

FAQ for 2025 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 Teamwork, Performance Excellence, Integrity and Care 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 has achieved consistently a very good result for their P5 & P6 examinations. 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 at least a good conduct grade and evidence of 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 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?

Applicants can apply for DSA through the centralized DSA-Sec Portal from 7 May 2025.

Please refer to the MOE website to access the DSA-Sec portal.

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/dsa>

3) When is the closing date for submission of the online application?

Applicants are to submit their DSA application through the centralized DSA-Sec Portal Application **by 3 June 2025, 3pm.**

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

Shortlisted applicants will be informed through their email (listed in their application to MOE) by **1 August 2025**.

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

The school will send an email by **4 September 2025** informing all applicants who have completed the selection process on their status. The applicant will receive either one of the following:

- An email of offer for successful applicants
- An email to inform that the application has been unsuccessful

6) 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, Dance (Modern), Drama (English), Shooting and Student Leadership stated on the school's DSA webpage.

7) 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. Student Leadership is not considered a CCA. Thus, a student who is offered DSA in Student Leadership and accepts the offer will be required to take up one core CCA through the normal CCA selection exercise held for all Secondary One student in February of the new academic year.

8) 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.

9) 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 provide the best fit with reference to the profile and assessment of the student during the DSA Selection and Interview.

10) Can I select more than 1 DSA category to apply for in the same school?

Yes, you may. However, you can only apply up to a maximum of 2 choices for the same school under two different talent areas.

11) 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.