Notations

- : Nil or negligible%-pt : Percentage point

a : Adjusted figures for 2007n.a. : Not available/not applicable

s : Data suppressed due to small number covered

Abbreviations

BCA : Building and Construction Authority

Below Sec : Below Secondary

BEST : Basic Education for Skills Training
CLFS : Comprehensive Labour Force Survey

CPF : Central Provident Fund CPI : Consumer Price Index

Dip & Prof Qual : Diploma & Professional Qualification

DOS : Department of Statistics
ESS : Employability Skills System

Excl. : Excluding

GCE : General Certificate of Education

GDP : Gross Domestic Product
GHS : General Household Survey

H2 : Higher 2

HDB : Housing & Development Board

iMSS : Integrated Manpower Survey System

Incl. : Including

ISC : ITE Skills Certificate

ITE : Institute of Technical Education
 LFPR : Labour Force Participation Rate
 NAFA : Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts
 NIE : National Institute of Education

NITEC : National ITE Certificate

No. : Number

NS : National Service
OJT : On-the-Job Training

p.a. : Per Annum

PMEs : Professionals, Managers & Executives

PMETs : Professionals, Managers, Executives & Technicians

Post-Sec : Post-Secondary (Non-Tertiary)

Abbreviations (continued)

PSLE: Primary School Leaving Examination

SEC : Special Employment Credit

Sec : Secondary

SIA : Singapore Airlines

SIM : Singapore Institute of Management

SSEC : Singapore Standard Educational ClassificationSSIC : Singapore Standard Industrial ClassificationSSOC : Singapore Standard Occupational Classification

STEP : Skills Training for Excellence Programme

URA : Urban Redevelopment Authority

WISE: Worker Improvement through Secondary Education

WPLN : Workplace Literacy and NumeracyWSQ : Workforce Skills Qualifications