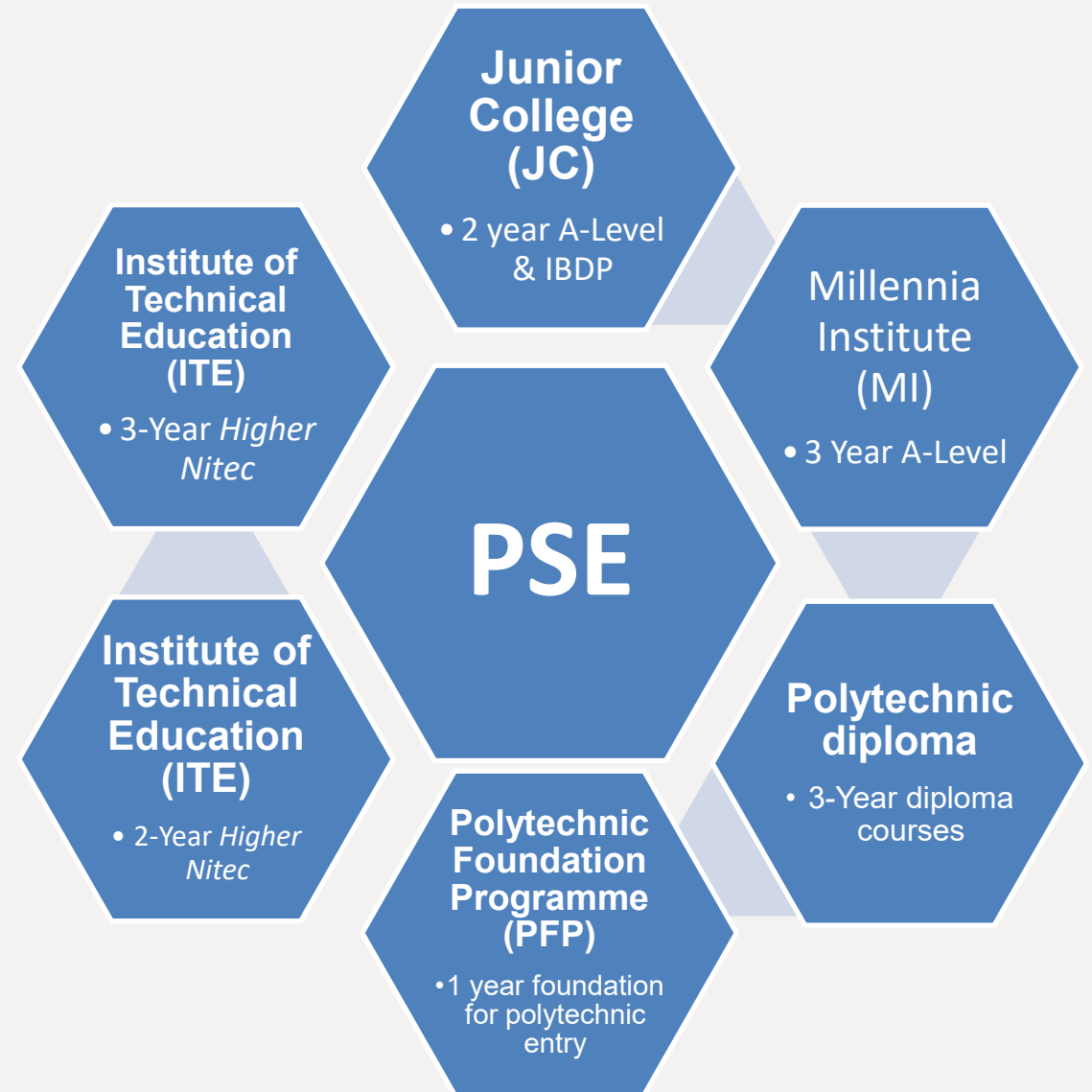
### Admission to post-secondary education institutes

Admission criteria have been progressively updated to recognise students taking different combinations of subjects and subject levels.

- E.g., Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP) has been expanded to allow access to students offering G3 subjects, or a mix of G2 and G3 subjects.

# Available Pathways and Course Choices

- Junior Colleges (JC)
- Millennia Institute (MI)
- Polytechnic Diploma programmes
- Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)
- ITE 2-Year *Higher Nitec*
- ITE 3-Year *Higher Nitec*



The option of 5<sup>th</sup> year in secondary school will continue to be made available for eligible students, who can apply directly at the secondary schools.

# RECAP: PSE Pathway Eligibility by Subject Level

Starting in 2028, eligibility for the 6 different pathways under PSE is determined by specific combinations of G1, G2 and G3 subject levels.

Pathways		ITE (3-Year)	ITE (2-Year)	NAFA Foundation Programme (NFP)	Arts Institution Diploma	PFP	Poly Diploma	Millennia Institute	Junior College
<b>Apply in PSE</b>				Direct application to school. <a href="#">Learn more</a>	Direct application to school. <a href="#">Learn more</a>				
^Students taking at least X subjects	5 G3								
	4 G3 + *1 G2								
	5 G2								
	4 G1		#Via ITE 3-Year						

**Note:**

^To compute the aggregate type for each pathway, students must take all the required subjects at the specified subject level.

