

2017

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE
TERM CALENDAR

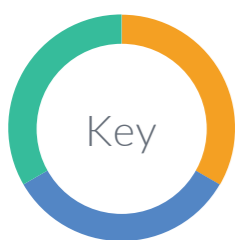
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ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE TERM CALENDAR 2017 TERM 1

Monday, 30 January
to
Friday, 7 April



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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.

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.
- Information package
 - 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.

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).

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2 February
Last date for receipt by the Authority

- Completed school/provider contact information update form.
- Completed WACE courses declaration form.

Last date for upload into SIRS

- 2017 course offerings and estimated enrolments in course units (including VET industry specific course units) for Year 11 and Year 12 students.

Note: once schools have uploaded their course offerings, they are able to verify them in SIRS.

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.
- Note: after this date, this SIRS upload facility will be locked and it 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.

16 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 in 2017.

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).

27 February

Available to schools/providers in SIRS

- Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) student lists and student login details.

MARCH						
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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.

3 March

Recommended last date for student transfers from single Year 11 units for Semester 1.

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

- Year 12 Information Handbook 2017 available for viewing or download from the Authority website at http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/internet/Publications/year12_information_handbook.

7 March

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

10 March

Finish of March round of writing component of Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (Year 10–12 students)

Note: other components finish on Friday, 24 March.

16 March

Last date for upload into SIRS

- Initial 2017 registration and demographic information for Year 7–9 students.
- Note:
- registration and demographic information for Year 10–12 students was due to be uploaded on 16 February
 - updates should be uploaded into SIRS on a regular basis for the remainder of the year.

17 March

Available to schools/providers on the Authority website

- Practical examination requirements for ATAR courses that have a practical component.

20 March

Available to schools/providers in SIRS

- Syllabus delivery audit feedback reports.

23 March

Last date for receipt by the Authority

- Applications for Appeal Against EALD Eligibility Decision for Year 12 students who submitted an application in 2016.
- Applications seeking permission for Year 8 and Year 9 students to have VET units of competency contribute to their WACE.
- Applications seeking permission for Year 10 students, who are part of a specialist program (i.e. gifted and talented) or are accelerated language students, to have Year 11 ATAR course units contribute to their WACE.

24 March

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

31 March

Received by schools/providers

- Small group moderation partnership confirmation.

5 April

Last date for receipt by the Authority

- Applications for students in Year 10 to sit the 2017 ATAR course examinations.
- Note: no further applications will be accepted after this date.
- Request for students to change academic year (for changes from Year 11 to Year 12 only).
- Note: other changes between academic years can be requested up until Thursday, 22 June.
- Enrolments as non-school candidates in ATAR course examinations.
- Note: no further applications will be accepted after this date. An individual may enrol to sit an ATAR course examination as a non-school candidate in the event that the individual is:
- seeking entry to university as a mature-age applicant, or
 - a student who has previously completed Year 12, or
 - a Year 12 student undertaking language course examinations through interstate language offerings where the course is not offered by the school, or
 - a Year 12 student undertaking French, German and/or Italian Background Language examinations where the course is not offered by the school.

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Last date for upload into SIRS

- Changes to enrolments in:
 - ATAR, General, Foundation, Preliminary and VET industry specific courses for Year 12 students
 - ATAR (Units 3 and 4) courses for Year 11 students.
- Note:
- After this date, this SIRS facility will be locked and no further changes (except withdrawals) will be accepted.
 - Year 12 students are able to withdraw from:
 - ATAR courses with practical examination components up until Friday, 28 July
 - ATAR courses which do not have practical examination components up until Friday, 25 August.
 - Year 11 students are able to withdraw from:
 - ATAR (Units 3 and 4) courses with practical examination components up until Friday, 28 July
 - ATAR (Units 3 and 4) courses which do not have practical examination components up until Friday, 25 August.
 - Year 12 students are able to withdraw from General, Foundation, Preliminary and VET industry specific courses up until Friday, 25 August.

