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YEAR 12 INFORMATION HANDBOOK 2023

Part I: Information for all students

Acknowledgement of Country

Kaya. The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority) acknowledges that our offices are on Whadjuk Noongar boodjar and that we deliver our services on the country of many traditional custodians and language groups throughout Western Australia. The Authority acknowledges the traditional custodians throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We offer our respect to Elders past and present.



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Before reading further, remember the following:

ATAR	Australian Tertiary Admission Rank
COAT	Common Oral Assessment Task
EAL/D	English as an Additional Language or Dialect
EST	Externally set task
NAPLAN	National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy
OLNA	Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment
RTO	Registered training organisation
SCSA	the School Curriculum and Standards Authority
the Authority	the School Curriculum and Standards Authority
TISC	Tertiary Institutions Service Centre
VET	Vocational education and training
WACE	Western Australian Certificate of Education
WASSA	Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement
WASN	Western Australian student number



Foreword

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Year 12 calls for students to commit to doing their best – with study, being focused and staying connected. It helps to remember that Year 12 is important, but it is not everything, and the year runs its course quickly. Enrolments for Year 12 students officially end in October, and the examinations in November are technically distinct from the formality of the school year.

Wherever you can, set clear, focused goals for the year and work towards them, as this helps guide the choices you make. The challenges we face can bring wonderful opportunities – for success, learning and growth.

You are not on this journey through Year 12 alone. Remember to communicate and stay connected. If you feel overwhelmed by your workload and commitments, uncertain about your goals, or anything this year makes you uncomfortable, ask for support. Reach out to your teachers, family and friends, even if you're feeling fine. Your support networks want the best for you, and everyone at the Authority is working to ensure this year goes smoothly for you.

All Year 12 students and their support networks should refer to this handbook for information about the general business of Year 12. Bear in mind that requirements and procedures can change from time to time; you need to be aware of the rules and expectations in place for this year. This handbook is the starting point for you to ensure you make informed choices as a Year 12 student.

The Year 12 handbook is provided in two parts, with Part I for all Year 12 students, including information about:

- key dates that are important for you this year
- what is involved in the WASSA and the WACE
- the student portal and the WACE Checker
- equivalences and how they can count towards your WACE
- school-based assessment and how it works
- examinations (the focus of Part II, available in July)
- general advice on life as a Year 12 student.

Other useful places for you to go for information are:

- the student portal (<https://studentportal.scsa.wa.edu.au>), where you should do things like check your enrolments and general details, complete your Student Declaration and Permission and, if relevant, access your examination timetable/s
- the WACE Checker on the student website homepage (<https://wacechecker.scsa.wa.edu.au>), which is a tool for you to check on your progress towards your WACE and inform your decision-making if you consider changing your enrolment
- the student website (<https://student.scsa.wa.edu.au>), which collects much of the information covered in this handbook into the one place.

If you need further support or advice and information about your enrolment, assessment and the like, begin with your teachers and the support staff at your school.

As you manage your time and commitments, remember this is a year to do your best with your assessments and study, try to be balanced, and stay connected with your family and friends. In setting goals for yourself, aim to arrive at the end of the year able to say you gave it your best shot.

I wish you a focused and successful time as a Year 12. ■

Important dates

Here are some key dates for Year 12 students.

For further details about other important dates, go to the *Activities Schedule* on the Authority website (<https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/publications/activities-schedule>).

Date	Details
27–28 Feb	OLNA Term 1 Window – Writing component test.
27 Feb–10 Mar	OLNA Term 1 Window – Numeracy and Reading component tests.
24 Mar	Applications for online review requests from students not endorsed by their principal for eligibility approval to enrol in the Year 12 ATAR EAL/D course in 2023 need to be received by the Authority by Friday, 24 March. ATAR course practical examination requirements documents and relevant information published on the Authority website.
30 Mar	Last day to enrol as a non-school candidate for an examination. Last day for Year 12 students to change course enrolments. (After this date you can only withdraw.) Applications for special examination arrangements for candidates with a disability sitting ATAR course practical and/or written examinations need to be received by the Authority.
1–2 May	OLNA Term 2 Window A – Writing component test.
1–12 May	OLNA Term 2 Window A – Numeracy and Reading component tests.
1–26 May	Common Oral Assessment Task (COAT) for Year 12 ATAR EAL/D being delivered.
8–26 May	Externally set task (EST) for each General and Foundation Year 12 course being delivered.
16 May	Applications to sit ATAR course examinations outside Western Australia due.
7 Jun	2023 ATAR course examination timetables published on the Authority website.
12–13 Jun	OLNA Term 2 Window B – Writing component test.
12–23 Jun	OLNA Term 2 Window B – Numeracy and Reading component tests.
22 Jun	Enrolments in VET units of competency for Year 12 students need to be uploaded by the school.
30 Jun	Last day for late applications to sit ATAR course examinations outside Western Australia.
20 Jul	Last day for withdrawal of enrolment from ATAR courses with a practical examination component for Year 12 students to be uploaded by the school.
24–25 Jul	OLNA Term 3 Window A – Writing component test.
24 Jul–4 Aug	OLNA Term 3 Window A – Numeracy and Reading component tests.
26 Jul	Last day for schools to lodge applications for alternative format ATAR course practical examinations.
7 Aug	Last day for withdrawal of enrolment from ATAR courses without a practical examination component for Year 12 students to be uploaded by the school. Last day for withdrawal of enrolment from General, Foundation, VET industry specific and Preliminary courses for Year 12 students to be uploaded by the school.
10 Aug	Enrolments in endorsed programs for Year 12 students need to be uploaded by the school.
24 Aug	Year 12 student declaration and permission details (relating to the release of personal information, use of school work and examination responses) need to be completed in the Authority's student portal.

Date	Details
25 Aug	Front covers of the ATAR course examinations available on the Authority website.
28 Aug	Last day for student nominations for the 2023 Authority VET awards to be uploaded by the school.
4–5 Sep	OLNA Term 3 Window B – Writing component test.
4–15 Sep	OLNA Term 3 Window B – Numeracy and Reading component tests.
5 Sep	<i>Personalised examination timetables</i> for the ATAR course practical and written examinations available in the student portal.
19 Sep	Date for receipt by the Authority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design practical (portfolio) examination submissions • Materials Design and Technology practical (portfolio) examination submissions • Media Production and Analysis practical (production) examination submissions • Music composition practical (portfolio) examination submissions • Visual Arts practical (production) examination submissions.
20 Sep	Date for receipt by the Authority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French, German and Italian: Background Languages Personal Investigation Interview Sheet.
23 Sep–1 Oct	ATAR course practical examinations for Aviation, Dance, Drama, Music and Physical Education Studies.
14–22 Oct	ATAR course practical examinations for Chinese: Second Language, French: Background Language, French: Second Language, German: Background Language, German: Second Language, Indonesian: Second Language, Italian: Background Language, Italian: Second Language, and Japanese: Second Language Note: students sitting Interstate Language examinations need to check their <i>Personalised examination timetables</i> for dates.
20 Oct	Last day for schools to inform students in writing of their grades and school marks for all courses studied in Year 12.
30 Oct–17 Nov	ATAR course written examinations.
21 Nov	Last day for completed Sickness/Misadventure Application forms to be received by the Authority.
Dec (Date to be confirmed)	Year 12 students' results available online via the Authority's student portal (https://studentportal.scsa.wa.edu.au). Certificates and awards will not be available in the student portal until mid-January and mid-February 2024 respectively.
Jan (Date to be confirmed)	The WACE, ATAR course reports and WASSA for Year 12 students will be available online via the student portal in mid-January 2024.

You will be able to print your folio of achievement for 2023 by logging in to the student portal in mid-January 2024. It is important to remember to keep a copy of your login and student password details. The School Curriculum and Standards Authority Exhibitions and Awards ceremony will be held in February 2024.

Social media

Keep up-to-date with information about the WACE, WASSA, examinations and important dates.

The Authority has two Facebook pages. We recommend our general Facebook page as the most relevant for Year 12 students and as a way to contact us if you have questions.

- <https://facebook.com/SCSAWA> is for students in Years 10, 11 and 12, their parents, teachers, and community stakeholders. The focus of the page is on providing information to students working towards the WACE and a WASSA.
- <https://facebook.com/SCSAWateachers> is for teachers and community stakeholders. The focus of the page is on providing information to teachers delivering the Western Australian curriculum from Kindergarten to Year 12. Reminders about key dates as listed in the *Activities Schedule* are published on this page.



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Response times

The Authority's office hours are 8.00 am – 4.30 pm from Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays. Our social media accounts are formally monitored during these hours. Due to checking processes and other commitments, a response to a question or comment may not be immediate. Decisions on out-of-hours responses are made on a case-by-case basis and are dependent on staff availability. We always do our best to respond to you within two working days.

Community standards

We welcome your feedback, comments and questions through social media, but be aware that we moderate the pages.

The Authority treats its social media spaces as 'family friendly' and has a zero tolerance approach to rude language and abusive or offensive posts.

Contact us

Teachers, students and stakeholders are encouraged to use the Authority's Facebook pages to access information and stay in touch with the Authority.

If you prefer not to use Facebook, email info@scsa.wa.edu.au. ■

Student portal

Keep track of your information.