\*Poly Diploma (ELR2B2) requires 4 subjects at G3 level; only the 5<sup>th</sup> subject (B2) can be at G2 level.

#Not available for direct application in PSE. Students taking 3-Year Higher Nitec course may be offered the accelerated pathway (to attain a Higher Nitec in a shorter duration of about two years) if they meet the academic requirements during their Year 1 Semester 1 examinations.

# Key Features of PSE

## Current (for N-Level and O-Level cohort)

### Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE)

For O-Level cohort

### Polytechnic Foundation Programme Admissions Exercise (PFPAE)

For N(A)-Level cohort

### ITE Joint Intake Exercise (ITE JIE)

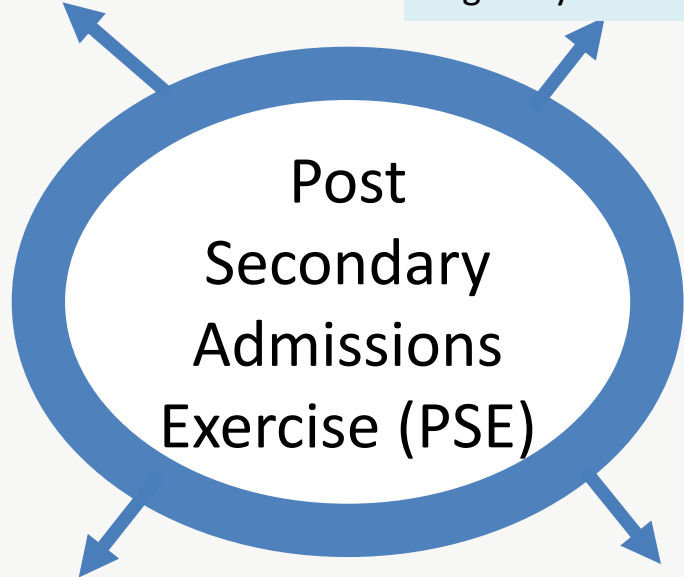
- JIE 'O' (2-Year *Higher Nitec*) for O-Level cohort
- JIE 'H' (2-Year *Higher Nitec* under Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP)) for N(A) cohort
- JIE 'N' (3-Year *Higher Nitec*) for N(A) and N(T) cohort
- \*JIE 'E' (4-Year *Higher Nitec*) under Enhanced Foundation Programme for N(T) cohort

\*SEC students will apply directly to ITE for the ITE Enhanced Foundation Programme, not through PSE. More details will be available in 2027.

## Post-Sec Admission Year 2028 (2027 SEC graduating cohort)

Apply through Post-Sec portal using personal Singpass.

**pathways and courses:**  
Seek admission to courses from 6 different pathways based on eligibility criteria.



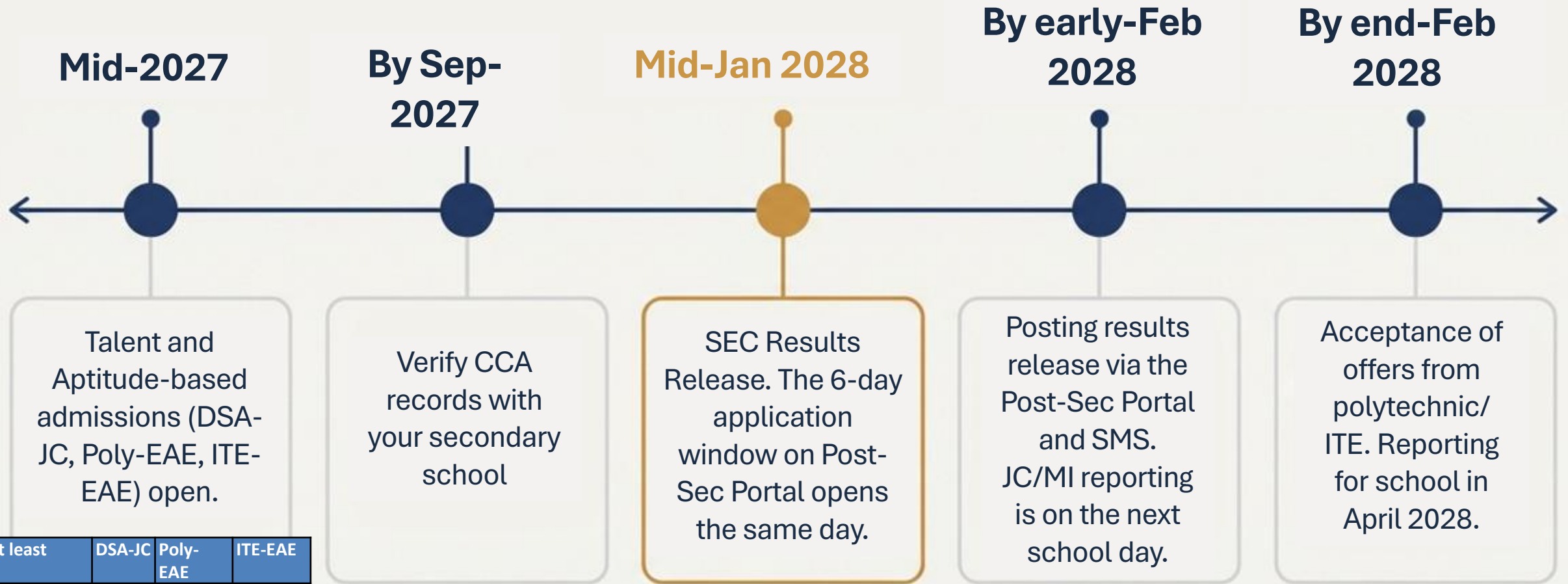
### Post Secondary Admissions Exercise (PSE)

