Information on Progression of *Nitec* Graduates to *Higher Nitec* in Early Childhood Education Course under April 2026 Intake

Nitec graduates who are interested to apply for progression to the *Higher Nitec* in Early Childhood Education course should take note of the following points before applying:

- 1) Applicants must fulfil the following admission requirements for the course:
 - (i) Minimum final *Nitec* cumulative net GPA of 2.8 (including CCA bonus points);
 - (ii) Have obtained a Grade 1 to 3 for GCE 'N' (Academic) English Language, OR Grade A1 to C6 for GCE 'O' Level English Language, OR Grade A for GCE 'N' (Technical) English Language, OR *an English Language Acceptable Alternative (ELAA) recognised by ECDA; and
 - (iii) Pass a pre-admission medical examination.
 - * For your info, the list of ELAA can be found in the following link: ELAA
- 2) Nitec graduates who enrol in the Higher Nitec in Early Childhood Education course, with Grade 1, 2 or 3 for GCE 'N' (Academic) English Language OR Grade A for GCE 'N' (Technical) English Language, without Grade A1 to C6 for GCE 'O' Level English Language (C6L1), are required to obtain C6L1 OR any of the ELAA, upon graduation before being certified as a Level 1 (L1) Early Childhood Educator.
- 3) Nitec graduates' progression to Higher Nitec in Early Childhood Education graduates who did not manage to acquire the C6L1 or ELAA are eligible for employment upon graduation, but as a Level 1 Conditional (L1C) Early Childhood Educator only.
 - (i) These graduates will be given 2 years upon graduation to attain the required C6L1 or ELAA grade. Upon attainment, they will be certified as a L1 Early Childhood Educator.
 - (ii) For graduates who did not manage to attain the required grades within 2 years, their L1C status would be invalidated. Centres can still deploy them as assistant educators in the centre and they can continue to strive to attain the required C6L1 or ELAA grade. Upon successful attainment, centres can submit a certification application for them.