

## **FAQs ON DIRECT SCHOOL ADMISSION - SECONDARY SCHOOLS (DSA-SEC) EXERCISE**

### **Qn 1: What is DSA?**

Ans: The DSA-Sec Exercise allows all Primary 6 students with exceptional talent (eg, music and sports) to apply to secondary schools offering the DSA before their PSLE examination. It allows them to gain entry into a secondary school based on their talent areas. However, the candidate's PSLE results must qualify her for the EXPRESS stream in order to be accepted into TKGS, even if she already has received a confirmed DSA offer from us.

### **Qn 2: What does TKGS Offer?**

Ans: The main DSA categories are:

- **Performing Arts:** Choir, Dance, Drama, String Ensemble and Symphonic Band
- **Sports:** Badminton, Basketball, Floorball, Netball, Sailing, Softball, Tennis and Tenpin Bowling
- **Clubs & Societies:** Literary and Debating Society
- **Music:** Music Elective Programme (MEP)

### **Qn 3: How can I apply?**

Ans: From 2019, application for DSA-Sec can be submitted through the online DSA-Sec Portal. The application is free-of-charge and will be open from 8 May to 4 Jun 2019. For more details, please refer to MOE website – [www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-sec](http://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-sec).

### **Qn 4: How are students selected?**

Ans: Selection is based on **merit** in the following areas:

1. Academic performance
2. Talents in the selected areas
3. Performance during auditions/trials and interviews

### **Qn 5: When is the closing date?**

Ans: Closing date for all applications is **4 June 2019 by 3.00pm** through the MOE website – [www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-sec](http://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-sec).

### **Qn 6: When will I know the results?**

Ans: **ONLY short-listed applicants will be notified by 1 July 2019.** Short-listed applicants will be called for an audition/trial and interview which will be scheduled from 9 July 2019 onwards. We will be informing you of what you need to bring for the trials/auditions and interviews. The outcome of the DSA application will be made known by **30 August 2019.**

### **Qn 7: What should I do if I am currently not studying in an MOE school?**

Ans: Refer to the MOE website – [www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-sec](http://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-sec) for more details.

For students not sitting for the PSLE, we may conduct academic tests to assess the suitability of applicants for the Express course.

### **Qn 8: If I am an International Student seeking admission into a mainstream MOE school, can I apply for DSA?**

Ans: International students seeking admission into a mainstream MOE school will be required to take the MOE-centrally administered Admissions Exercise for International Students (AEIS) (AEIS is usually conducted around Sep-Oct annually for new international students who wish to join our mainstream public primary and secondary schools in January of the following year.) Parents are advised to refer to MOE-AEIS website for more information on AEIS. (<https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/international-students/admissions-exercise>) Alternatively, they can go to the MOE Customer Service Centre, located at 1 North Buona Vista Drive, Podium Block MOE Building S138675 for more information on AEIS. International students who do not meet the AEIS requirement will not be considered for DSA-Sec allocation.

***Qn 9: Who can I contact in TKGS if I have queries about DSA?***

Ans: Mr Tan Heng Loon (HOD PE & CCA) is the DSA Coordinator. You can contact him at 63441593 or email him at [tan\\_heng\\_loon@moe.edu.sg](mailto:tan_heng_loon@moe.edu.sg).

***Qn 10: What are the opening hours of the school's General Office?***

Ans: The General Office is open from Monday to Friday (8 am to 5 pm). The General Office is closed on weekends and public holidays.