#### Common timeline and process:

- A single 6-day application window starting from day of SEC result release in mid Jan.
- Posting results release for all courses on same day by early Feb.

**Posting process:** Net aggregate score (including deduction of bonus points) remains key posting criterion, with introduced as tie-breaker.

# Key Dates and Milestones for 2028 PSE



At least	DSA-JC	Poly-EAE	ITE-EAE
5 G3	✓	✓	✓
4 G3 + 1 G2		✓	✓
5 G2			✓
4 G1			✓

# HOW POST-SEC PORTAL COMPUTES AGGREGATE SCORES AND ELIGIBILITY FOR PATHWAYS AND COURSES IN PSE

- Aggregate Types for Pathways
  - JC and MI
  - Polytechnic Diploma
  - Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)
  - ITE 2-Year *Higher Nitec*
  - ITE 3-Year *Higher Nitec*

# PSE Aggregate Scores Calculation: Bonus Points

Type	Bonus Points	JC/MI	Polytechnic Diploma/ PFP/ ITE 2-Year and 3- Year Higher Nitec
CCA Grade	Excellent: 2	✓ Maximum 3 bonus points	✓
	Good: 1		
<b>English and Higher Mother Tongue Language Grade</b> A1 to C6 for both subjects	2		Not applicable

# PSE Aggregate Score Calculation: Downward Mapping of G3, G2, G1 Grades and ITE Aggregate Points

The legacy GCE O-Level, N(A)-Level, and N(T)-Level are now equivalent to G3, G2 and G1 respectively. Several pathways compute aggregate scores using equivalent grades (i.e. mapped grades).

O-Level/ G3	N(A)-Level/ G2	N(T)-Level/ G1	ITE Aggregate Points (For 3-Year Higher Nitec computation)
A1	1	A	1
A2			
B3			
B4	2		
C5			
C6			
D7	3		
E8	4	B	2
9	5	C	3
	6	D	4
		E	5

**Invalid Grade Exception**

**For Polytechnic ELR2B2 and PFP ELMAB3:**

- ✘ G3 grade 9 and G2 grades 5 & 6 cannot be used for computation.

**For ITE 2-Year ELMAB3:**

- ✘ G3 grade 9 and G2 grade 6 can be used for aggregate computation, but cannot fulfil subject-specific Minimum Entry Requirements (MER).

**For ITE 3-Year R2B2/R1B3/B4 :**

- ✘ G3 grade 9, G2 grade 6 and G1 Grade E can be used for aggregate computation, but cannot fulfil subject-specific Minimum Entry Requirements (MER).

# PSE Aggregate Components Explained

- **L1:** 1<sup>st</sup> language, can be English Language or Higher Mother Tongue Language
- **EL:** English Language
- **MA:** Mathematics subject (Mathematics or Additional Mathematics)
- **R1:** 1<sup>st</sup> Relevant subject
- **R2:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Relevant subject
- **R3:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Relevant subject
- **R4:** 4<sup>th</sup> Relevant subject
- **B1:** Subject with best grade
- **B2:** Subject with 2<sup>nd</sup> best grade
- **B3:** Subject with 3<sup>rd</sup> best grade
- **B4:** Subject with 4<sup>th</sup> best grade



NOTE: Meeting course eligibility requirements does not guarantee admission, which depends on course demand and available places.

# Junior Colleges and Millennia Institute

## Aggregate Type: L1R4

- ✓ All subjects used in aggregate score computation for JC and MI admissions must be **taken at G3**.
  - Mother Tongue Language (MTL) and Higher MTL (HMTL) cannot be used in the same aggregate computation



**Gross** Aggregate must be  $\leq 16$  for JC Admission

**Gross** Aggregate must be  $\leq 20$  for MI Admission

# Example 1 : Junior College & Millennia Institute (JC/MI)

Student with 6 G3 subjects and not taking HMTL

## Subjects & Grades

1. G3 English Language

A2

2. G3 Humanities (SS + History)

B3

3. G3 Mathematics

A2

4. G3 Chemistry

B3

5. G3 Malay Language

A2

6. G3 Physics

B4

CCA = EXCELLENT

## Aggregate Type L1R4

[L1] EL or HMTL  
2pts

[R1] Humanities  
3pt

[R2] Math/ Science  
2pt

[R3] Humanities/  
Math/ Science  
3pts

[R4] Any best G3  
subject  
2pts

Malay Language (A2) is used, instead of Physics (B4).

