



The New QCE

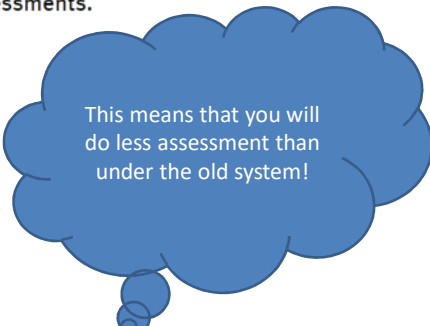
Curriculum

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This also means that you will all do an external exam at the end of Year 12 for all General subjects

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This means that the external exam will count for 25% of your result in most subjects, 50% in Maths and Science subjects

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Assessment in Years 11 and 12

Current QCE system	New QCE system starting with Year 11 students in 2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QCAA will endorse internal assessment instruments before they can be used for summative purposes in schools. • QCAA will confirm the grades schools award by reviewing a selected sample of student work for every subject in every school. • A network of trained assessors will ensure the quality and rigour of assessment and students' results.

Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test

Current QCE system	New QCE system starting with Year 12 students in 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All OP-eligible students sit the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test in Year 12. Group results from the QCS Test are used to help calculate Overall Positions (OPs). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The QCS Test will no longer exist. The final QCS Test will be held in 2019.

Queensland Certificate of Education

Current QCE system	New QCE system applicable to Year 12 students in 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students who complete Year 12 receive a Senior Statement, which is a transcript of their results. Eligible students also receive a QCE. Students are awarded a level of achievement in Authority and Authority-registered subjects from Very High Achievement (VHA) to Very Limited Achievement (VLA). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students who complete Year 12 will receive a Senior Statement, which is a transcript of their results. Eligible students will also receive a QCE. Students will be awarded an overall numerical score and a level of achievement (A–E) for each General subject. Applied subjects will be reported using a level of achievement only.

QCE credit allocation for Core courses: General and Applied subjects

General and Applied subjects	Set standard	QCE credits
Unit 1	Satisfactory	1
Unit 2	Satisfactory	1
Units 3 and 4	Grade of C or better	2
Maximum credit available		4
Extension subjects	Set standard	QCE credits
Units 3 and 4	Grade of C or better	2
Maximum credit available		2

Example Student A program — all learning is from the Core category

Subject	Units studied			Category of learning	QCE credits
	Unit 1 (S, U)	Unit 2 (S, U)	Unit 3 and 4 (A–E)		
English	U	S	C	Core	3*
Mathematical Methods	S	U		Core	1*
General Mathematics			C	Core	2*
Digital Solutions	S	S	B	Core	4*
Agricultural Science	S	S	C	Core	4*
Business	S	S	B	Core	4*
Ancient History	U			Core	0
Drama		S	A	Core	3
				Total QCE credits	21

*Credits meet criteria to contribute to the completed Core requirement of the QCE.

Tertiary entrance requirements

Current requirements	New requirements starting with Year 12 students in 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OP-eligible students receive a Tertiary Entrance Statement that shows their OP and Field Positions (FPs). The OP is a rank from 1 to 25, calculated by the QCAA. • The calculation of OPs and FPs uses students' achievements in 20 semester units of Authority subjects (the equivalent of five subjects), including at least three subjects studied for four semesters, each scaled against group QCS Test results. • Authority-registered subjects do not contribute to a student's OP. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The QCAA will no longer issue Tertiary Entrance Statements. • The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) will replace the OP. An ATAR is a number between 0.00 and 99.95. ATARs increase in increments of 0.05. • The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) will calculate ATARs from students' results using a process of inter-subject scaling. • An ATAR will be calculated from an eligible student's best five subject results, one of which may be an Applied subject or a competency-based VET certificate at a level III or above. • Students must satisfactorily complete a QCAA English subject (C or better) to be eligible for an ATAR. However, a student's result in English will only contribute to their ATAR if it is one of their five best subject results.



QTAC

Does this
combination of
subjects enable ATAR
eligibility?

Yes

Subject
English
Mathematics Methods
Legal Studies
Music
Chemistry
Physical Education

General Subject

Applied Subject

VET Subject

Does this
combination of
subjects enable ATAR
eligibility?

Yes

Subject
English
Essential Mathematics
Legal Studies
Music
Chemistry
Physical Education

General Subject

Applied Subject

VET Subject

Does this
combination of
subjects enable ATAR
eligibility?

