17 January

- Received by schools/providers
  - Information package for checking 2016 achievements for Year 10 and Year 11 students in course units, VET and endorsed programs.
  - Registration and demographic requirement information for Year 7–12 students.

- Applications seeking permission for Year 8 and Year 9 students to have VET units.

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23 January

- Received by schools/providers
  - Details of the small group moderation process for ATAR Year 12 courses (including the small group moderation partnership registration form).

20 February

- Last date for receipt by the Authority
  - Completed WACE courses declaration form.

- Last date for upload into SIRS
  - 2017 course offerings (including the WACE courses declaration form and the VET industry-specific courses declaration form and the endorsed program enrolment declaration form)
  - School/provider contact information update form.

2 March

- Received by schools/providers
  - Information forms for special arrangement examinations for ATAR course examination candidates with a disability.

9 February

- Received by schools/providers
  - Application forms for special examination arrangements for ATAR course examination candidates with a disability.

9 February

- Last date for receipt by the Authority
  - Student achievement declaration form (other than Year 12) for 2016 data.

- VET and/or endorsed programs achievement declaration form (other than Year 12) for 2016 data.

- Last date for upload into SIRS
  - Changes to student achievement data (other than Year 12) for 2016.

- After this date, this SIRS facility will be locked and will not be possible to upload further changes.

15 February

- Ceremony for 2016 School Curriculum and Standards Authority exhibitions and awards.

16 February

- Received by schools/providers
  - Enrolment information for Year 11 and Year 12 students studying units in ATAR, General, Foundation, Preliminary and VET industry specific courses.

  - Information for providing estimates of Year 10–12 students studying VET qualifications.

6 January

- Available to schools/providers in SIRS
  - 2016 Year 12 statistical reports for course units, VET and endorsed programs.

  - Note: explanatory notes relating to these reports can be accessed from the Authority website at http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/internet/Publications/Reports/Statistical_Reports/School_Comparison_Statistics.

15 February

- Last date for receipt by the Authority
  - Applications from schools for disability provisions in the March round of the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA).

- Completed small group moderation partnership registration form (for ATAR Year 12 groups with fewer than six ATAR course examination candidates).

- Last date for upload into SIRS
  - Initial 2017 registration and demographic information for Year 10–12 students (required for Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) student lists and password generation).

  - Note: registration and demographic information for Year 7–9 students is due to be uploaded on 16 March.

  - Updates to registration and demographic information should be uploaded into SIRS on a regular basis for the remainder of the year.

  - OLNA student lists become available as soon as registration and demographic information is uploaded.

24 February

- Last date for receipt by the Authority
  - Applications for Year 12 students (who were unable to apply in 2016) to be eligible to enrol in an English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD) course.

- Last date for upload into SIRS
  - A course outline and assessment outline for each ATAR Year 11 course that the school is delivering in 2017 (syllabus delivery audit).

2 March

- Available to schools/providers in SIRS
  - Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) student lists and student login details.

2 March

- Due date for upload into SIRS
  - Enrolments for Year 11 and Year 12 students studying units in ATAR, General, Foundation, Preliminary and VET industry specific courses.

  - Note: once schools have uploaded their student enrolments, they are able to verify them in SIRS.

2 March

- Recommended last date for student transfers from single Year 11 units for Semester 1. See WACE Manual 2017 for further advice on student transfers.

Before this date, students are able to transfer between single course units as they are likely to be able to complete the structured education program and complete sufficient assessment tasks to allow a grade to be assigned in the unit/s to which they are transferring.

After this date, students should not transfer from a single unit of an ATAR, General or Foundation course for Semester 1.

Available on the Authority website

7 March

- Start of March round of Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (Year 10–12 students)
**ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE**

**TERM 2 2017**

**Monday, 24 April to Friday, 30 June**

**24 April**
- Last date for upload into SIRS
  - VET qualification estimates for Year 10–12 students.

**25 April**
- Last date for receipt by the Authority
  - Applications for marking the externally set tasks (ESTA).

**1 May**
- Last date for receipt by the Authority
  - Requests for changes to students’ 2016 Western Australian Statements of Student Achievement (WASSA) results.

**3 May**
- Recommended last date for student transfers between pairs of Year 11 units (E-code) in an ATAR, General or Foundation course. After this date students will not be able to transfer course credits to other study areas.

**5 May**
- Last date for receipt by the Authority
  - External set task marks for students for General and Foundation Year 12 courses.

**20 May**
- Received by schools/providers
  - Music ATAR course practical examination information collection forms.

**22 May**
- Last date for receipt by the Authority
  - Completed Physical Education Studies ATAR course practical examination information collection forms.