## Calculation

Gross L1R4 12 points

Bonus Points Deduction -2 points

**Net Score 10 points**

Using bonus points from CCA (2)

## Checklist

JC Requirement:  
Gross L1R4  $\leq 16$  ✓  
Subject to meeting subject requirement.

MI Requirement  
Gross L1R4  $\leq 20$  ✓  
Subject to meeting subject requirement.

# Example 2a : Junior College & Millennia Institute (JC/MI)

Student taking HMTL with 5 G3 and 1 O-Level subjects (e.g. O-Level Chinese Language taken at Sec 3 in 2026)

Students with HMTL will have two L1R4 gross aggregate scores computed separately using HMTL (example 2a) and English as L1 (example 2b). The set which qualifies student for JC and MI admission and with better (i.e. lower) score will be used.

## Subjects & Grades

1. **G3 Higher Chinese Language**
2. G3 Humanities (SS + History)
3. G3 Mathematics
4. G3 Science (Physics/Chemistry)
5. G3 English Language
6. ~~O Level Chinese Language~~

B4

A1

A1

B3

C6

~~A1~~

CCA = EXCELLENT

## Aggregate Type L1R4

[L1] EL or HMTL  
4pts

[R1] Humanities  
1pt

[R2] Math/ Science  
1pt

[R3] Humanities/  
Math/ Science  
3pts

[R4] Any best G3  
subject  
6pts

O-Level Chinese cannot be used when Higher Chinese is used for computation.

## Calculation

Gross L1R4 **15 points**

Bonus Points Deduction **-3 points**

**Net Score 12 points**

Using bonus points from HMT (2) and CCA (2), total = 2 + 2 = 4  
**Capped at 3 bonus points.**

## Checklist

JC Requirement  
Gross L1R4  $\leq 16$  ✓  
Subject to meeting subject requirement.

MI Requirement  
Gross L1R4  $\leq 20$  ✓  
Subject to meeting subject requirement.

# Example 2b : Junior College & Millennia Institute (JC/MI)

Student taking HMTL with 5 G3 and 1 O-Level subjects (e.g. O-Level Chinese Language taken at Sec 3 in 2026)

Based on Example 2a and 2b, using Higher Chinese and English as L1 both qualify applicant for JC and MI. As the aggregate score using English gives a better (i.e. lower) score compared to using Higher Chinese as L1, this set will be used.

### Subjects & Grades

1. <b>G3 English Language</b>	C6
2. G3 Humanities (SS + History)	A1
3. G3 Mathematics	A1
4. G3 Science (Physics/Chemistry)	B3
5. O Level Chinese Language	A1
6. <del>G3 Higher Chinese Language</del>	B4

CCA = EXCELLENT

### Aggregate Type L1R4

- [L1] EL or HMTL  
6pts
- [R1] Humanities  
1pt
- [R2] Math/ Science  
1pt
- [R3] Humanities/ Math/ Science  
3pts
- [R4] Any best G3 subject  
1pt

### Calculation

Gross L1R4	12 points
Bonus Points Deduction	-3 points
<b>Net Score</b>	<b>9 points</b>

Using bonus points from HMT (2) and CCA (2), total = 2 + 2 = 4  
Capped at 3 bonus points.

### Checklist

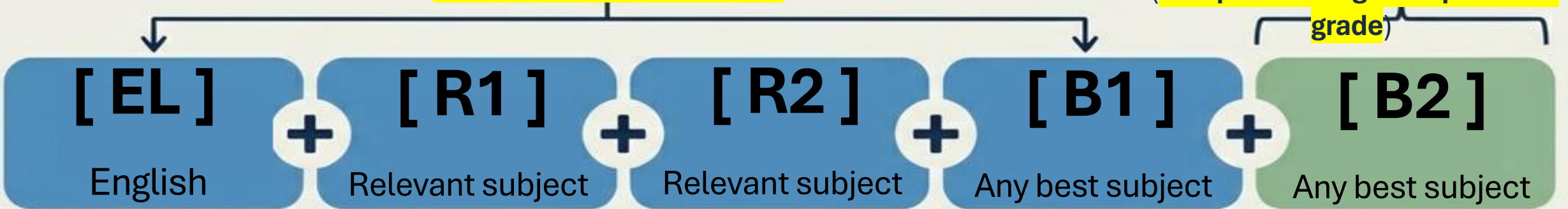
JC Requirement	✓
Gross L1R4 ≤ 16	
Subject to meeting subject requirement.	
MI Requirement	✓
Gross L1R4 ≤ 20	
Subject to meeting subject requirement.	

# Polytechnic Diploma - Aggregate Type: ELR2B2

- ✓ Four Aggregate Types: ELR2B2-A/B/C/D **NET** aggregate score must not exceed 22 (or 24 for Nursing courses).
- ✓ Meet the Minimum Entry Requirement (MER) of the course that you are applying for.

Taken at **G3 subject level**  
(computed using G3 grade)

Taken at **G2 or G3 subject level**  
(computed using G2 equivalent grade)



## CCA Bonus Points

Deducted from the Gross aggregate score to compute the Net aggregate score

Excellent (A1/A2) = 2 points
Good (B3 – C6) = 1 point

NOTE : G3 grades are mapped to equivalent G2 grades.  
G3 grade 9 and G2 grades 5 or 6 **cannot be used** for ELR2B2 aggregate score computation.