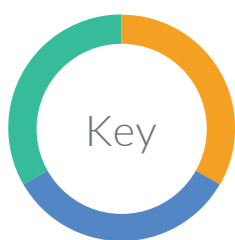
7 April

Available on the Authority website

- Applications for permission to enrol in a WACE language 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.

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE TERM CALENDAR 2017 TERM 2

Monday, 24 April
to
Friday, 30 June



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24 April

Last date for upload into SIRS

- VET qualification estimates for Year 10–12 students.

26 April

Last date for receipt by the Authority

- Applications for marking the externally set tasks (ESTs).

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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

Received by schools/providers

- Information for completing the online student declaration and permission details (relating to the release of personal information, use of school work and examination responses) for all Year 12 students.
- Printed copies of the externally set tasks for General and Foundation Year 12 courses.
- Schools to have notified the Authority if they are going to:
 - scan and upload the Authority-selected scripts or
 - send the original scripts to the Authority.

5 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 student will be unlikely to be able to complete the structured education program or complete sufficient assessment tasks to allow a grade to be assigned in the units to which they are transferring. After this date, students should not commence paired course units. See WACE Manual 2017 for further advice on Year 11 student transfers.

Note: when changing a student's enrolment from a pair of units to a single unit for Semester 1, the school is required to provide a mark and a grade for the Semester 1 course unit, and enrol the student in a single unit of another course for Semester 2.

8 May to 26 May

Schools/providers to administer

- The externally set task for each General and Foundation Year 12 course being delivered.

8 May

Available to schools/providers in SIRS

- The marking keys and marks collection sheets for externally set tasks for General and Foundation Year 12 courses.

15 May

Available to schools/providers in SIRS

- Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) results and student lists for the September round of the OLNA.
Note: students enrolled in a pair of Foundation course units in Year 11 and who have demonstrated the standard in literacy and/or numeracy via the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment are required to enrol in a General or ATAR course unit for Semester 2. Schools are required to provide a mark and a grade for the Foundation course unit completed in Semester 1.

16 May

Last date for receipt by the Authority

- Overseas full fee-paying student declaration forms and payment (for schools in Western Australia only).
- Application forms for special examination arrangements for candidates with a disability sitting ATAR course examinations.

24 May

Last date for receipt by the Authority

- Proposed ATAR course examination accommodation details.

26 May

Received by schools/providers

- Enrolment information for VET qualifications and VET units of competency for Year 12 students.

29 May

Available to schools/providers in SIRS

- Report listing students whose externally set task scripts must be photocopied and sent to the Authority for external review.

29 May

Due date for upload into SIRS

- Externally set task marks for students for General and Foundation Year 12 courses.

JUNE						
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2 June

Received by schools/providers

- Music ATAR course practical examination information collection forms.
- Physical Education Studies ATAR course practical examination sport and skill level elective forms.

8 June

Last date for receipt by the Authority

- Schools who have opted to send the original copies of Authority-selected scripts.

14 June

Last date for receipt by the Authority

- Completed Music ATAR course practical examination information collection forms.
- Completed Physical Education Studies ATAR course practical examination sport and skill level elective forms.

16 June

Due date for upload into SIRS

- Schools who have opted to scan the Authority-selected externally set task scripts must have uploaded them.

22 June

Due date for upload into SIRS

- Enrolments in VET qualifications and VET units of competency for Year 12 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.

Last date for upload of changes into SIRS

- Final changes for enrolments into VET industry specific course units for Year 12 students.

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).
Note: each school is able to access in SIRS their students' responses to the release of personal information, the use of school work and examination responses.

- Request to change academic year form (excluding changes from Year 11 to Year 12).

Note:

- the last date for these changes from Year 11 to Year 12 was Wednesday, 5 April
- no further applications will be accepted after this date.

23 June

Due date for receipt by the Authority

- Round 1 – Applications for Special Consideration – Certificate II or higher WACE requirement for Year 12 students for inclusion in the first round of considerations.