The student portal (<https://studentportal.scsa.wa.edu.au>) is a space for Year 12 students to check and access personal information that relates to their WACE.

You need to visit the portal to:

- check your personal details
- check your enrolments
- complete the Student Declaration and Permission (Year 12 students, and anyone enrolled in a Year 12 course, are expected to do this by **Thursday, 24 August 2023**)
- download a copy of your approved special examination arrangements
- download a copy of the *Physical Education Studies practical examination information* – sport to be examined and skill level
- download a copy of the *Personalised practical examination timetable* which states the date, time, venue, and location of each practical examination you need to attend, from **Tuesday, 5 September 2023**
- download a copy of the *Personalised written examination timetable* which states the date, time and location for each written examination you need to attend, from **Tuesday, 5 September 2023**
- check your results
- download a copy of your sickness/misadventure outcome
- download your folio of achievement (WASSA, WACE, ATAR course reports and selected award certificates).

You need to have your WA student number (WASN) – which you can find out through your school – and a password to access the student portal. When you visit the student portal for the first time you will be prompted to change your password.

You must keep your password safe; you will need it several times this year and again in January.

Helpdesk

If you have trouble accessing the student portal, you can email wacehelp@scsa.wa.edu.au (monitored from Monday to Friday between 8.00 am and 4.30 pm).

Note: the helpdesk staff will need you to provide proof of your identity. Due to security restrictions, information such as your WASN cannot be provided over the phone, nor can it be given to other people on your behalf. ■

The first time you visit the student portal you will be asked to provide a mobile number. While this step is not compulsory, we encourage all Year 12 students and examination candidates to provide a mobile number so that we can notify you via a group SMS if there are any changes to examination timetables and/or venues during the examination period. If you change your mobile number, you can edit this in the student portal.

WASSA/WACE

WASSA A WASSA is issued to all students at the completion of Year 12. It lists all courses, certificates and/or programs students have completed in Year 11 and Year 12. (Some students on accelerated programs with approval of the Authority may have completed some of these in Year 10.)

WACE Achievement of a WACE signifies that you have successfully met the breadth and depth requirement, the achievement standard requirement and the literacy and numeracy standard requirement in your senior secondary schooling.

Most students complete the requirements in two years, although the Authority will allow you to meet the requirements over your lifetime.

The WACE is recognised nationally in the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) and by universities, other tertiary institutions, industry, employers and training providers.

Requirements to achieve a WACE

Achievement of your WACE acknowledges that at the end of your schooling you have achieved or exceeded the required minimum standards in an educational program that has suitable breadth and depth.

To achieve a WACE in 2023, you must meet the following requirements:

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 learning area course, post-Year 10, including at least one pair of Year 12 units from an English learning area 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 equivalents) in Year 12 units.^(Explanatory notes 5 and 6)
- Completion of:
 - at least four Year 12 ATAR courses^(Explanatory notes 5), **or**
 - at least five Year 12 General courses^(Explanatory note 7) (or a combination of General and up to three Year 12 ATAR courses^(Explanatory note 5)) **or equivalent**^(Explanatory note 8), **or**
 - a Certificate II (or higher) VET qualification^(Explanatory notes 9 and 10) in combination with ATAR, General or Foundation courses.

Literacy and numeracy standard

- Demonstration of the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy.^(Explanatory notes 11 and 12)

Maximum credit allowed from study in a single subject

You can achieve credit towards the WACE for a maximum of four different units in a subject, except in the case where a subject has a defined context. These four units may be from a combination of ATAR, General or Foundation courses.

Course unit completion requirement

When you have completed a pair of units, or a single Year 11 unit, you will be assigned a grade (A, B, C, D or E) by your teacher. To be assigned a grade, you must have had the opportunity to complete the educational program, or requirements, and the associated assessment program for the course.

To complete a Year 12 ATAR course a student must sit the ATAR course examination. 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.

Note: for ATAR courses with practical components, students must complete both the written and practical examination.

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.
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 awarded as unit equivalents by substituting VET qualifications and/or endorsed programs. A student may choose to study VET qualifications and/or endorsed programs and may be awarded unit equivalents by substituting 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 (see Section 4 of the *WACE Manual 2023*) and/or endorsed programs (see Section 5 of the *WACE Manual 2023*).
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 prior to Year 12 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. Foundation courses do not contribute to meeting the achievement standard with this option.
8. Up to two units from endorsed programs can be used to meet this requirement.
9. In the context of VET in the WACE, the term 'complete' requires that a student has been deemed competent in all units of competency that make up a full qualification.
10. The partial completion of a Certificate III or higher VET qualification may meet this requirement according to predetermined criteria (see Section 4 of the *WACE Manual 2023*).
11. 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.
12. 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.

The achievement of a WACE

Courses, units, qualifications and programs from the following groups contribute to the achievement of a WACE:

- ATAR courses
- General courses
- Foundation courses
- VET industry specific courses
- VET qualifications
- Endorsed programs.

Courses

ATAR, General and Foundation courses are WACE courses. Preliminary course units do not contribute to the achievement of a WACE, but are reported on the WASSA.

WACE courses are grouped into List A (arts/languages/social sciences) and List B (mathematics/science/technology). Students studying for a WACE are required to select at least one Year 12 subject from each of List A and List B. **Table 1: WACE List A and List B subjects for breadth of study** shows the WACE List A and List B subjects.

Schools choose to offer courses that meet the needs and interests of their students in line with the resources they have available.

You are able to select across a range of courses at cognitive levels to suit your abilities and post-school aspirations. If you think you will be heading to university once you finish Year 12, you should enrol in at least four Year 12 ATAR courses that can be used to calculate an ATAR. The ATAR score is used by universities as a selection mechanism. More information about the ATAR is available at the Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC) website (<http://www.tisc.edu.au>).

In 2023, if you do not complete at least four Year 12 ATAR courses, you have the opportunity to complete five Year 12 General courses (or a combination of General and up to three Year 12 ATAR courses) to achieve the WACE. You will need to either complete at least five Year 12 ATAR General courses (or a combination of General and up to three Year 12 ATAR courses) or achieve a minimum of a Certificate II qualification to achieve the WACE.

ATAR, General and Foundation courses are offered at two year levels – Year 11, comprising Units 1 and 2, and Year 12, comprising Units 3 and 4. The different certificates (I, II and III) available through VET industry specific courses are allocated credit across the two year levels upon completion.

For ATAR, General and Foundation courses:

- the two Year 11 units are typically studied and reported to the Authority as a pair, but where a single unit is studied it is reported separately
- the two Year 12 units **must** be studied and reported to the Authority as a pair.

Permission for a student to change courses is a school decision. For you to achieve course unit credits, a change can only be made early in Year 12, before the cut-off date set by the Authority, which is **Thursday, 30 March 2023**.

Programs

There are three types of programs which can contribute to the WACE.

VET

VET qualifications are for students wishing to participate in nationally recognised training. VET enables students to acquire workplace skills through nationally recognised training described within an industry-developed training package or an accredited course. A VET qualification is issued by a registered training organisation (RTO). A Certificate II or higher is one of the range of requirements for achieving a WACE. These qualifications can contribute to the WACE as unit equivalents or course units.

Endorsed programs

These programs provide access to areas of learning not covered by WACE courses or VET programs and contribute to the WACE as unit equivalents. Endorsed programs are for students wishing to participate in programs which are delivered in a variety of settings by schools, workplaces, universities and community organisations.

Workplace learning

Workplace Learning (ADWPL) is an Authority-developed endorsed program that is managed by individual schools. To complete this program, a student works in one or more paid or unpaid workplace/s to develop a set of transferable workplace skills.

Literacy and numeracy

You must demonstrate that you have met the minimum standard for literacy and numeracy, which is based on skills regarded as essential for individuals to meet the demands of everyday life and work.

These skills are described in Level 3 of the *Australian Core Skills Framework* (<https://www.education.gov.au/australian-core-skills-framework>).

Table 1: WACE List A and List B subjects for breadth of study**LIST A (ARTS/LANGUAGES/SOCIAL SCIENCES)**

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

LIST B (MATHEMATICS/SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY)

Code	Subject	Code	Subject
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
HBY	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.

You can demonstrate the minimum standard:

- through completing the Authority's OLNA, or
- if you demonstrated Band 8 or higher in your Year 9 NAPLAN tests – Reading, Writing and Numeracy.

The OLNA must be sat twice in Year 10 and Term 1 of Year 11 for those students who have not yet demonstrated the minimum standard in literacy and/or numeracy and are working towards achieving a WACE. Students have up to six opportunities (two per year) between Year 10 and Year 12 to demonstrate the literacy and numeracy minimum standard.

There are three assessment components:

- one 50-minute, 45-item multiple-choice in Reading
- one 50-minute, 45-item multiple-choice in Numeracy
- one 60-minute, extended response of up to 600 words in Writing.

International and mature-age students are required to sit the test at the first available opportunity. If you have a language background other than English and arrived from overseas in the past year, you may be able to defer sitting the OLNA. You should discuss your options with your careers counsellor or year coordinator.

Students who are registered as eligible to be enrolled in a Year 12 English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) course will be granted an extra ten minutes to complete the reading, writing and numeracy components of the OLNA. Students must complete and submit an eligibility declaration for EAL/D by the published deadlines in order to be endorsed by their principal in time for the OLNA tests. Students are not required to subsequently enrol in a Year 12 EAL/D course; however, they must have been found eligible in order to be granted the extra time.

