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SINGAPORE POLYTECHNIC (STUDENTS' CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE) REGULATIONS 2026

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 23(1) of the Singapore Polytechnic Act 1954, the Board of Governors of the Singapore Polytechnic, with the approval of the Minister for Education, makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Singapore Polytechnic (Students' Conduct and Discipline) Regulations 2026 and come into operation on 21 May 2026.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations —

“disciplinary offence” means —

- (a) any contravention of or failure to comply with any provision of the Singapore Polytechnic (Students’ Union) Regulations (Rg 1) or the Singapore Polytechnic (Clubs) Regulations (Rg 2); or
- (b) any act, neglect or conduct prejudicial to good order or discipline;

“Polytechnic” means the Singapore Polytechnic established under section 3 of the Act;

“student” means a student of the Polytechnic, but does not include a member of the staff of the Polytechnic who is pursuing a course of study at the Polytechnic;

“student disciplinary committee” means the committee constituted under regulation 4(1).

Code of conduct

3.—(1) The Principal may, from time to time, issue a code of conduct for governing the conduct of the students, and for maintaining and enforcing discipline among them.

(2) The code of conduct must be published on the Internet website of the Polytechnic at <https://www.sp.edu.sg>.

(3) A code of conduct issued under this regulation does not have legislative effect, but a contravention of or failure to comply with a provision of the code of conduct by a student may be relied upon to establish that the student has acted or neglected to act, or conducted himself or herself, in a way that is prejudicial to good order or discipline.

Student disciplinary committee

4.—(1) A student disciplinary committee is constituted which comprises —

- (a) a member of the senior management of the Polytechnic, who is appointed by the Principal to be the chairperson of the student disciplinary committee; and
- (b) 4 other members appointed by the Principal from among the staff of the Polytechnic for the period of time determined by the Principal.

(2) The Principal may appoint a deputy chairperson from among the members mentioned in paragraph (1)(b) to assist the chairperson in the chairperson's absence.

(3) In the absence of both the chairperson mentioned in paragraph (1)(a) and the deputy chairperson (if appointed under paragraph (2)), the Principal must appoint another member of the student disciplinary committee to act as the chairperson.

(4) The Registrar of the Polytechnic, or the Registrar's representative, is the secretary to the student disciplinary committee, but is not a member of the student disciplinary committee.

(5) The quorum for a meeting of the student disciplinary committee is 3 members.

(6) A decision of the student disciplinary committee must be made by a majority of the members present and voting and, in the case of an equality of votes, the chairperson or, in his or her absence, the deputy chairperson (if appointed) has a casting vote.

(7) Subject to paragraph (5), the student disciplinary committee may act despite any vacancy in its membership.

(8) The student disciplinary committee is not bound to act in a formal manner and may determine its own procedures.

(9) The student disciplinary committee is not bound by the provisions of the Evidence Act 1893 or by any other law relating to evidence, and may inform itself on any matter in any manner that it thinks fit.

Investigation and Principal's decision

5.—(1) If it is reported to the Principal that a student has committed a disciplinary offence, the Principal may appoint a member of the staff of the Polytechnic, not being a member of the student disciplinary committee, to investigate into the allegation and to submit a report to the Principal.

(2) After considering the report submitted under paragraph (1), the Principal must decide whether —

- (a) any further investigation is necessary;
- (b) the student disciplinary committee should conduct an inquiry; or
- (c) one or more of the following disciplinary measures that the Principal considers appropriate should be imposed on the student concerned, after giving the student a reasonable opportunity of being heard:
 - (i) the assignment of work relating to the student's course of study or community service work;
 - (ii) a fine not exceeding \$1,000;
 - (iii) the deprivation of a pass in any assessment or series of assessments or part thereof relating to the disciplinary offence that the student has been found to have committed;
 - (iv) the withdrawal or suspension of privileges from or associated with the Polytechnic, such as but not limited to student leadership roles or opportunities, institutional representation in competitions, participation in overseas exchanges, internships, training, competitions or other opportunities, and scholarships or awards;
 - (v) a requirement to make restitution or compensation for any loss or damage caused;
 - (vi) a requirement to attend counselling sessions or participate in specific programmes;

(vii) a reprimand.

(3) If the Principal decides that the student disciplinary committee should conduct an inquiry, the Principal may, pending the inquiry, suspend the student from attending or participating in any course, programme or activity, or part thereof, conducted in or by the Polytechnic or exclude the student from any premises of the Polytechnic, until the matter has been dealt with by the student disciplinary committee.

Inquiry by student disciplinary committee

6.—(1) Before the student disciplinary committee begins an inquiry into an alleged disciplinary offence, it must give the student concerned a written notice of the charge or charges together with any particulars that may be necessary to disclose the nature of the disciplinary offence or offences.