Note: applications received after this date will be included in the second round of considerations (due at the Authority by Wednesday, 1 November).

28 June

Last date for receipt by the Authority

- Applications for marking the 2017 ATAR course written examinations.
- Applications for marking the 2017 ATAR course practical examinations.

List A and List B for breadth of study requirement 2017

List A (arts/languages/social sciences)

AIS	Aboriginal and Intercultural Studies	HEA	Health Studies
ABL	Aboriginal Languages of Western Australia	HEB	Hebrew [#]
HIA	Ancient History	IBL	Indonesian: Background Language [#]
ARA	Arabic [#]	IFL	Indonesian: First Language [#]
BME	Business Management and Enterprise	IND	Indonesian: Second Language
CAE	Career and Enterprise	ITB	Italian: Background Language [#]
CFC	Children, Family and the Community	ISL	Italian: Second Language
CBL	Chinese: Background Language [#]	JBL	Japanese: Background Language [#]
CFL	Chinese: First Language [#]	JFL	Japanese: First Language [#]
CSL	Chinese: Second Language	JSL	Japanese: Second Language
DAN	Dance	LIT	Literature
DRA	Drama	MPA	Media Production and Analysis
ECO	Economics	GRE	Modern Greek [#]
ENG	English	HIM	Modern History
ELD	English as an Additional Language or Dialect	MUS	Music
FBL	French: Background Language [#]	PAE	Philosophy and Ethics
FSL	French: Second Language	PAL	Politics and Law
GEO	Geography	POL	Polish [#]
GBL	German: Background Language [#]	REL	Religion and Life
GSL	German: Second Language	RUS	Russian [#]
		TUR	Turkish [#]
		VAR	Visual Arts

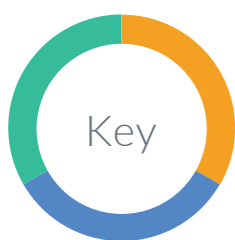
List B (mathematics/science/technology)

ACF	Accounting and Finance	HPO	Health, Physical and Outdoor Education
APS	Animal Production Systems	ISC	Integrated Science
AIT	Applied Information Technology	MMS	Marine and Maritime Studies
AET	Automotive Engineering and Technology	MDT	Materials Design and Technology
AVN	Aviation	MAT	Mathematics
BLY	Biology	MAA	Mathematics Applications
BCN	Building and Construction	MAE	Mathematics Essential
CHE	Chemistry	MAM	Mathematics Methods
CSC	Computer Science	MAS	Mathematics Specialist
DES	Design	OED	Outdoor Education
EES	Earth and Environmental Science	PES	Physical Education Studies
EST	Engineering Studies	PHY	Physics
FST	Food Science and Technology	PPS	Plant Production Systems
HBV	Human Biology	PSY	Psychology

[#] 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.

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to
Friday, 22 September



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17 July

Received by schools/providers

- 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 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 language 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.

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4 August

Recommended last date for student transfers from single Year 11 units for Semester 2. 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 to which they are transferring.

which they are transferring.

After this date, students should not transfer from a single unit of an ATAR, General or Foundation course for Semester 2.

4 August

Received by schools/providers

- Information on submission of 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.

Available to schools/providers in SIRS

- Media Production and Analysis ATAR course practical production examination data collection and collaborative forms (where applicable only).

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.

14 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 language 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)

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4 September

Last date for upload into SIRS by schools/providers

- Student nominations (via online form) for 2017 School Curriculum and Standards Authority VET awards to be uploaded by 4.30pm. Note: late or proforma nominations will not be accepted.

6 September

Finish of September round of writing component 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.

15 September

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

20 September

Last date for receipt by the Authority

- French, German and Italian Background Languages personal investigation interview sheet examination submissions.

Date for receipt by the Authority

- Design portfolio practical examination submissions.
- Materials Design and Technology portfolio practical examination submissions.
- Media Production and Analysis production practical examination submissions.
- Music composition portfolio practical examination submissions.
- Visual Arts production practical (production) examination submissions.