Information regarding the EAL/D eligibility process is available via the Authority website (<https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/syllabus-and-support-materials/english/english-as-an-additional-language-or-dialect>).

Disability adjustments are available for students with conditions which may significantly affect their capacity to participate in the OLNA. These students, after discussions with parents/guardians/carers and the school, may choose not to sit the OLNA. Students with special needs who choose not to sit the assessment or have not demonstrated the standard through their performance in Year 9 NAPLAN will not qualify for the WACE. Students should discuss their options with their careers counsellor or Year coordinator.

Support documents to assist teachers in preparing their students for the OLNA and for supporting those who have not demonstrated achievement at the minimum standard are available on the Authority website.

Full details regarding the OLNA can be found on the Authority website (<https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/olna>).

Accumulating results

You may accumulate results in WACE course units and VET after you leave school.

For students accumulating results for the WACE over multiple years, the WACE requirements that apply to you are those in place in the final year of your study.

Note: the WACE requirements may change over time and you are required to meet the WACE requirements current at the time of the completion of your studies.

Examinations

Students who are enrolled in a Year 12 ATAR course (Units 3 and 4) must sit the ATAR course examination. For ATAR courses with practical components, students must sit both the written and practical examinations.

If students do not sit an ATAR course examination and do not have an approved *Sickness/Misadventure Application* for that course, the grades for the pair of units completed in that year will not contribute to any of the WACE requirements. As a consequence, a student may not meet the requirements to receive a WACE.

Each student who has completed a pair of units in a Year 12 course and sat the ATAR course examination/s for that course, receives an ATAR course report that summarises the student's achievement at school and in the ATAR course examinations. It also shows a student's performance in relation to the performance of other students in the course. ■

Table 2: Courses and programs

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) courses	These courses are examined by the Authority. Student results in ATAR courses are used by the Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC) to calculate a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) score. The ATAR is used to determine eligibility for university entrance. Students seeking to achieve an ATAR will need to complete a minimum of four Year 12 ATAR courses, excluding unacceptable combinations (see Undergraduate Admission Requirements for School Leavers on the TISC website (www.tisc.edu.au)). ATAR courses are typically for students who are aiming to go to university directly from school.
General courses	These courses are not externally examined. However, they each have an externally set task (EST) which is set by the Authority. General courses are for students who are typically aiming to enter vocationally based training or the workforce straight from school. General courses may be used for alternative entry to some university courses. Information about alternative entry should be sought directly from universities.
Vocational education and training (VET) industry specific courses	These courses include a full VET qualification and mandatory workplace learning. VET industry specific courses contribute towards the WACE as course units. Qualifications undertaken through VET industry specific courses can be used to meet the Certificate II or higher requirement of the WACE, if this option is chosen. The workplace learning component of the course contributes as unit equivalents towards the WACE. VET industry specific courses are for students aiming to enter further vocationally based training or the workforce straight from school.
Foundation courses	These courses provide a focus on functional literacy and numeracy skills, practical work-related experience and the opportunity to build personal skills that are important for life and work. Foundation courses are not designed, nor intended, to be an alternative senior secondary pathway. Foundation courses are for students who have not been able to demonstrate the minimum standard for literacy and/or numeracy before Year 11 and are unlikely to do so before the end of Year 12 without significant levels of support.
Preliminary courses	<p>Preliminary courses are for students who have been identified as having a learning difficulty and/or an intellectual disability. They provide a relevant option for students when it is understood that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the student cannot access the ATAR, General or Foundation course content with adjustment and/or disability provisions• the Preliminary units do not contribute to achievement of a WACE. <p>Preliminary courses are for students who have been identified as having a recognised disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and meet the above criteria.</p>
Vocational education and training (VET) credit transfer	VET qualifications undertaken separate to a VET industry specific course may contribute to the WACE through credit transfer. Qualifications undertaken as VET credit transfer contribute to the WACE as unit equivalents and can be used to meet the Certificate II or higher requirement of the WACE, if this option is chosen.
Endorsed programs	These programs provide access to areas of learning not covered by WACE courses or VET programs and contribute to the WACE as unit equivalents. Endorsed programs are for students wishing to participate in programs which are delivered in a variety of settings by schools, workplaces, universities and community organisations.

Make the most of Year 12

Here are some strategies you can put in place to help your journey through Year 12. It's best to start with these early, but it's never too late.

- Be positive and clear about your goals from the outset and know that you will need to review your goals from time to time.
- Get into good habits early.
- Develop an effective routine that works for you and remember that you will need to be flexible as well as committed to it.
- Collect relevant information about university, training and career options post-school.
- Play to your strengths, build on your talents and skills.
- Be passionate about what you are doing and work hard.
- Take part in activities that will reduce stress and add balance to your life.
- Strike a balance between your commitments and priorities, including study, family, friends, extra-curricular activities and part-time work.
- Stay connected with your family and friends.
- Seek help from those who can provide it – teachers, counsellors, principal, deputy principal, parents, family and friends.



Additional support

Headspace has resources to help with a range of issues that can confront young people. You can check their services at www.headspace.org.au.

Other useful contacts

Beyond Blue www.beyondblue.org.au 1300 22 4636

Kids Helpline www.kidshelpline.com.au 1800 55 1800

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Eat a balanced diet



Stay calm



Exercise



Spend time outside



Stay healthy in Year 12

As you move through Year 12, it is important to be kind to yourself. Here are some ideas to help you stay healthy this year.

- Eat a balanced and nutritious diet with lots of vegetables and protein, some carbohydrates and fruit.
- Keep your energy levels in check by starting the day with a healthy breakfast and having regular meal times.
- Stay hydrated by drinking around 2 litres of water a day. Avoid caffeinated, sugary and energy drinks.
- Exercise to energise your body and mind. Use regular sporting activities as a way to stay in touch with people. Remember that something as simple as a walk can be calming. Clear your mind, relax, refocus.
- Spend time outside for the benefits of fresh air and sunshine, especially Vitamin D and oxygen.
- Take a break from screens. Give your eyes a rest and step away from the noise of social media.
- Get the rest you need. Establish a sleep routine and avoid the temptation of late nights – especially to finish work at the last minute.
- Stay calm and remember that there are strategies that might help if you find yourself feeling too stressed. One is to focus on slowing your breathing and taking a moment to be quiet and mindful. Another is to stretch and imagine yourself releasing any tension in your body as you do.

COVID-19

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority continues to monitor the impact of COVID-19 and will be providing ongoing advice for students, teachers, school leaders, parents/guardians/carers and the community as the situation evolves.

The Board of the Authority continues to work from the premise that no student should be disadvantaged as a result of the COVID-19 situation. We will continue to monitor the impact of COVID-19 throughout 2023.

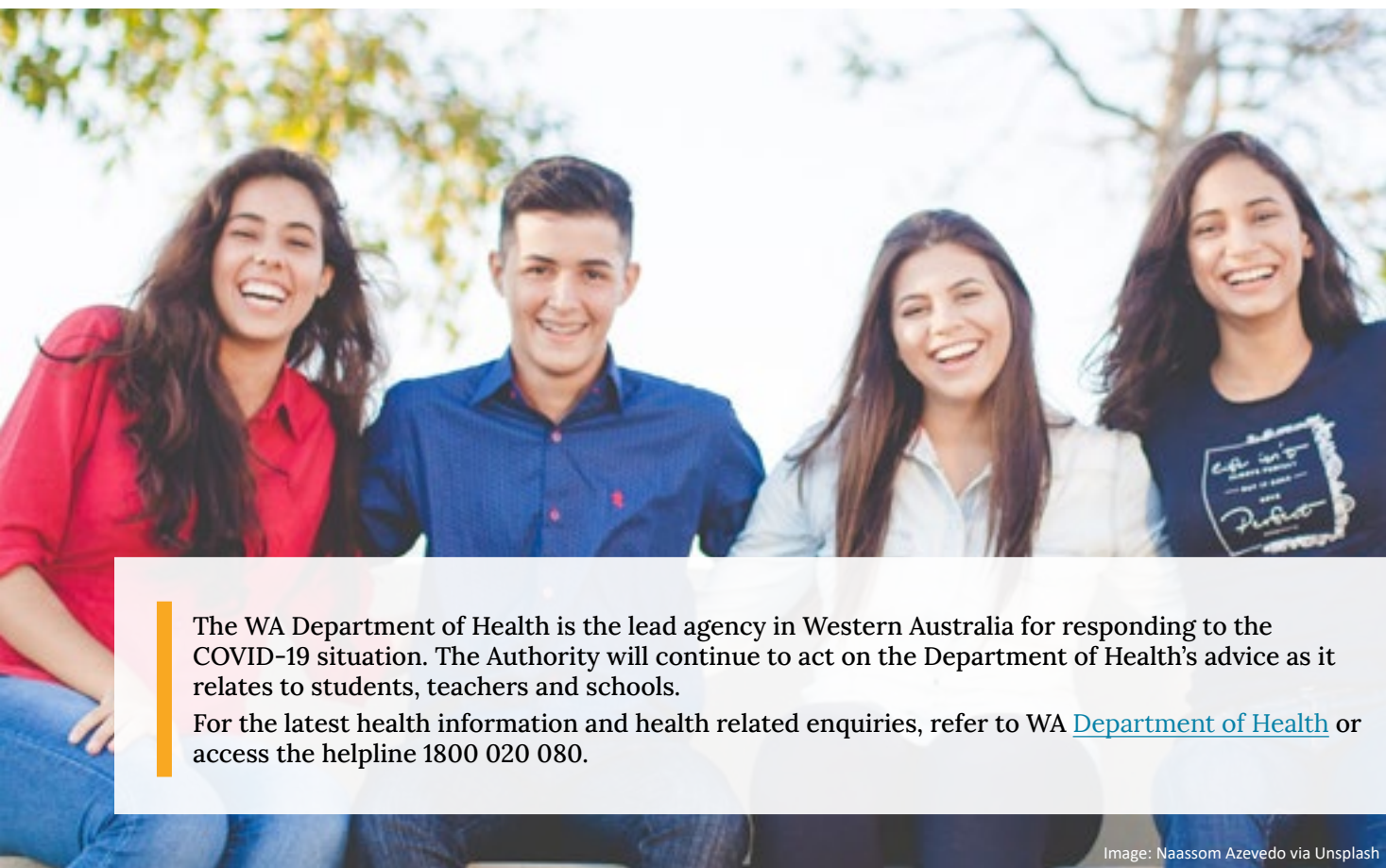
The Authority has plans in place to support students, teachers and schools if the COVID-19 situation changes during 2023. The flexible approach that the Authority took since 2020 served students and our community well. If any adjustments to processes like those made since 2020 are required in 2023, the COVID-19 pages on the Authority website will continue to be our key point of communication and advice at <https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/curriculum-assessment-covid-19>.