Yes

Subject
English
Essential Mathematics
Legal Studies
Music
Science in Practice
Physical Education

General Subject

Applied Subject

VET Subject

Does this
combination of
subjects enable ATAR
eligibility?

Yes

Subject
English
Essential Mathematics
Legal Studies
Music
Cert III Dance
Physical Education

General Subject

Applied Subject

VET Subject

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combination of
subjects enable ATAR
eligibility?

Yes

Subject
English
General Mathematics
Legal Studies
Music
Cert III Dance
Physical Education

General Subject

Applied Subject

VET Subject

Does this
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subjects enable ATAR
eligibility?

Yes

Subject
English
General Mathematics
Legal Studies
Music
Cert II Business
Physical Education

General Subject

Applied Subject

VET Subject

Does this
combination of
subjects enable ATAR
eligibility?

Yes

Subject
English
General Mathematics
Industrial Graphics Skills
Music
Cert II Business
Physical Education

General Subject

Applied Subject

VET Subject

Does this
combination of
subjects enable ATAR
eligibility?

No

Subject
English
General Mathematics
Industrial Graphics Skills
Music
Cert II Business
Sport and Recreation

General Subject

Applied Subject

VET Subject

Does this
combination of
subjects enable ATAR
eligibility?

No

Subject
English
General Mathematics
Industrial Graphics Skills
Cert I Furnishings
Cert II Business
Physical Education

General Subject

Applied Subject

VET Subject

Does this
combination of
subjects enable ATAR
eligibility?

No

Subject
English
General Mathematics
Cert I Furnishings
Music
Cert II Business
Physical Education

General Subject

Applied Subject

VET Subject

Does this
combination of
subjects enable ATAR
eligibility?

Yes

Subject
English
General Mathematics
Cert I Furnishings
Music
Cert III Visual Arts
Physical Education

General Subject

Applied Subject

VET Subject

Does this
combination of
subjects enable ATAR
eligibility?

No — no English Subject

Subject
Physics
Mathematics Methods
Legal Studies
Music
Chemistry
Physical Education

General Subject

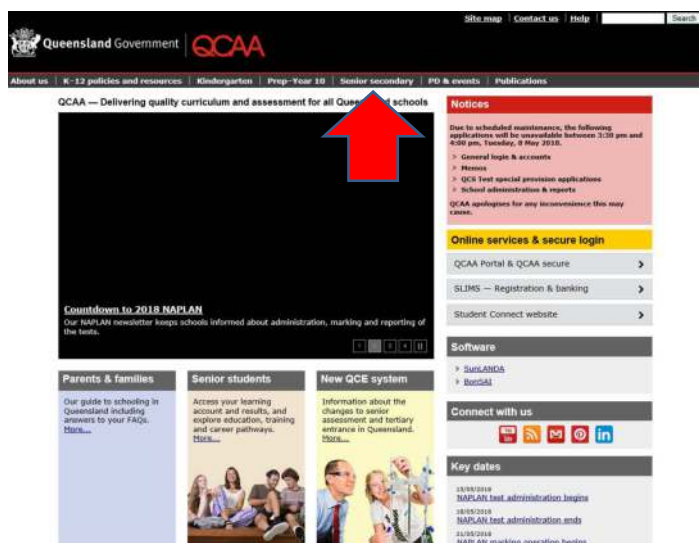
Applied Subject

VET Subject

Tertiary entrance processes

Current processes	New processes starting with Year 12 students in 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The QCAA calculates OPs. QTAC manages entrance to most tertiary institutions in Queensland. For OP-eligible school leavers, the OP is used for tertiary entrance in Queensland. For OP-ineligible students, QTAC calculates a tertiary selection rank using schedules that consider results in the best 20 semester units of Authority, Authority-registered subjects and/or VET modules recorded on the Senior Statement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QTAC will be responsible for tertiary entrance in Queensland. The ATAR, calculated by QTAC, will be the primary mechanism used for school leavers seeking entrance to tertiary study in Queensland. QTAC will no longer operate schedules for ranking students who are ineligible for an ATAR.

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A-Z subject list
Alphabetical listing of senior subjects.

Years 11-12 subjects
Resources to assist teachers to implement each Authority and Authority-registered senior subject.

Senior assessment hub
Direct link to the assessment tab on each of our senior syllabus webpages.