## Scenario: What if I use two G3 subjects for B1 and B2?

Better G3 Grade

Other G3 Grade

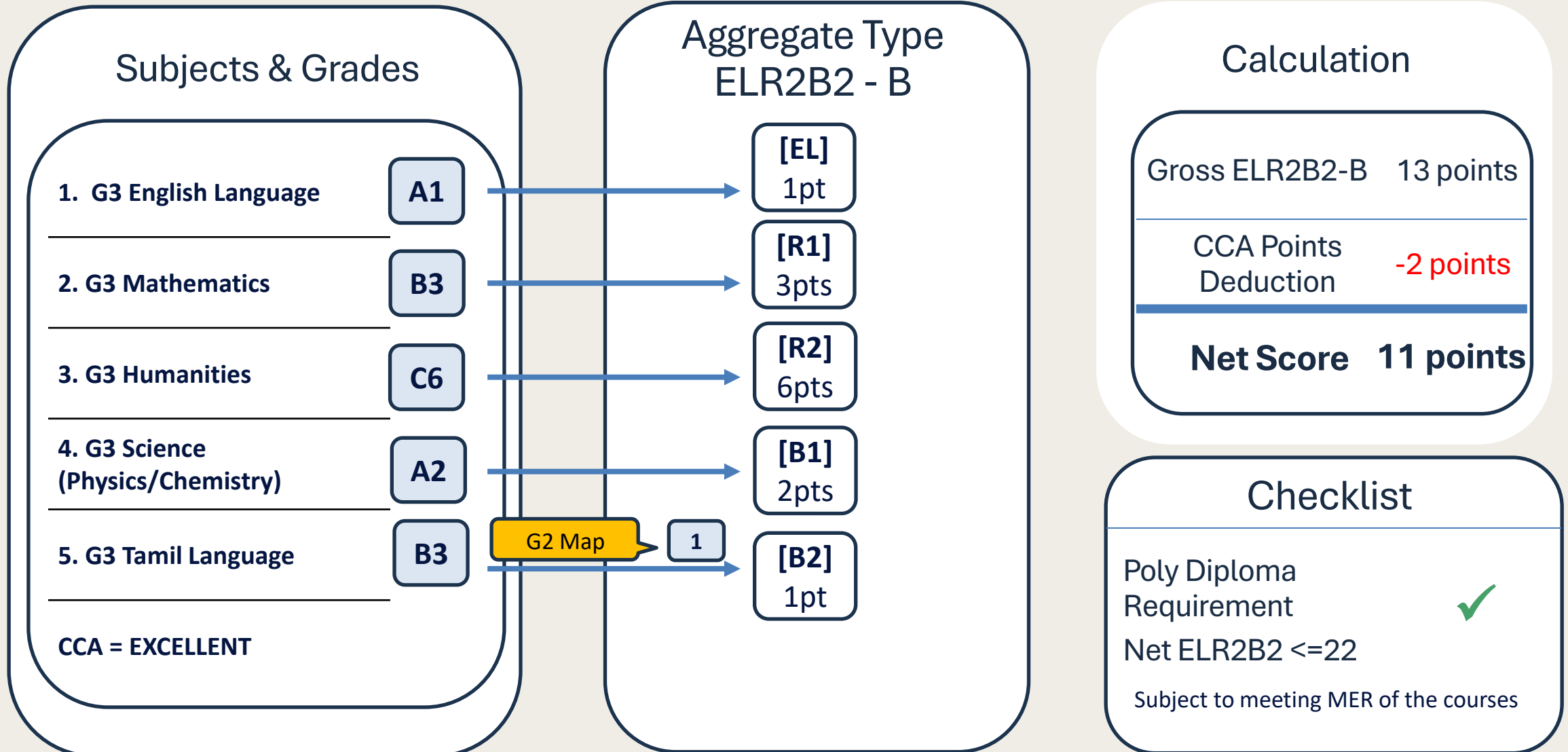


To be used as [B1]

Maps to G2 equivalent grade to be used as [B2]

# Example 1 : Polytechnic Diploma

Student with 5 G3 subjects



# Example 2 : Polytechnic Diploma

Student with 4 G3 and 1 G2 subjects

## Subjects & Grades

1. G3 English Language

B3

2. G3 Mathematics

B4

3. G3 Humanities

C6

4. G3 Science  
(Physics/Chemistry)

B4

5. G2 Chinese Language

1

CCA = EXCELLENT

## Aggregate Type ELR2B2 - B

[EL]

3pts

[R1]

4pts

[R2]

6pts

[B1]

4pts

[B2]