Whatever happens in 2023, aim to do your best and take every opportunity to complete your learning and assessment programs while working towards meeting the requirements of the WACE.

Year 12 students are always advised to stay healthy, organised and positive. This is especially important now and it is worth taking time to look after your health and wellbeing. Remember to ask for help and support when you need it.

Be COVID-safe.

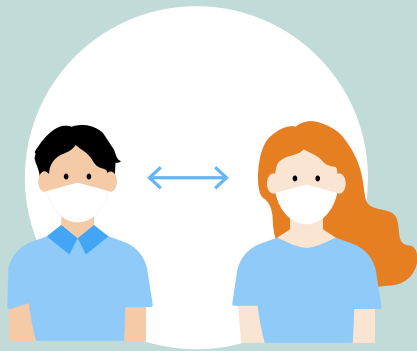
- Practise physical distancing.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use your elbow.
- Avoid touching your face. ■



The WA Department of Health is the lead agency in Western Australia for responding to the COVID-19 situation. The Authority will continue to act on the Department of Health's advice as it relates to students, teachers and schools.

For the latest health information and health related enquiries, refer to WA [Department of Health](#) or access the helpline 1800 020 080.

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WACE Checker

You can use the **WACE Checker** to check your progress towards meeting the requirements of the WACE. It is designed to determine whether you have met (or are expected to meet) each of the requirements for the WACE.

You will find the WACE Checker on the front page of the Authority website (<https://wacechecker.scsa.wa.edu.au>).

Information in

The WACE Checker makes its calculation on the basis of the information you enter.

You will need to add information about your achievements in Year 11 and your expected achievements in Year 12, including:

- literacy and numeracy standard
- course enrolment
- VET achievement
- VET industry specific courses
- endorsed programs
- block credit.

When you add your anticipated grades for Year 12, you should add what you realistically expect to achieve this year.

Information out

The WACE Checker generates a report that shows the information you have entered and the requirements that you have met. If you are missing a requirement, the WACE Checker shows what it is. You can then choose to save and/or download and print the report.

You can save the data entered into the checker for a month. When you select **Save** you get an access code that will allow you to use the **Fetch My Data**

button in the Checker.

You can also save the summary of your input as a PDF and use this to track your progress and to check the impact of any changes to your enrolments or achievements.

Support

The **Tell me more** button provides support when using the Checker.

If you have any concerns about your progress towards meeting the requirements of the WACE after entering your information, you should follow up with the support staff at your school. They will be able to help you clarify any issues around your enrolments and achievements.

Guidance

The WACE Checker is provided as a guide only. The report the Checker generates must not be interpreted as a guarantee that you will achieve a WACE. This is because achievement of the WACE is dependent on the calculation of a student's final results and completion of courses. ■

Equivalences

This section is relevant to students completing:

- VET qualifications or endorsed programs
- the equivalent of Year 11 studies interstate or overseas, or with a training provider.

Unit equivalence

If you complete a VET qualification independent of a VET industry specific course or an endorsed program, you may be able to use these to contribute unit equivalence towards the requirement of 20 units for a WACE.

VET unit equivalents

If you undertake a qualification separately from a VET industry specific WACE course, this is referred to as VET credit transfer.

If you successfully complete your VET qualification in this way, you are allocated WACE unit equivalence. A maximum of eight unit equivalents (four Year 11 units and four Year 12 units) can be counted towards meeting the WACE requirements, but there is no limit to the number of qualifications that can be reported on your WASSA.

Unit equivalence is calculated according to the AQF level of the completed qualification. There is provision for the recognition of a partially completed Certificate III or higher (see Table 3).

Unit equivalence is awarded consistently according to the certificate level of a qualification irrespective of delivery mode or class contact time allocated.

Endorsed programs unit equivalents

Endorsed programs can contribute up to four unit equivalents (two Year 11 and two Year 12) towards the WACE requirements. If you successfully complete an endorsed program, you are allocated WACE unit equivalence.

Unit equivalence for endorsed programs is pre-determined by an endorsed programs panel after consideration of the nature and scope of each program.

The judgement for each endorsed program is made about the equivalence of the program in relation to one unit of a WACE course.

Check the Authority website (<https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/vet/endorsed-programs>) for information about how many unit equivalents an

endorsed program has been allocated.

Unit equivalence and WACE achievement requirements

Endorsed programs and VET credit transfer are not graded. However, each unit equivalent contributes to the WACE achievement requirement for students to achieve 14 C grades or better with a minimum of six C grades in Year 12 units. Each unit equivalent achieved will directly reduce the number of C grades needed to meet the C grade achievement standard, up to a maximum of eight unit equivalents (four Year 11 units and four Year 12 units).

Your program could include up to eight unit equivalents in VET and/or endorsed programs and contribute to WACE requirements.

Recognition of VET not arranged or managed by school

If you have completed a VET qualification outside of a school arranged or managed VET program, you can apply to the Authority to have this achievement recognised for the WACE. These qualifications will contribute to the WACE in the same way as VET credit transfer.

An application for WACE recognition of VET achievement completed outside of a school arrangement is available on the Authority website under Achievements (<https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/forms/forms>).

Recognition of prior studies (Year 11 equivalence)

If you have completed the equivalent of Year 11 studies interstate or overseas, or with a training provider, you can apply for recognition of the equivalent of one year or one semester of senior secondary studies (Year 11).

Schools may enrol students in Year 12, if they consider that studies completed elsewhere indicate the students have the potential to achieve a WACE. If this is the case, your school will complete the

online application through the Student Records Management System (SRMS) (<https://srms.scsa.wa.edu.au>).

If you are one of these students and successfully meet the requirements for the WACE, then recognition will be given for having achieved the equivalent of either one year or one semester of senior secondary studies (Year 11) either interstate, overseas, or through a training provider.

Generally, a Certificate II will provide credit for one semester of Year 11 studies. A Certificate III or higher will provide credit for one full year of Year 11 studies. No credit will be provided for partially completed qualifications.

VET that has been used for credit will not satisfy the completion of the VET Certificate II or higher requirement for the WACE.

Completion of the equivalent of one year

To be granted credit for a **full-year for Year 11** towards the achievement of the WACE, in Year 12 you must:

- complete
 - at least four Year 12 ATAR courses, **or**
 - at least five Year 12 General courses* (or a combination of General and up to three Year 12 ATAR courses) or equivalent, **or**
 - a Certificate II (or higher)[†] VET qualification in combination with ATAR, General and Foundation courses
- meet the assessment requirements in at least 10 Year 12 units (up to a maximum of four Year 12 units may be substituted by VET qualifications and endorsed programs). You may choose to substitute units with only VET qualifications (up to a total of four units); or with only endorsed programs (up to a total of two units); or with a combination of VET qualifications and endorsed programs (up to a total of four units, but with a maximum of two units with endorsed programs)
- achieve a minimum of six C grades (or equivalent) in Year 12 units
- demonstrate the literacy and numeracy standard
- complete a pair of Year 12 units from WACE English courses (English, Literature or English as an

Additional Language or Dialect)

- complete a pair of Year 12 course units from both List A and List B.