Senior moderation hub
Guidance for schools on moderation and quality assurance policies and processes for senior subjects.

VET – Vocational education training
QCAA, as delegate for the Australian Skills Quality Authority, registers and audits Queensland school registered training organisations.

Senior External Examination
Twenty-one individual subject examinations are provided across Queensland in October and November each year.

Certificates & qualifications
We manage the procedures for student certification and issue certificates of achievement, such as the Queensland Certificate of Education and Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement.

SEP calendar
Key dates for student data submission and the issuing of senior secondary certificates and statements.

QCS Test
QCAA conducts this annual test which contributes information for the calculation of Overall Positions and Field Positions which are used for tertiary entrance.

Tertiary entrance
We rank eligible students for tertiary selection and issue Tertiary Entrance Statements.

SDCS – Student Data Capture System
The Student Data Capture System (SDCS) enables schools to report student details including enrolments and other information to the QCAA.

New QCE and tertiary entrance systems
Information about how QCAA and schools are preparing for the new systems.

Quick links

- Changes to senior
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Related information

- Subscribe to new QCE system updates

New Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and tertiary entrance systems

About the new senior assessment and tertiary entrance systems

New senior assessment and tertiary entrance systems begin in Queensland with students entering Year 11 in 2019.

The new systems include:

- a model that uses school-based assessment and external assessment
- processes that strengthen the quality and comparability of school-based assessment
- introducing the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

QCAA leading the change

QCAA leads the change by delivering information, guidance, training and resources that provide school communities with a conceptual and operational understanding of the new senior curriculum and assessment processes. QCAA values of trust, partnership, service and innovation underpin the transition process.

Information for school communities

QCAA provides a range of online resources that explain the new QCE system.

QCE requirements

Learn about changes to QCE eligibility requirements.

New and redeveloped syllabuses

New syllabuses will ensure school leavers have the 21st century skills they require to be lifelong learners, valued employees, innovators, entrepreneurs, and responsible global citizens.

School-based assessment

New processes and resources are being developed to strengthen the quality and comparability of school-based assessment.

External assessment

Common external assessment set and marked by the QCAA will increase public confidence in the comparability of student results.

New tertiary entrance rank

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) will replace the QP rank from 2019.

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New and redeveloped syllabuses

QCAA is redeveloping and revising its suite of senior syllabuses to support the introduction of the new QCE system from 2019.

Approved syllabuses for implementation are available as PDFs via the table below. Teachers and schools may also access approved syllabuses and associated resources in [QCAA Portal](#).


Senior syllabus classification and approval status

Syllabus	Subject classification	Status as at 30 April 2018
English		
English (senior) v1.3 (MG)	General	Approved for implementation with Year 11 students in 2019
• Prescribed text list (senior) v1.3 (MG)		
English & Literature Extension (senior) v1.0 (MG)	General (Extension)	Approved for implementation with Year 12 students in 2019
English as an Additional Language (senior) v1.0 (MG)	General	Approved for implementation with Year 11 students in 2019
• Prescribed text list (senior) v1.0 (MG)		
Essential English (senior) v1.3 (MG)	Applied	Approved for implementation with Year 11 students in 2019
Literature (senior) v1.3 (MG) (new subject)	General	Approved for implementation with Year 11 students in 2019
• Prescribed text list (senior) v1.3 (MG)		
Short Course in Literature (senior) v1.0 (MG)	Short Course	Approved for implementation with Year 10 students in 2018
Health and Physical Education		
Early Childhood Studies (senior) v1.0 (MG)	Applied	Approved for implementation with Year 11 students in 2019
Health (senior) v1.3 (MG)	General	Approved for implementation with Year 11 students in 2019
Physical Education (senior) v1.3 (MG)	General	Approved for implementation with Year 11 students in 2019
Sport and Recreation (senior) v1.0 (MG)	Applied	Approved for implementation with Year 11 students in 2019

Syllabuses

English 2019 v1.3
General Senior Syllabus


This syllabus is for implementation with Year 11 students in 2019.



For all Queensland schools

Ancient History 2019 v1.0
General Senior Syllabus


This syllabus is for implementation with Year 11 students in 2019.



For all Queensland schools

Industrial Technology Skills 2019 v1.0
Applied Senior Syllabus

This syllabus is for implementation with Year 11 students in 2019.



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