1pt

G2

## Calculation

Gross ELR2B2-B 18 points

CCA Points  
Deduction -2 points

**Net Score 16 points**

## Checklist

Poly Diploma  
Requirement

Net ELR2B2  $\leq$  22

Subject to meeting MER of the courses



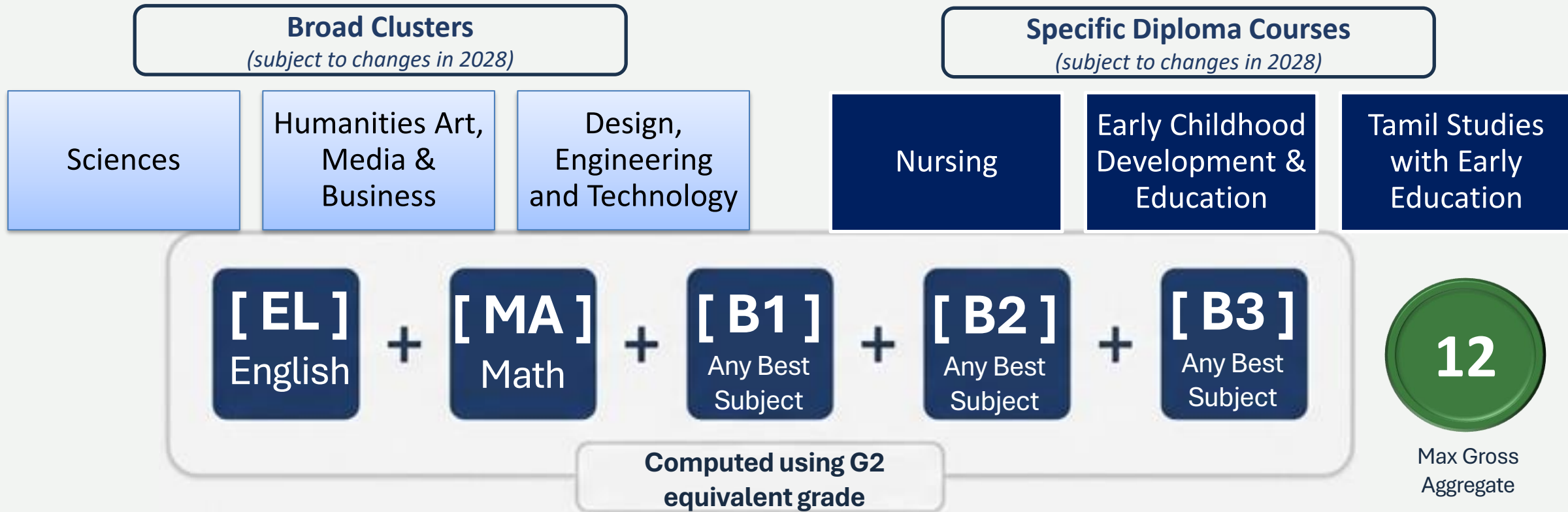
# Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)

## Aggregate Type: ELMAB3



1 Year Prep route

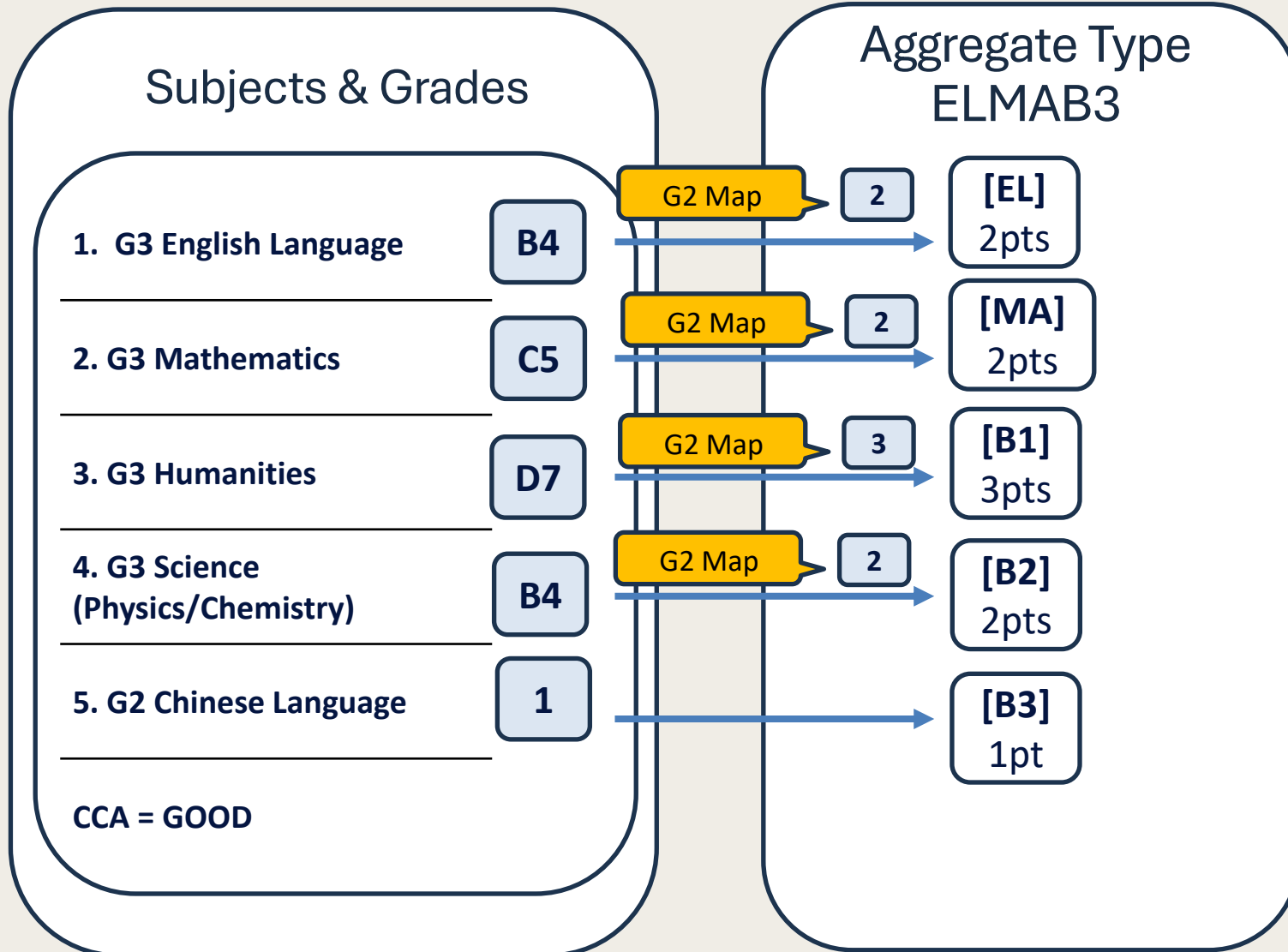
- ✓ ELMAB3 **GROSS** aggregate score uses exclusively **G2 equivalent grades** and must not exceed 12.
- ✓ Meet the Minimum Entry Requirement (MER) of the cluster/courses that you are applying for.