**24 May**
- Last date for receipt by the Authority
  - Enrolments in VET qualifications and VET unit of competency intended for contribution to the WACE requirement for Year 12 students.

**26 May**
- Received by schools/providers
  - Enrolment information for VET qualifications and VET unit of competency for Year 12 students.

**30 May**
- Received by schools/providers
  - Music ATAR course practical examination information collection forms.

**2 June**
- Last date for receipt by the Authority
  - Full ATAR course practical examination information collection forms.

**4 June**
- Last date for receipt by the Authority
  - Further advice on school development days and advice on school development days and advice on school development days and advice on school development days.

**19 June**
- Last date for receipt by the Authority
  - Music ATAR course practical examination information collection forms.

**21 June**
- Last date for receipt by the Authority
  - Complete Physical Education Studies ATAR course practical examination information collection forms.

**23 June**
- Last date for receipt by the Authority
  - Online completion of Year 12 student declaration and permission details (relating to the release of personal information, use of school work and examination responses) for all Year 12 students.

**29 June**
- Received by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority
  - Significant to schools/providers and the Authority
  - See next page for quick reference guide to 2017 WACE requirements.

Note: term dates are the approved dates for public school teachers in the 2017 school year, independent private schools, independent public schools and Catholic schools should be contacted directly for advice on school development days and term dates.

**List A and List B**

**for breadth of study requirement 2017**

**Note:**

- *List A (arts/languages/social sciences)*
- *List B (mathematics/science/technology)*

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*To count as a List A course these languages must be studied at a registered school provider or at a community organisation through a registered school or provider. Where a student is enrolled in the examination for one of these languages as a non-school candidate the course does not count for the WACE unit completion or breadth of study requirements.
Available on the Authority website
• 2017 ATAR course examination timetables.

21 July Received by schools/providers
• Enrolment information for VET qualifications and VET units of competency for Year 10 and Year 11 students.
• Enrolment information for endorsed programs for Year 10–12 students.

28 July Last date for receipt by the Authority
• Completed Visual Arts ATAR course practical (production) examination submission categories data form.
• Completed application forms for alternative format ATAR course practical examinations.
• For schools commencing the 2018 school Year in Term 4 of 2017, the completed student applications for permission to enrol in a WACE course in 2018 for study of Second, Background and First Language courses in any of the following languages: Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian or Japanese (including non-school candidates wishing to enrol in a Background and/or First Language ATAR course examination).

Last date for upload into SIRS
• Withdrawal of enrolment from ATAR courses with a practical examination component for Year 12 students.

Last date for changes to
• Physical Education Studies sport and skill level in which candidates are to be examined.
• Music ATAR course practical examination instruments in which the candidates are to be examined and their accompanists.

Available to schools/providers in SIRS
• Visual Arts ATAR course practical (production) examination submission categories data form.
Available to schools/providers in SIRS
• Physical Education Studies ATAR course practical examination elective forms listing the sport and skill level in which the student is enrolled for the practical examination.

Available to schools/providers in SIRS
• Media Production and Analysis ATAR course practical production examination data collection and collaborative forms (where applicable).

10 August Last date for receipt by the Authority
• Completed endorsed programs enrolment declaration forms.

Last date for upload of changes into SIRS
• Final changes for enrolments into VET industry specific course units for Year 11 students.

Due date for upload into SIRS
• Enrolments in VET qualifications and VET units of competency for Year 10 and Year 11 students. Note: inclusion of the VET Unique Student Identifier is optional for enrolments but a requirement for achievement of VET qualifications and VET units of competency intended for contribution towards the WACE requirements.
• Enrolments in endorsed programs for Year 10–12 students.

Last date for upload into SIRS
• Update of 2017 registration and demographic information for Year 10–12 students (required for Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment attendance registers and password generation).

11 August Available to schools/providers in SIRS
• Feedback reports for externally set tasks.
• Confirmation of 2017 ATAR course examination accommodation arrangements.

16 August Last date for changes to
• Visual Arts art work categories.

17 August Last date for receipt by the Authority
• Applications from schools for disability provisions in the September round of the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA).

18 August Last date for receipt by the Authority
• Applications from Year 11 students seeking eligibility to enrol in an English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD) course in Year 12 in 2018.
• Completed Media Production and Analysis ATAR course practical production examination data collection and collaborative forms (where applicable).

21 August Available on the Authority website
• Front covers of the ATAR course examinations.

25 August Received by schools/providers
• Dance and Media Production and Analysis ATAR courses written examination stimulus materials.

25 August Last date for receipt by the Authority
• For schools commencing the 2018 school year in Term 1 of 2018, the completed student applications for permission to enrol in a WACE course in 2018 for study of Second, Background and First Language courses in any of the following languages: Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian or Japanese (including non-school candidates wishing to enrol in a Background and/or First Language ATAR course examination).