Completion of the equivalent of one semester

To be granted credit for **one semester in Year 11** towards the achievement of the WACE, you must:

- complete:
 - at least four Year 12 ATAR courses, **or**
 - at least five Year 12 General courses* (or a combination of General and up to three Year 12 ATAR courses) or equivalent, **or**
 - complete a Certificate II (or higher)[†] VET qualification in combination with ATAR, General and Foundation courses
- meet the assessment requirements in at least 15 units, including a minimum of 10 Year 12 units, (up to a maximum of two Year 11 and four Year 12 units may be substituted by VET qualifications and endorsed programs). You may choose to substitute units with only VET qualifications (up to a total of six units); or with only endorsed programs (up to a total of three units); or with a combination of VET qualifications and endorsed programs (up to a total of six units, but with a maximum of three units with endorsed programs)
- achieve a minimum of 12 C grades in units with at least six (or the equivalent) being achieved in Year 12 units
- demonstrate the literacy and numeracy standard
- complete three different units from WACE English courses (English, Literature or English as an Additional Language or Dialect), including a pair of Year 12 units
- complete a pair of Year 12 course units from both List A and List B in Year 12. ■

* From 2023, where students are not undertaking a program of study of either at least four Year 12 ATAR courses or at least five Year 12 General courses and/or ATAR courses, these students must also complete a Certificate II or higher to achieve the WACE. Up to two units from endorsed programs can be used to meet this requirement.

† The partial completion of a Certificate III or higher may be awarded unit equivalence, if specific criteria are met (refer to sub-section 4.6.3 of the *WACE Manual 2023*).

Table 3: VET credit transfer and unit equivalence

Completed qualification	Total equivalents	Year 11 credit allocation (Unit equivalents)	Year 12 credit allocation (Unit equivalents)
Certificate I*	2 units	2	0
Certificate II†	4 units	2	2
Certificate III or higher – Partial‡	4 units	2	2
Certificate III or higher – Full	6 units	2	4

* Equivalence is only awarded for completed Certificate I qualifications where the total achievement in units of competency is equal to, or greater than, 110 nominal hours (the equivalent of two course units).

† Equivalence is only awarded for completed Certificate II qualifications where the total achievement in units of competency is equal to, or greater than, 220 nominal hours (the equivalent of four course units).

Certificate II qualifications with units of competency that are less than 220 nominal hours in total will meet the minimum Certificate II qualification requirement; however, the qualification will only contribute towards the WACE as two Year 11 unit equivalents.

‡ The partial completion of a Certificate III or higher may be awarded unit equivalence if specific criteria are met (see subsection 4.6.3 of the *WACE Manual 2023*).

An application for WACE recognition of VET achievement completed outside of a school arrangement may be downloaded from the Authority website (<https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/forms/forms>).



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Enrolments

Studying at more than one school

If you are studying WACE course units, Preliminary course units, VET or endorsed programs at more than one school, then each school involved will submit your enrolment details for the course units, VET or endorsed programs you have studied at that school.

Overseas full fee-paying students

If you are a full fee-paying Year 12 student from overseas studying in Western Australia, you are required to pay the Authority (through your school) \$505 to enrol in one or more WACE course units. Generally, this fee must be paid at the time of enrolment with the Authority.

Full-time students

A full-time student is one who is enrolled in at least eight WACE course units or equivalent at a registered school.

Student Declaration and Permission

All Year 12 students are asked to give permission for the following:

- (a) release of your names should you win an award – the Authority award winners are published in the media and on the Authority’s website, if permission has been given by the student. Note: if you do not give permission for your name to be published, and you win an award, your name will **not** appear in the media.
- (b) use of school work for creating support materials – the Authority is seeking permission for the use of school work produced during 2023, e.g. assignments, projects, portfolios, tests, school-based examination responses.
- (c) use of examination responses (written and practical) – the Authority is seeking permission for the use of:
 - ATAR course written and practical examination responses (copyright owned by the student)
 - images and sound recordings of you in photographs, audio recordings and audio-visual recordings that are made during the ATAR course practical examinations (copyright owned by the State of Western Australia).

Resource development

The use of school-work material (b) and examination responses (c) as specified above may be used in resources developed by the Authority in carrying out its functions relating to the development and accreditation of courses and the standards, assessment and certification of student achievement.

The material will be used under the following terms:

- Anything which identifies you or your school will be removed from the material before use by the Authority.
- The Authority may make the resources containing the material available in whole or in part, in print and electronic formats, and on the Authority’s website. The resources containing the material may be copied, or made available on an intranet, for non-commercial purposes in schools offering the WACE.
- This permission continues indefinitely until you revoke it by notifying the Authority in writing that you no longer want the material to be used by the Authority. The Authority will not provide payment for the use of the material.

To complete the Student Declaration and Permission online, go to the student portal (<https://studentportal.scsa.wa.edu.au>) and follow the login instructions. This Student Declaration and Permission needs to be completed online by **Thursday, 24 August 2023**.



Student Declaration and Permission

If you do not give permission for your name to be published, and you win an award, your name will not appear on our website. Your name cannot be added to the published list if you change your mind about the permission you give for publication.

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Confirming enrolments

Students who are registered with the Authority are able to check their enrolment details in WACE course units online in the student portal (<https://studentportal.scsa.wa.edu.au>).

If your school has uploaded enrolments in VET units of competency and endorsed programs, then these enrolment details will also be available to you. If you identify any errors, speak to your school. Your school will need to update your details with the Authority.

Note: it is important your details are correct in the system. Take care to check all your information and follow up with your school as soon as you can, if any corrections are needed.

Schools are able to download confirmation of student enrolments in WACE course units from the Authority's database. Details relating to enrolments in VET units of competency and endorsed programs also will be listed, if they have been uploaded to the Authority.

If you are enrolled as a non-school candidate for all your courses, a *Verification of student details* form will be sent to your home address. If you have not received a confirmation of your enrolment by **Monday, 24 April 2023**, then you should contact a Data Support Officer at the Authority on either 9273 6385 or 9273 6345.

Changing enrolments

Changes to enrolments are made through your school.

The deadline for changes to Year 12 enrolments is **Thursday, 30 March 2023**. (You may only **withdraw** from a course after this date.)

The deadline for students to withdraw from Year 12 ATAR courses with a practical examination is **Thursday, 20 July 2023**.

The deadline for students to withdraw from Year 12 ATAR courses that do not have a practical examination component is **Monday, 7 August 2023**.

The deadline for changes to withdrawal of enrolment from General, Foundation, Preliminary and VET industry specific courses for Year 12 students is **Monday, 7 August 2023**.

No changes will be accepted after these dates. ■

School assessment

Grades and school marks

To be assigned a grade and a mark out of 100 for a pair of WACE course units, you must have had the opportunity to complete your school's education and assessment programs for the units.

Teachers of Year 12 students submit results to the Authority at the end of the school year based on the assessments you complete. These assessments and the weighting for each are shown in the assessment outline developed for each course by the school and provided to all students at the commencement of the course.

You will receive a grade (A, B, C, D or E) for each pair of units that you complete, except for Preliminary (P) units, which are not graded. Student achievement for P units is recorded as 'completed' or 'not completed'. Course completion is determined by the school according to criteria set by the Authority. A 'U' notation cannot be submitted for a Year 12 ATAR, General or Foundation course (see sub-section 2.4.3 of the *WACE Manual 2023*).

You will also receive a school mark in the range 0 to 100 for each unit pair of an ATAR, General or Foundation course you complete in Year 12. For the school mark for an ATAR course with a practical examination (performance, oral, portfolio or production), you receive a practical mark out of 100

as well as a written mark out of 100. Marks are not reported for Preliminary courses.

Note: in Year 11 you may have received a grade and mark for each individual unit you completed.

You will receive a 'completed' status instead of a grade for VET industry specific course unit pairs. The notation 'completed' counts the same as a C grade. If you do not complete the requirements of a VET industry specific course, you will be awarded a 'U' notation (see above), but WACE credit may contribute as VET unit equivalence, depending on how much of the course you have finished.

Endorsed programs are not comprised of units, but a successfully completed endorsed program is allocated one, two, three or four unit equivalents. An endorsed program is allocated unit equivalence on the basis of 'average' learning time.

Adjustment of grades and school marks

During the school year, the Authority uses several procedures to ensure that the grades awarded by different schools are comparable. Teachers meet in groups and/or are visited by Authority officers to discuss assessment procedures and course standards. The Authority provides sample assessment tasks and samples of student work to indicate to teachers the required level of difficulty and standard of marking for each course.

Grades assigned by your school are based on the Authority's grade descriptions for each course. The grades you receive from your school are provisional until confirmed by the Authority. Your school is required to advise you in writing if any changes are made to your provisional grades during the approval process. The Authority only adjusts grades assigned by a school in exceptional circumstances.

ESTs for General and Foundation courses

All students enrolled in a Year 12 General or Foundation course are required to complete the EST developed by the Authority for that course.

The EST is administered in Term 2 in a period prescribed by the Authority. The design brief for the EST is provided in the Year 12 General or Foundation syllabus.

The EST is marked by the teacher/s delivering the course using the marking key provided by the



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Authority. The school provides the marks for all students to the Authority.

As the EST is included in the assessment table, the mark for this task contributes to the final mark for the pair of units. The mark for the EST has a weighting of 15 per cent of the final mark for a pair of units.

Each year the Authority reviews a sample of EST scripts from each school delivering the course. The school submits the scripts of students nominated by the Authority for independent marking.

If the data indicates the need for the school to consider adjusting its marking standards, the revised standards should be applied by the teachers when marking all future assessment tasks.

Common Oral Assessment Task (COAT) for Year 12 ATAR EAL/D

In 2023, Year 12 ATAR EAL/D students will not sit an external practical examination. It has been replaced by the Common Oral Assessment Task (COAT). Detailed information for students on this is available on the EALD ATAR course page at <https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/syllabus-and-support-materials/english/english-as-an-additional-language-or-dialect>.