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)

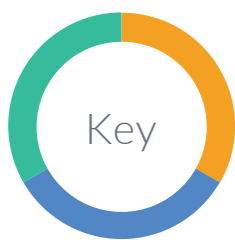
ATAR practical examinations for Aviation, Dance, Drama, Music and Physical Education Studies.

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).

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE TERM CALENDAR 2017 TERM 4

Monday, 9 October
to
Friday, 15 December



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9 October

Received by schools/providers

- Information about collecting achievement data for:
 - Year 12 students for courses (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.

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 and 15 October

ATAR course practical examinations for Japanese: Second Language and Indonesian: 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

NOVEMBER						
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Received by schools/providers

- Information about collecting achievement data for:
 - Year 11 students enrolled in ATAR, General, Foundation, Preliminary and VET industry specific courses
 - Year 10 and Year 11 students studying VET qualifications, VET units of competency and endorsed programs.

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

Due date for receipt by the Authority

- Round 2 – Applications for Special Consideration – Certificate II or higher WACE requirement for Year 12 students for inclusion in the second round of considerations. Note: no 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 the school 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.
- Year 12 VET and/or endorsed programs 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.

Last date for upload into SIRS

- 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 (except for changes to Year 12 VET achievement data). Changes to Year 12 student VET achievement data can be made up until Wednesday, 29 November.

1 November

Start of ATAR written examinations

1 November

Available to schools/providers in SIRS

- Reports listing achievement data in all ATAR, General, Foundation, Preliminary and VET industry specific courses, VET units of competency, VET qualifications and endorsed programs.

- Final registration and demographic information for Year 12 students (including total number of community service hours completed). Note: after this date, this SIRS facility will be locked and it will not be possible to upload further changes.

22 November

Scheduled finish of the ATAR course written examinations.

Note: final date subject to examination timetabling. Date may be earlier, not later.

23 November

Last date for receipt by the Authority

- Applications for Appeal against EALD Eligibility Decision for Year 11 students who submitted an application in 2017 for Year 12 in 2018.

24 November

Last date for receipt by the Authority

- Completed sickness/misadventure application forms.

27 November

- Last date for schools/providers to inform students in writing of their grades and school marks in all courses studied in Year 11.

29 November

Last date for upload into SIRS

- Changes to 2017 Year 12 student VET achievement data. Note: after this date, this SIRS facility will be locked and it will not be possible to upload further changes.

30 November

Due date for upload into SIRS

- Year 11 achievement data for ATAR, General, Foundation and Preliminary courses.
- Year 10 and Year 11 achievement data for VET units of competency, VET qualifications and endorsed programs. Note:
 - SIRS automatically allocates a grade for VET industry specific course units once full or partial requirements have been met
 - the VET Unique Student Identifier is a requirement for achievement intended for contribution towards the WACE requirements.

- Final registration and demographic information for Year 7–11 students.

4 December

Student interviews for School Curriculum and Standards Authority Beazley Medal: VET.

5 December

Last date for receipt by the Authority

- Student appeals against school assessment in courses studied in Year 11.

13 December

Last date for upload of changes into SIRS

- Final registration and demographic information for Year 7–11 students. Note: after this date, this SIRS facility will be locked and it will not be possible to upload further changes.

19 December

Year 12 students' results available online via the Authority's student portal.

Early in January 2018

Authority issues the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE), course reports, Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement (WASSA), selected award certificates for Year 12 students.

DECEMBER						
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Quick reference guide

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: (Explanatory notes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
 - a minimum of ten Year 12 units, or the equivalent
 - four units from an English course, post-Year 10, including at least one pair of Year 12 units from an English course
 - 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. (Explanatory notes 5 and 6)
- Completion of at least four Year 12 ATAR courses or a Certificate II (or higher) VET qualification.

Literacy and numeracy standard

- Demonstration of the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy. (Explanatory notes 7 and 8)

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. AEENG, 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.)