(2) The notice must be given to the student at least 8 days before the date of the inquiry.

(3) The student may, within 7 days after the date of the notice, exculpate himself or herself in writing and inform the student disciplinary committee whether he or she wishes to attend the inquiry.

(4) The student disciplinary committee must give the student a reasonable opportunity of being heard at the inquiry.

(5) The student disciplinary committee may receive all oral and written evidence which it considers relevant to the inquiry.

(6) At the conclusion of the inquiry, the student disciplinary committee may —

(a) recommend to the Principal that the student be expelled from the Polytechnic; or

(b) impose on the student one or more of the following disciplinary measures that the student disciplinary committee considers appropriate:

(i) an order that the student be suspended from attending or participating in any course, programme or activity, or part thereof, conducted in or by the Polytechnic

for any period of time determined by the student disciplinary committee;

- (ii) an order barring the student from taking any examination, either permanently or temporarily;
- (iii) the assignment of work relating to the student's course of study or community service work;
- (iv) a fine not exceeding \$1,000;
- (v) the deprivation of a pass in any assessment or series of assessments or part thereof relating to the disciplinary offence that the student has been found to have committed;
- (vi) the withdrawal or suspension of privileges from or associated with the Polytechnic, such as but not limited to student leadership roles or opportunities, institutional representation in competitions, participation in overseas exchanges, internships, training, competitions or other opportunities, and scholarships or awards;
- (vii) a requirement to make restitution or compensation for any loss or damage caused;
- (viii) a requirement to attend counselling sessions or participate in specific programmes;
- (ix) a reprimand.

(7) If the Principal accepts the recommendation of the student disciplinary committee to expel the student from the Polytechnic, the Principal may expel the student with effect from any date determined by the Principal.

(8) If the Principal rejects the recommendation of the student disciplinary committee to expel the student from the Polytechnic, the student disciplinary committee may impose any other disciplinary measure specified in paragraph (6)(b) that it considers appropriate.

Compliance with disciplinary measures imposed

7.—(1) Where a student fails to comply with, or fulfil any of the requirements of, any disciplinary measure imposed on the student under regulation 5(2)(c) or 6(6)(b), the Principal may take any action that the Principal considers appropriate, including withholding any award, diploma, certificate or other academic qualification, until the student has complied with or fulfilled the requirements of the disciplinary measure imposed on him or her.

(2) Where a student is unable to comply with, or fulfil any of the requirements of, the disciplinary measure imposed on the student under regulation 5(2)(c)(i), (ii), (v) or (vi) or 6(6)(b)(iii), (iv), (vii) or (viii), the Principal may impose any other disciplinary measure specified in regulation 5(2)(c) that the Principal considers appropriate.

Appeal to Principal against suspension

8.—(1) A student who is the subject of an order of suspension under regulation 6(6)(b)(i) may appeal to the Principal in writing within 14 days after being notified of the order of suspension, stating the grounds of appeal.

(2) After giving the student a reasonable opportunity of being heard, and after considering any report of the student disciplinary committee, the Principal may confirm, vary or quash the order of suspension made by the student disciplinary committee.

(3) If the Principal quashes the order of suspension, the Principal may impose any other disciplinary measure specified in regulation 6(6)(b)(ii) to (ix) that the Principal considers appropriate.

(4) Pending a decision on any appeal made under this regulation, the student must comply with the order of suspension against which the appeal is made.

(5) Any decision made by the Principal on an appeal by a student under this regulation is final.

Appeal to Board against expulsion

9.—(1) A student who has been expelled from the Polytechnic under regulation 6(7) may appeal to the Board in writing within 14 days after being notified of the expulsion, stating the grounds of appeal.

(2) The Board must appoint an appeal committee comprising any 3 members of the Board to consider an appeal made under this regulation.

(3) After giving the student a reasonable opportunity of being heard, and after considering any report of the student disciplinary committee, the appeal committee may confirm or quash the order of expulsion made by the Principal.

(4) If the appeal committee quashes the order of expulsion, the appeal committee may direct the student disciplinary committee to impose on the student any other disciplinary measure specified in regulation 6(6)(b) that the appeal committee considers appropriate.

(5) Pending a decision on any appeal made under this regulation, the student must comply with the order of expulsion against which the appeal is made.

(6) Any decision made by the appeal committee on an appeal by a student under this regulation is final.

Revocation

10. Revoke the Singapore Polytechnic (Students) (Conduct and Discipline) Regulations (Rg 3).

Saving

11. Despite regulation 10, any investigation or disciplinary proceedings against a student commenced before 21 May 2026 and pending on that date may be continued and completed in accordance with the revoked Singapore Polytechnic (Students) (Conduct and Discipline) Regulations as if those Regulations had not been revoked.

Made on 18 May 2026.

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Board of Governors,
Singapore Polytechnic.

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