NOTE : G3 grades are mapped to equivalent G2 grades.  
G3 grade 9 and G2 grades 5 or 6 **cannot be used** for ELMAB3 aggregate score computation.

# Example 1 : Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)

Student with 4 G3 and 1 G2 subjects



## Calculation

Gross ELMAB3 10 points

CCA Points Deduction -1 point

**Net Score 9 points**

## Checklist

PFP Requirement

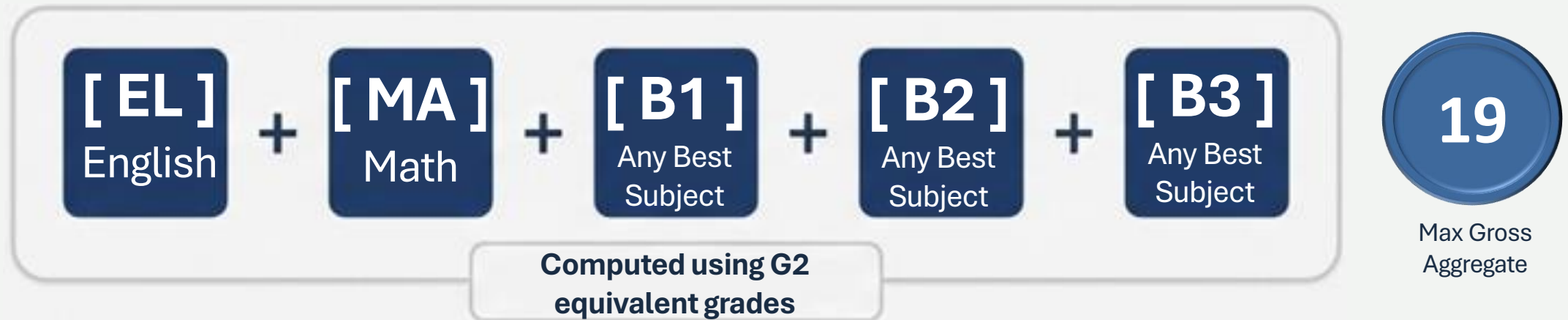
Gross ELMAB3  $\leq$  12 ✓

Subject to meeting MER of the clusters/ courses.

# ITE 2- Year *Higher Nitec*

## Aggregate Type: ELMAB3

- ✓ ELMAB3 uses exclusively **G2 equivalent grades** like PFP aggregate but accommodates a higher **GROSS** aggregate score limit of 19.
- ✓ Meet the Minimum Entry Requirement (MER) of the courses that you are applying for.



NOTE : G3 grades are mapped to equivalent G2 grades ([see related slide](#)).  
G3 grade 9 and G2 grade 6 can be used for aggregate computation, but **cannot be used** to fulfil subject specific minimum entry requirements.

# Example 1 : ITE 2-Year Higher Nitec

Student with 5 G2 and 1 G1 subjects

## Subjects & Grades

1. G2 English Language

2

2. G2 Mathematics

3

3. G2 Science (Physics/  
Chemistry)

2

4. G2 Humanities (Social  
Studies, History)

3

5. G2 Additional  
Mathematics

5

6. ~~G1 Tamil Language~~

A

CCA = GOOD

## Aggregate Type ELMAB3

[EL]

2pts

[MA]

3pts

[B1]

2pts

[B2]

3pts

[B3]

5pts

G1 grade cannot be considered for ITE 2-Year *Higher Nitec* aggregate computation.