ATAR courses

Information about the achievement of a Year 12 student who completes a pair of units in an ATAR course comes from two sources:

- the student’s mark submitted by the school to the Authority (school course mark out of 100)
- the student’s mark from the ATAR course examination/s set by the Authority.

These marks are used to calculate the student’s combined score.

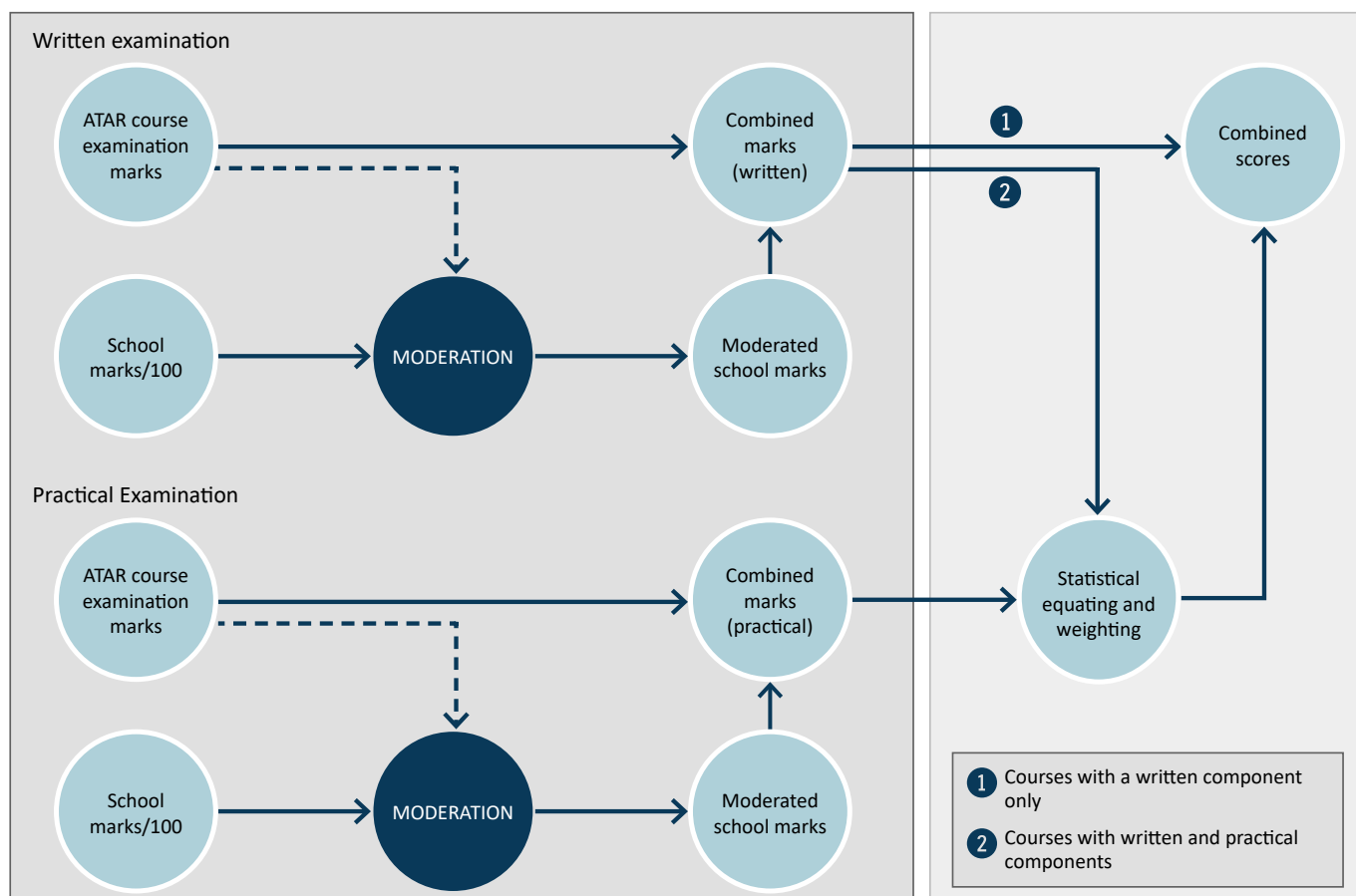
TISC calculates scaled scores in all ATAR courses for use in determining a student’s ATAR (see sub-section 3.5.1 of the *WACE Manual 2023*).

For all ATAR courses with a practical examination (oral, performance, portfolio or production), for the pair of units, schools are required to submit to the Authority:

- a course mark out of 100 (weighted for each component, see Table 4)
- a mark out of 100 for the written component
- a mark out of 100 for the practical component.

It is unlikely that school marks for the same course at different schools are comparable. However, the ATAR

Figure 1: The Authority’s post-examination process



course examination marks of students at all schools for the same course are on the same scale and are therefore comparable.

Statistical moderation of school marks in a course places the moderated school marks on the same scale as the ATAR course examination marks at the school for that course. Thus, statistically moderated school marks are comparable in all schools.

For Year 12 ATAR courses with both a written and a practical component, statistical moderation is applied separately to the written school marks and to the practical school marks. ATAR course written examination marks are used for the moderation of the written school marks and ATAR course practical examination marks are used for the moderation of the practical school marks.

A combined mark is calculated for both the written and practical components. A student's combined mark for the written component is the average of the ATAR course written examination mark and the moderated school mark for the written component.

For a course with a practical examination, a student's combined mark for the practical component is the average of the ATAR course practical examination mark and the moderated school mark for the practical component.

A statistical equating process is used to ensure the combined marks for the written and for the practical components of a course are on the same scale. The combined scores are then calculated as the sum of the weighted statistically equated written and practical combined marks. The weightings for each component are provided in Table 4.

Table 4: Combined mark weightings for Year 12 ATAR courses with a practical examination

Course	Written combined mark weighting	Practical combined mark weighting
Aviation	80%	20%
Chinese: Background Language	75%	25%
Chinese: Second Language	70%	30%
Dance	50%	50%
Design	50%	50%
Drama	50%	50%
French: Background Language	70%	30%
French: Second Language	70%	30%
German: Background Language	70%	30%
German: Second Language	70%	30%
Indonesian: Second Language	60%	40%
Italian: Background Language	70%	30%
Italian: Second Language	70%	30%
Japanese: Background Language	75%	25%
Japanese: Second Language	70%	30%
Materials Design and Technology	50%	50%
Media Production and Analysis	50%	50%
Music	50%	50%
Physical Education Studies	70%	30%
Visual Arts	50%	50%

The 'course unit mark' for Interstate Language courses is to be calculated as a combination of the course unit practical school mark and the course unit written school mark, using the weightings given in the syllabus.

For courses with written examinations only, the combined score is the same as the combined mark for the written component.

Review of school assessments

Your school must inform you in writing of your course grade and school mark for all courses studied in Year 12 by **Friday, 20 October 2023**.

If you believe that your grade and/or school mark is incorrect, you should make a request in writing to your school for a review of the result.

An assessment review can determine if:

- the assessment outline implemented conforms/ conformed with the syllabus requirements
- the assessment policy implemented conforms/ conformed with the Authority guidelines
- the school's assessment procedures conform/ conformed with its assessment policy
- there were any procedural errors in allocation of the school grade or computational errors in the determination of the school mark.

A teacher's judgement about a student's achievement (i.e. the mark) on an individual assessment task is not subject to review and as a result the school is not required to re-mark your work.

If, after an assessment review has been completed by the school, you still believe that your grade and/or school mark is incorrect, then you can lodge an appeal with the Authority on a form available from the Authority website (<https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/forms/forms>).

This form must be received by the Authority by **Friday, 27 October 2023**. A fee of \$27 is payable per course unit.

If the student appeal is upheld, the Authority's Assistant Executive Director – Examinations, Certification and Testing advises the school of the actions required in accordance with the committee's decision.

Authenticity of your work

All work you submit for school assessment must be your own work. Any material that is included in your

work that is not your own must be acknowledged appropriately.

Any activity that enables a student to gain an unfair advantage over other students in a school assessment task will be penalised in accordance with the school's assessment policy. Unacceptable activities include, but are not limited to:

- copying someone's work in part or in whole and presenting it as your own
- buying, stealing or borrowing another person's work and presenting it as your own
- paying someone to write or prepare work
- submitting work to which another person, such as a parent, tutor or subject expert has contributed substantially
- using material directly from sources, such as books, journals or the internet without appropriately acknowledging the source
- building on the ideas of another person without reference to the source
- using the words, ideas, designs or the workmanship of others in practical tasks (oral, performance, production, portfolio submission) without appropriate acknowledgement
- using non-approved materials and/or equipment during an assessment task or examination
- assisting another student to engage in an activity that will enable them to have an unfair advantage over other students.

All the work you submit as part of a Year 12 ATAR course practical examination process also must be your own. Any material included in your work that is not your own must be acknowledged appropriately. ■

Examinations

This section is relevant to students enrolled in Year 12 ATAR courses. The Year 12 Handbook Part II: Examinations provides more detail about examinations. It will be published in July 2023.

All Year 12 ATAR courses have written examinations.