Last date for upload into SIRS
• Withdrawal of enrolment from ATAR courses without a practical examination component for Year 12 students.

• Withdrawal of enrolment from General, Foundation and Preliminary courses for Year 12 students. Note:
  - the last date for changes to enrolments (except withdrawals) in ATAR, General, Foundation and Preliminary courses for Year 12 students was Wednesday, 5 April
  - the last date for withdrawal of enrolment from ATAR courses with a practical examination component for Year 12 students was Friday, 28 July

28 August Available to schools/providers in SIRS
• Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) student login details.

30 August Last date for upload into SIRS
• Proposed grade distributions for:
  - Year 12 students enrolled in Year 11 and/or Year 12 ATAR, General and Foundation courses.
  - Year 11 students enrolled in and exiting Year 12 ATAR (Units 3 and 4) courses.

Note: does not apply to VET industry specific courses or Preliminary course units.

4 September
Start of September round of Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (Year 10–12 students)

Note: other components finish on Friday, 15 September.

8 September
Available to schools/providers in SIRS
• Personalised examination timetables for the practical and written ATAR course examinations.

Note: schools/providers can download from SIRS
• students can access their personalised examination timetables via the Authority’s student portal.

12 September
Received by schools/providers
• Practical ATAR course examination submission information for Design, Materials Design and Technology, Media Production and Analysis, Music and Visual Arts.

Finish of September round of numeracy and reading components of Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (Year 10–12 students)

30 September
Last date for receipt by the Authority
• French, German and Italian Background Languages personal investigation interview sheet examination submissions.

Data for receipt by the Authority
• Design portfolio practical examination submissions.
• Materials Design and Technology portfolio practical examination submission.
• Media Production and Analysis practical examination submission.
• Music composition portfolio practical examination submissions.
• Visual Arts production practical (production) examination submission.

22 September
Available to schools/providers on the Authority website
The Unit 3 content on which the externally set task for each General and Foundation Year 12 course will be based in 2018.

23 September to 1 October (Saturday, Sunday and the public holiday included)
ATAR practical examinations for Aviation, Dance, Drama, Music and Physical Education Studies.

23 September to 8 October (Saturday, Sunday and the public holiday included)
ATAR practical examinations for English as an Additional Language or Dialect (for students enrolled at an overseas school).

Note: term dates are the approved dates for public school teachers for the 2017 school year, independent private schools, independent public schools and Catholic schools should be contacted directly for advice on school development days and term dates.

See last page for quick reference guide to 2017 WACE requirements.
Information about collecting achievement data for Year 12 students enrolled in Year 11 and Year 12 courses.

Changesto2017Year12studentachievementdata.

Achievements for non-Year 12 students enrolled to sit one or more ATAR course examinations.

Available to schools/providers in SIRS
- Authority feedback on proposed grade distributions for Year 12 students enrolled in Year 11 and/or Year 12 ATAR, General and Foundation courses.
- Year 11 students enrolled in and exiting Year 12 ATAR (Units 3 and 4) courses.

Note: does not apply to VET industry specific courses or Preliminary course units.

9 and 10 October Collection by schools/providers
- Visual Arts production examination submissions.

11 October Collection by schools/providers
- Design portfolios, Media Production and Analysis productions, Music composition portfolios and Materials Design and Technology portfolios to be collected.

12 October Last date for receipt by the Authority
- Small group moderation partnership declarations.

14 October ATAR course practical examinations for Chinese: Second Language.


14 October to 29 October (Saturday and Sunday included) ATAR course practical examinations for English as an Additional Language or Dialect (for students enrolled at a Western Australian school), French: Second Language, French: Background Language, German: Second Language, German: Background Language, Italian: Second Language, Italian: Background Language.

16 October Start of student interviews for School Curriculum and Standards Authority VET certificates of excellence.

16 October Available to schools/providers in SIRS
- Results for the September round of the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA).

20 October Last date for schools/providers to inform students in writing of their grades and school marks for all courses studied in Year 12.

29 October Finish of ATAR practical examinations

Received by schools/providers
- Information about collecting achievement data for:
  - Year 12 students enrolled in ATAR, General, Foundation, Preliminary and VET industry specific courses.
  - VET qualifications, VET units of competency and endorsed programs.
  - non-Year 12 students sitting one or more ATAR course examinations.

1 November Last date for upload into SIRS
- Year 12 achievement data in all ATAR, General, Foundation and Preliminary courses completed during the year.

Note: SIRS automatically allocates a grade for VET industry specific course units once full or partial requirements have been met.

- Year 12 achievement data in VET units of competency.

