

FAQ for 2018 Direct School Admission(SEC) Exercise at Temasek Secondary School

1) Who fits the Temasek Secondary DSA applicant profile?

To maximize the learning opportunities that the school provides, the applicant should:

- Be able to demonstrate the school values of Care, Performance Excellence, Teamwork and Integrity in his/her school and personal interaction with others.
- Be open to the many different learning experiences at Temasek Secondary and adapt to the rigorous and challenging learning environment.
- Be confident, lively and articulate.
- Be able to meet the high expectations and rigor of the school's academic and character development programmes.
- Be responsible and committed to the training rigor and expectations of the CCA/Student Leadership that the student's DSA is based on.
- Preferably have achieved at least 70% in overall percentage for their mid-year academic results **and** have at least a B grade in all subjects. This is to ensure that the student can cope with the academic rigor required in the school in addition to their DSA training requirements.
- Have prior experience/skills or zonal/national achievement in the DSA category applied for is preferred.
- Have a good discipline record and active CCA participation in his/her primary school.
- Be medically and physically fit. They should not have any pre-existing medical condition that will affect their ability to participate and cope with the physical rigor and stamina required. (For Shooting and Canoeing DSA applicants)
- Be willing to commit to the allocated DSA for the entire duration of the student's secondary education.

2) How do I apply?

Students who are interested can print out the application form from the online link on the school website (www.temaseksec.moe.edu.sg) or collect it from the school's General Office during office hour (9am – 5pm) in May to June when the official DSA application period is opened by the Ministry of Education. The selection interview and auditions will be scheduled from July to August 2018. More details will be provided on the school website closer to the date.

3) What information do I need to submit together with my application form?

Please attach copies of the following with the application form:

1. Academic results (Primary 6, Semester 1)
2. CCA records
3. Physical Fitness Proficiency - NAPFA records (if applicable)

4) When is the closing date for submission of the application form?

Application form to be submitted at the General Office by 3 July 2018, 5.00pm. The specific deadline will be released when the DSA application period starts from May. No submissions will be entertained after the deadline. Incomplete submissions will also be rejected.

5) After I have submitted the application form, when will I know if I have been shortlisted for the trials/auditions?

We regret to inform that **ONLY** applicants who have been shortlisted for trials/auditions will be informed personally through the phone no later than 5.00pm (Singapore time) by 6 July 2018 (Fri). There will not be any replacement dates unless the applicant has an MC. Those who are not informed by the deadline can conclude that they have not been shortlisted. The school will not accept any appeals or late submissions.

6) How do I prepare for the trial and audition?

The student may refer to the requirements listed on the DSA webpage on our school website.

7) After attending the audition and interview, when will I know if I have been selected?

The school will send a letter by end August informing all applicants who have completed the selection process on their status. The applicant will receive either one of the following:

- A letter of offer for successful applicant
- A letter to inform that the application has been unsuccessful

8) I am interested in applying for a non-DSA CCA in the school. Can I do so through this DSA exercise?

No, you may not. The DSA exercise is ONLY for applicants who fulfill the stated criterion and have an interest in pursuing their talent in the respective selected five DSA categories (Choir, Drama, Shooting, Canoeing and Student Leadership) stated on the school's DSA webpage.

9) I am interested in applying for DSA in Student Leadership. If I am successful, does it mean that I do not need to have a CCA since my DSA is in Student Leadership?

CCA is compulsory for all students studying in government secondary schools in Singapore. Thus a student who is offered and accepts DSA in Student Leadership will also be required to take up one CCA through the normal CCA selection exercise held for all Secondary One students in February of the academic year.

10) If I have been offered DSA CCA and accepted the offer, can I change my mind and choose another CCA later?

Accepting a DSA CCA offer is a commitment that a student makes to the DSA CCA in return for the school vacancy reserved for the student in the academic course he/she is eligible for. As such, the student should refrain from changing his/her CCA since the skills/criterion which he/she exhibited during the trials and auditions is only for that DSA CCA. Even if a student seeks to change CCA, he/she must attend the required trials/auditions for the new CCA and will have to retain his/her present DSA CCA if he/she fails to perform well in the required trials/auditions for the new CCA.

11) If I have been offered DSA in Student Leadership, can I have the option to choose which Student Leadership group I want to be in?

If a student has been offered DSA in Student Leadership, the school will make recommendations to the student and parents on the suitability of which of the Student Leadership groups are the best fit with reference to the profile and assessment of the student during the DSA Selection and Interview. However, the student will still be able to indicate his choice of Student Leadership group for consideration.

12) Can I select more than 1 DSA category to apply for?

Yes, you may. There is no cap on the DSA category applied for as long as the applicant have both talent and interest in the category applied for.

13) If the applicant is not studying in a MOE school, can he/she apply directly to the school?

For students not studying in MOE schools, applicants are required to obtain a registration number (**RGxxxxxxx**) from MOE Customer Service Centre (CSC), starting from May 2018. During the submission of the application, applicant should present the original and one certified true photocopy of the form with the stated registration number. Such applicants **MUST** indicate his/her MOE registration number on the front page of his/her DSA application form. Otherwise the application form will be void.

All International Students are also required to take part in the **Admissions Exercise for International Students (AEIS)** before they are considered for DSA-Sec allocation.

You can refer to the AEIS Website;

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/international-students/admissions-exercise>, for more information.

14) What is the appropriate age criteria for eligibility of applicants not studying in MOE schools?

Applicants are required to fulfil the age requirement for Secondary One admission in 2019. Underage applications are will not be entertained.

SC/SPR applicants should **not** be more than 4 years overaged (i.e. born **between 2 Jan 2002 and 1 Jan 2007**).

International Students (i.e. non-SC/SPR) should **not** be more than 2 years overaged (i.e. born **between 2 Jan 2004 and 1 Jan 2007**).

15) If my child/ward is a successful DSA-Sec applicant and qualifies for either the Express/NA course or Normal(Academic)/Normal(Technical) option based on his/her results, can he/she be allowed to select his/her preferred course option in his/her allocated school?

If your child is a successful DSA-Sec applicant and qualifies for either the Express/NA course or Normal(Academic)/Normal(Technical) option based on his/her PSLE results and is allocated to a school which offers both courses, he/she is allowed to select his/her preferred course during the Secondary 1 Option Phase. Please note that if your child/ward does not select any course option, he/she will be given the more academically-demanding course offered by the school by default.

16) When will I receive my DSA-Sec results?

DSA-Sec results will be released to all successful applicants through their Primary Schools together with their PSLE results on the day of the PSLE results release.