Some courses have a written and a practical examination (performance, oral, portfolio or production). The Authority sets, administers and marks these examinations, with the exception of Interstate Language courses. The markers are all qualified people who are unaware of your name or which school you attend. The Year 12 courses with ATAR course examinations are listed in Appendix A.

ATAR course examinations provide students and the wider community with confidence about the standards achieved at the end of Year 12. They also make it possible to compare the achievement of students, regardless of the school attended, for the purposes of calculating your ATAR.

The Authority reports on your performance in ATAR course examinations at the end of the year.

Enrolling in examinations

When you enrol in a Year 12 ATAR course you are automatically enrolled to sit the ATAR course examination/s in that course as a school candidate.

If you are applying for university admission, you should check that your course selections meet any entry requirements.

University admission information is available on the TISC website (www.tisc.edu.au).

Non-school candidates

Typically, students enrolled at a school cannot sit an ATAR course examination as a non-school candidate.

You may enrol to sit an ATAR course examination as a non-school candidate if you are:

- 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 Chinese: First Language or French, German, Hindi, Italian or Korean: Background Language course examinations where the course is not offered by the school (excluding schools acting as a mentor school for a community language school).

To enrol as a non-school candidate in an Interstate Language course examination or Chinese: First Language or French, German, Hindi, Italian or Korean: Background Language course examinations, you must be enrolled to sit at least three other ATAR course examinations as a school candidate in that year. See Appendix A for a list of ATAR courses.

Non-school candidature

Non-school candidature in an ATAR course examination means that the candidate will not have a school assessment to contribute to his/her final scaled mark for the course. That is, the scaled mark for the course is



calculated on the examination mark only. Non-school candidates do not receive an ATAR course report.

As a non-school candidate, that examination does not contribute towards meeting the requirements for the WACE. Nor do the sickness/misadventure provisions apply to you for this examination.

Non-school candidates are responsible for downloading their *Personalised examination timetable* from the student portal (<https://studentportal.scsa.wa.edu.au>).

A student enrolled in an ATAR course examination as a non-school candidate will not be considered for a sickness/misadventure claim. That is, non-school candidates who suffer a sickness or misadventure prior to or during the ATAR course examination caused by them, a third party or the Authority are unable to receive consideration for their examination mark.

You may not enrol in an external examination for an Interstate Language at the same time as being enrolled in that course with the State that hosts the language. You may not enrol in more than one Interstate Language examination.

A fee is payable at the time of enrolling as a non-school candidate. Where there is a practical examination component, a non-school candidate located outside the Perth metropolitan area is responsible for travel costs.

Enrolments as non-school candidates close on **Thursday, 30 March 2023**. No late enrolments will be accepted.

Sitting examinations

To meet WACE requirements, Year 12 students who are enrolled in a Year 12 ATAR course are required to sit the ATAR course examination (written and, in some courses, practical) for that course. If you do not sit an ATAR course examination and do not have an approved *Sickness/Misadventure Application* for the course, the pair of units completed in that year will not contribute towards any of the WACE requirements.

Sitting ATAR course examinations outside Western Australia

If you are a Western Australian student wishing to sit ATAR course examinations outside Western Australia, you can do so, provided that you are:

- a permanent resident of Western Australia
- outside Western Australia for reasons beyond your control
- studying your courses through an approved Western Australian secondary education institution.

To offset some of the costs associated with setting up an examination centre and the secure despatch of examination papers, students sitting ATAR course examinations outside Western Australia are required to pay the fees outlined in the application form. The candidate is responsible for all expenses associated with sitting ATAR course examinations outside of Western Australia, including a supervisor, venue and immediate return of examination scripts by international courier.

This fee is non-refundable if examination arrangements are cancelled after **Friday, 21 July 2023**.

Applications are to be made as soon as possible and no later than **Friday, 30 June 2023**.

Application forms are available from the Authority website (<https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/forms/forms>).



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Key dates Examinations 2023

MARCH

- Enrolments as a non-school candidate close on **Thursday, 30 March 2023**
- Applications for special examination arrangements for candidates with a disability sitting ATAR course examinations due by **Thursday, 30 March 2023**

JUNE

- The examination timetable will be published on the Authority website on **Wednesday, 7 June 2023**
- Music ATAR course practical examination information collection forms and Physical Education Studies ATAR course practical examination sport and skill level elective forms due **Thursday, 8 June 2023**

JULY

- No changes after **Friday, 30 June 2023** for Music practical examination instruments or Physical Education Studies practical examination sport and skill level
- The last day for late applications to sit ATAR course examinations outside WA is **Friday, 30 June 2023**
- Part II of this handbook released **Monday, 17 July 2023**
- Students are able to withdraw from ATAR courses with practical examinations up until **Thursday, 20 July 2023**
- Applications for alternative format ATAR course practical examinations will be accepted until 4.00 pm **Wednesday, 26 July 2023**

AUGUST

- Deadline for changes to withdrawal of enrolment from General, Foundation, Preliminary and VET industry specific courses for Year 12 students is **Monday, 7 August 2023**
- Deadline for students to withdraw from Year 12 ATAR courses that do not have a practical examination component is **Monday, 7 August 2023**

SEPTEMBER

- On **Tuesday, 5 September 2023** you will be able to download a copy of your *Personalised examination timetables* for the practical and written examinations
- ATAR course practical examinations start on **Saturday, 23 September 2023**

OCTOBER

- ATAR course practical examinations finish on **Sunday, 22 October 2023**
- ATAR course written examinations start on **Monday, 30 October 2023**

NOVEMBER

- ATAR course written examinations finish on **Friday, 17 November 2023**
- Sickness/Misadventure applications due **Tuesday, 21 November 2023**

Examination conduct

Unacceptable behaviour

Any activity that allows one candidate to have an unfair advantage over other candidates is deemed to be unacceptable.

All work submitted for assessment (including practical examinations) must be your own work. If it incorporates material that is not your own work, this material must be acknowledged appropriately.

Plagiarism could lead to an examination mark being cancelled or being significantly reduced.

Take careful note of information about attribution and appropriation in the practical examination requirements documents available on the Authority website.

You must obey instructions regarding dress, conduct, smoking etc. that apply in the school or centre to which you have been allocated for the examination. School authorities have the right to ask you to leave the premises if you do not abide by these rules.

Information about the Breach of Examination Rules is available on the Authority website (<https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/examinations/rules-of-conduct-for-atar-course-examinations>). It will also be provided in Part II of this handbook.

Special examination arrangements

Special arrangements may be made if you have permanent or temporary disabilities that may disadvantage you in an examination situation.

Special arrangements are available for practical or written examinations. Special arrangements may include, for example, the consumption of food, the use of a scribe, extra working time, rest breaks, specified seating, coloured or enlarged papers, or alternative format practical examinations. Your school must submit an application on your behalf if you are seeking any variation to the standard examination conditions. The application must be supported by documentation as described on the application form. The application form and further information about permissible

adjustments, such as the Authority's *Guidelines for disability adjustments for timed assessments* are available from the Authority website (<https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/examinations/special-provisions>).

If you are suffering from a long-term injury or illness (i.e. injuries or illnesses existing at the start of Term 3) that will affect your participation in a standard practical performance examination of any course, you must have your school apply for special arrangements for you to be examined in an alternative format. This is most likely to affect candidates studying Physical Education Studies or Dance, but may apply to candidates in any course with a performance.

Sickness/misadventure provisions (see next sub-section) do not apply in cases where the illness or injury is long term.

Applications for special examination arrangements for candidates with a disability sitting ATAR course practical and written examinations are due by **Thursday, 30 March 2023**.

Applications received after this date will be considered only if exceptional circumstances have prevented the submission of the application by the due date. Applications for alternative format ATAR course practical examinations will be accepted until 4.00 pm **Wednesday, 26 July 2023**.

In the case of illness or disability occurring at the time of the ATAR course examinations, candidates should contact the Principal Consultant – Special Provisions at the Authority on (08) 9273 6316 to determine if arrangements can be made.

Candidates with approved special examination arrangements may be required to sit their examinations at a designated venue to allow for these special examination arrangements. Candidates with approved special examination arrangements will be able to download a copy of their arrangements from the student portal (<https://studentportal.scsa.wa.edu.au>).

Provisions for sickness or misadventure

Consideration may be given to candidates (with the exception of non-school candidates) suffering from a temporary sickness or misadventure close to or during the examinations, if they believe it may have affected their performance in the examination. Long-term illness/injury and language difficulty will not be considered under these provisions.

More details will be provided in Part II of this handbook and are available at <https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/examinations/special-provisions>. Examination marks cannot be changed for non-school candidates who suffer a sickness or misadventure before or during the examination, whether caused by the candidate, a third party or the Authority.

Students who suffer an illness or disability during the school year should discuss the matter with the appropriate person/s at their school. It is a school decision as to what arrangements will be made with respect to school assessments in this situation.

Practical examinations

Practical examinations submissions

The 2023 ATAR course practical portfolio and production submissions are due to be submitted on **Tuesday, 19 September 2023**.

Practical examination timetables

The 2023 ATAR course practical performance and oral examinations are scheduled as follows:

- Aviation, Dance, Drama, Music and Physical Education Studies – **Saturday, 23 September to Sunday, 1 October** (Saturday, Sunday and the public holiday included)
- Chinese: Second Language, French: Background Language, French: Second Language, German: Background Language, German: Second Language, Indonesian: Second Language, Italian: Background Language, Italian: Second Language and Japanese: Second Language – **Saturday, 14 October to Sunday, 22 October** (Saturday and Sunday included).