Note: the VET Unique Student Identifier is a requirement for achievement intended for contribution towards the WACE requirements.

- Year 12 achievement data in endorsed programs.

Due date for receipt by the Authority
- Achievements for non-Year 12 students enrolled to sit one or more ATAR course examinations.

Note: further applications will be accepted after this date.

3 November Last date for receipt by the Authority
- Student appeals against school assessment in courses studied in Year 12.

- Applications for appeal against languages enrolment determinations for study in 2018.

First date for upload into SIRS
- A course outline and an assessment outline for each ATAR Year 12 course that will be delivering in 2018 (syllabus delivery audit).

10 November Received by schools/providers
- Information package for checking Year 12 achievements in ATAR, General, Foundation, Preliminary and VET industry specific courses, VET units of competency, VET qualifications and endorsed programs.

- Year 12 student achievement declaration form.

17 November Last date for receipt by the Authority
- Year 12 student achievement declaration form.

- Year 12 VET and/or endorsed programs achievement declaration form.

December
- Changes to 2017 Year 12 student achievement data.

Note: after this date, this SIRS facility will be locked and it will not be possible to upload further changes.

2017 TERM 4
Monday, 9 October to Friday, 15 December

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WACE requirements – 2017 and beyond

Achievement of a WACE signifies that a student has successfully met the requirements for breadth and depth, the achievement standard and the literacy and numeracy standard in their senior secondary schooling.

For 2017 and beyond, these requirements are:

**Breadth and depth**
- Completion of a minimum of 20 units, which may include unit equivalents attained through VET and/or endorsed programs. This requirement must include at least:
  1. a minimum of ten Year 12 units, or the equivalent
  2. four units from an English course, post-Year 10, including at least one pair of Year 12 units from an English course
  3. one pair of Year 12 units from each of List A (arts/languages/social sciences) and List B (mathematics/science/technology).

**Achievement standard**
- Achievement of at least 14 C grades or higher (or the equivalent) in Year 11 and 12 units, including at least six C grades (or equivalent) in Year 12 units.

**Literacy and numeracy standard**
- Demonstration of the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy.

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### Explanatory notes relating to WACE requirements

1. The breadth requirement can be met through ATAR, General and Foundation courses. The depth requirement can be met through ATAR, General, VET industry specific and Foundation courses, VET credit transfer and endorsed programs. The achievement standard can be met through ATAR, General, VET industry specific and Foundation courses.

2. Of the 20 units required for a WACE, up to a maximum of four Year 11 units and four Year 12 units may be substituted by VET qualifications and/or endorsed programs. A student may choose to study VET qualifications and/or endorsed programs and may substitute using only VET qualifications (up to a total of eight units) or using endorsed programs (up to a total of four units) or using a combination of VET and endorsed programs (up to a total of eight units but with a maximum of four units with endorsed programs – two in Year 11 and two in Year 12).

3. Students are able to substitute the minimum number of course unit requirement with unit equivalents achieved through the completion of AQF VET qualifications at Certificate I, II, III and higher and/or endorsed programs.

4. Students can repeat units. However, those units that have the same unit code, e.g. AENG, and are repeated, do not contribute to the WACE requirements more than once. Note: Students who complete ATAR Units 3 and 4 as part of an accelerated program and sit the examination cannot repeat these units until after they leave school at the completion of Year 12.

5. Students enrolled in a Year 12 ATAR course must sit the external examination in that course. If students do not sit an ATAR course examination and do not have an approved sickness/misadventure application for not sitting the examination in that course, the pair of units completed in that year will not contribute towards any of the WACE requirements. Students who do not sit the ATAR course examination will not have a course mark or grade recorded on their WASSA, nor will they receive an ATAR course report.

For ATAR courses with practical components, students must complete both the written and practical examinations.

6. Both VET qualifications and endorsed programs can indirectly contribute to the WACE standard requirement of a C grade in at least 14 units. A C grade in a maximum of eight units (four in Year 11 and four in Year 12) can be replaced by unit equivalents from VET qualifications and/or endorsed programs. Of these eight unit equivalents, a maximum of four can be from endorsed programs (two in Year 11 and two in Year 12).

7. The literacy and numeracy standard can be met either through the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) or by achieving Band 8 or higher in the associated components of reading, writing or numeracy in the Year 9 NAPLAN tests. Students undertaking the OLNA will be required to satisfy both the reading and writing components in order to demonstrate the minimum WACE literacy standard.

8. If students do not demonstrate the literacy and numeracy standard by the time they exit secondary school, they can apply to the Authority to re-sit the assessment at any age. (Note: the WACE requirements may change over time and students studying towards the achievement of the WACE after they leave school will be required to meet the WACE requirements current at the time of the completion of their studies.)