## Calculation

Gross L1R4 15 points

CCA Points  
Deduction -1 points

**Net Score 14 points**

## Checklist

2-Year *Higher Nitec*  
requirement

Gross ELMAB3  $\leq 19$

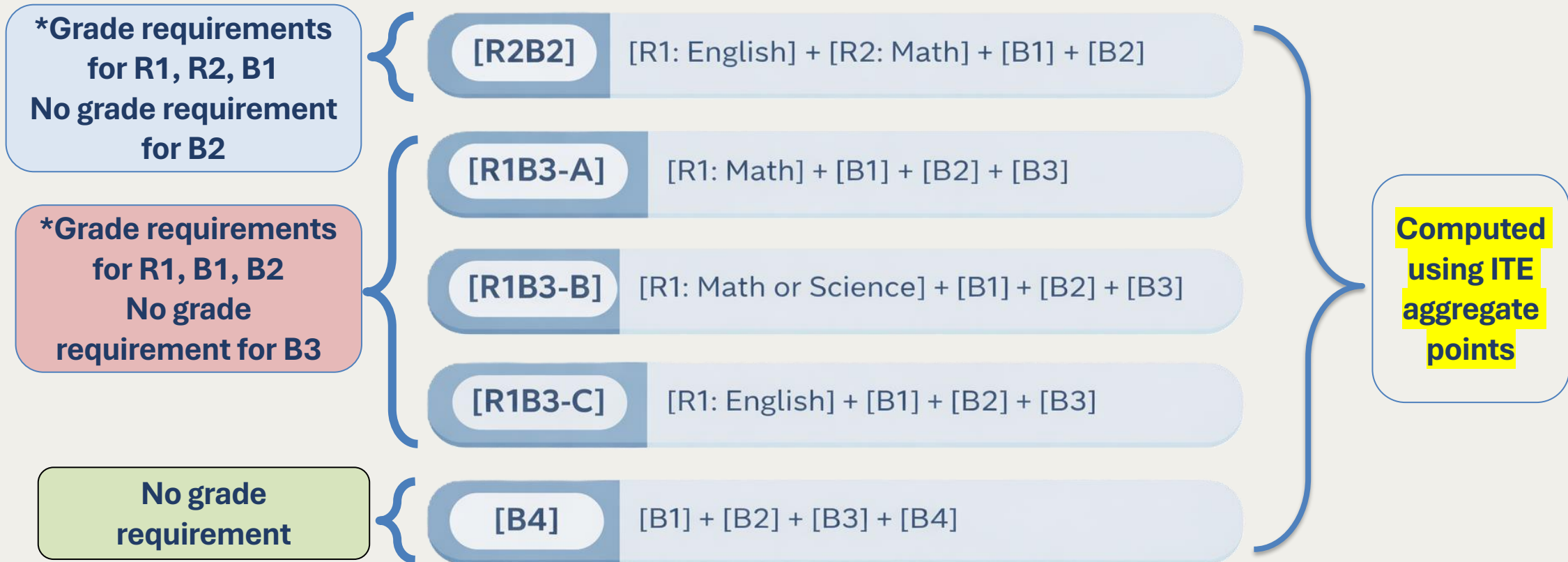
Subject to meeting MER of the courses.



# ITE 3-Year *Higher Nitec*

## Aggregate Type: R2B2, R1B3, B4

- ✓ No maximum aggregate score requirement but must meet the subject specific Minimum Entry Requirement (MER) of the aggregate types (except [B4], which has no MER). All courses within the same aggregate type share the same MER.
- ✓ If you meet the MER for the aggregate type, you will be eligible to apply for courses under that aggregate type.



NOTE : G3, G2 and G1 grades will be converted to ITE aggregate points to compute the aggregate scores.

\*Grade requirement based on subject level: G3 -> A1-E8, G2 -> 1-5 and G1 -> A-D

# Example 1 : ITE 3-Year Higher Nitec

Student with 5 G2 and 1 G3 subjects

## Subjects & Grades

1. G2 English Language

4

2. G2 Mathematics

3

3. G3 Chinese Language

B3

4. G2 Science  
(Physics/Chemistry)

4

~~5. G2 Additional  
Mathematics~~

~~5~~

~~6. G2 Humanities (Social  
Studies/History)~~

~~5~~

CCA = EXCELLENT

## Aggregate Type R2B2

ITE Aggregate  
Point

2

[R1]  
2pts

ITE Aggregate  
Point

1

[R2]  
1pt

ITE Aggregate  
Point

1

[B1]  
1pt

ITE Aggregate  
Point

2

[B2]  
2pts

Score Optimisation: These subjects are not used in the aggregate computation as the better (lower) grades are used to obtain the lowest possible score.

## Calculation

Gross R2B2 6 points

CCA Points  
Deduction -2 points

**Net Score 4 points**

## Checklist

3-Year *Higher Nitec*  
subject grade  
requirement for R2B2 ✓

Subject to meeting MER of the courses.

# What you can do next?

- Discuss your options available with your parents
  - Post-Secondary Options
  - DSA, EAE
  - Speak to your teachers if you need more information
  - Keep your options open
- Work towards your goals
  - Build your portfolio
  - Put in your best effort
  - Maintain at least a good conduct grade
- Pace yourself