No allowance can be made in the timetable for holidays, work or personal arrangements.

If you are enrolled in a practical examination, you will be provided with a *Personalised practical examination timetable*. This timetable will contain the date, venue, time and location of the examination. Download your *Personalised practical examination timetable* on **Tuesday, 5 September** from the student portal (<https://studentportal.scsa.wa.edu.au>) or, alternatively, your school can download a copy of your timetable.

You must sign your *Personalised practical examination timetable/s* and take it to your practical examination/s.

The language practical (oral) examinations set by interstate assessment authorities are typically conducted September through to the end of October. These courses are listed in Appendix A. Dates for Interstate Language practical examinations will be available in Term 3, 2023. Students sitting Interstate Language examinations need to check their *Personalised practical examination timetable* in the student portal for dates.

Students are able to withdraw from ATAR courses with a practical examination component up until **Thursday, 20 July 2023**. This includes students enrolled as non-school candidates in an Interstate Language examination.

Examination materials and structure

For detailed information regarding each of the ATAR course practical examinations you are strongly advised to download the 2023 practical examination requirements document from the relevant course page at <https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/syllabus-and-support-materials>, when they are made available in late Term 1.

This document typically includes information such as:

- the structure and organisation of the practical examination
- forms to be completed
- clothing to be worn
- material or equipment permitted
- Breach of Examination Rules.

Physical Education Studies

For Physical Education Studies each candidate's performance will be assessed in terms of individual skills and application of skills in a game/competitive performance.

In Term 2, schools will receive a 2023 *Physical Education Studies ATAR course examination sport elective data sheet* requesting details about the sport and skill level in which you wish to be examined. You will be asked to sign the form to declare that the information is correct. The Senior Teacher of Physical Education Studies will also sign the form and return it to the Authority by **Thursday, 8 June 2023**.

There will be no changes made to either sport selection or skill level after 4.00 pm on **Friday, 30 June 2023**.

Candidates will be examined in groups. The group size will vary according to the sport. Candidates will be allocated to groups on the basis of gender and skill

level. Some groups may contain mixed gender and/or skill levels.

Music

In Term 2, schools will receive a form which is used to collect information about the type of examination in which you wish to be examined. Where relevant, you will need to provide information about music context, the instrument you wish to play and details of your accompanist.

You and your teacher will sign the form and will return it to the Authority by **Thursday, 8 June 2023**.

There will be no changes made to your selections and arrangements after 4.00 pm on **Friday, 30 June 2023**.

Written examinations

Written examination timetables

The 2023 ATAR course written examinations are scheduled to start on **Monday, 30 October 2023** and finish on **Friday, 17 November 2023**. The examination timetable will be published on the Authority website (www.scsa.wa.edu.au) on **Wednesday, 7 June 2023**.

On **Tuesday, 5 September 2023** you will be able to download from the student portal (<https://studentportal.scsa.wa.edu.au>) a copy of your *Personalised written examination timetable* showing the course, time, date and location for each written examination in which you are enrolled, including Interstate Language examinations.

You must check this timetable to see that all of the examinations you are planning to sit are listed. If you believe there is an error on your *Personalised written examination timetable*, consult with your school administration to check enrolment details.

You must sign this timetable and take it to each written examination as proof of enrolment together with a form of ID, preferably photographic, for proof for identity.

The *Personalised written examination timetable* will show your WASN, which will need to be written on each of your examination Question/Answer booklets.

Most candidates will be able to sit their examinations at their current school. However, schools with course enrolments of fewer than 20 candidates may be combined with other schools into one large centre.

Written examinations with a listening component are held at centres specially set up for this purpose. A candidate needing special examination arrangements



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may be required to sit the examination at a designated venue to allow for these arrangements.

The last date for receipt by the Authority for withdrawal of enrolment from ATAR courses without a practical component for Year 12 students is **Monday, 7 August 2023**.

Useful resources for examination preparation

You may find the following resources useful in your examination preparation. Some of these documents can be obtained from the Authority.

- The syllabuses for all Year 11 and 12 courses can be found on the relevant course page at <https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/syllabus-and-support-materials>. Copies of the syllabuses may also be available from schools.
- Student editions of the examination reports from the examining panel are published on the past examinations pages at <https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/further-resources> as the Summary examination report for candidates and provide advice and information for candidates.
- Front covers of this year's ATAR course examinations will be published **in August** on the Authority website at <https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/examinations>. These covers provide information that includes:
 - the time allowed for the paper
 - materials required/recommended for the paper – provided by the supervisor and provided by the candidate
 - an important note to candidates
 - the structure of the examination paper – the number of sections, the number of questions within the sections, if there is any choice, the suggested working time for each section, the marks available and the percentage of the examination.

As a student, a comprehensive set of study notes that you have developed and refined yourself as you complete each section of the course should be your main source of information when revising for the examinations. ■

Certification

Folio of achievement

By the end of January 2024, you will be able to download digital copies of your folio of achievement. To download digital copies of documents and certificates, you will need to log in to the student portal (<https://studentportal.scsa.wa.edu.au>). All students who have satisfactorily completed any WACE course unit, Preliminary unit, VET unit of competency or endorsed program will have a folio of achievement.

The Authority no longer provides paper copies of the documents and certificates contained in the folio of achievement.

This folio of achievement will include one or more of the following:

- WASSA
- WACE
- ATAR course report
- selected award certificates.

WASSA

The WASSA formally records, as relevant:

- achievement of WACE requirements
- achievement of literacy (reading and writing) standard
- achievement of numeracy standard
- achievement of exhibitions and awards
- school grades, school marks and combined scores in ATAR units*
- school grades and school marks in General and Foundation units*
- completed Preliminary units
- completed VET industry specific units
- successfully completed VET units of competency
- completed endorsed programs
- number of community service hours undertaken (if reported by the school).

WACE

The WACE indicates that you have met the specified requirements.

ATAR course report

A Year 12 ATAR course report, records the:

- school mark[†]
- moderated school mark[†]
- examination mark[†]
- combined score
- standardised combined score
- state-wide distribution of combined scores in that course
- number of candidates who have completed the course.

The State means for examination marks and combined scores for the ATAR course examination will also be listed.

* In Year 12, Units 3 and 4 are reported as a year-long course. In Year 11, Units 1 and 2 are typically reported as a year-long course but may be reported separately.

† A course that has a practical examination component will have the written and practical marks reported separately.



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Remember you will use separate accounts to log into the Authority's student portal and the TISC portal. If you have questions about your ATAR or scaling, you will need to contact TISC.

The ATAR course report shows how you performed relative to all other students (excluding non-school candidates) who have completed the course (represented by a location on a graph).

Year 12 results

Year 12 students and Year 11 students who sat for the ATAR course examinations will be able to access their results via the student portal (<https://studentportal.scsa.wa.edu.au>) in **December 2023** (date to be confirmed).

Information relating to exhibitions and awards will be listed on the WASSA.

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank

Your ATAR is calculated by TISC on the basis of student achievement data provided to them by the Authority.

The ATAR is not included on either the WASSA or the ATAR course report. It is not calculated by the Authority.

You will be able to obtain your ATAR from TISC (www.tisc.edu.au) in **December 2023**.

To access your ATAR, you will need your WASN and a password. Initially, the password is pre-set, with instructions on the TISC login screen. For advice regarding university admission, phone TISC on (08) 9318 8000 or email info@tisc.edu.au.

Exhibitions and awards

Exhibitions and awards are granted by the Authority to senior secondary students studying WACE courses and VET. The awards recognise individual excellence in both ATAR courses and VET.

The list of exhibitions and awards and their selection criteria can be found on the Authority website (<https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/certification/exhibitions-and-awards>). ■

Appendix A: Year 12 ATAR courses that have an external examination 2023

Subject	Code	ATAR course
Aboriginal and Intercultural Studies	AIS	ATAIS
Accounting and Finance	ACF	ATACF
Ancient History	HIA	ATHIA
Animal Production Systems	APS	ATAPS
Applied Information Technology	AIT	ATAIT
Aviation*	AVN	ATAVN*
Biology	BLY	ATBLY
Business Management and Enterprise	BME	ATBME
Career and Enterprise	CAE	ATCAE
Chemistry	CHE	ATCHE
Children, Family and the Community	CFC	ATCFC
Chinese: First Language	CFL	ATCFL
Chinese: Second Language*	CSL	ATCSL*
Computer Science	CSC	ATCSC
Dance*	DAN	ATDAN*
Design*	DES	ATDES*
Drama*	DRA	ATDRA*
Earth and Environmental Science	EES	ATEES
Economics	ECO	ATECO
Engineering Studies	EST	ATEST
English	ENG	ATENG
English as an Additional Language or Dialect	ELD	ATELD
Food Science and Technology	FST	ATFST
French: Background Language*	FBL	ATFBL*
French: Second Language*	FSL	ATFSL*
Geography	GEO	ATGEO
German: Background Language*	GBL	ATGBL*
German: Second Language*	GSL	ATGSL*

Subject	Code	ATAR course
Health Studies	HEA	ATHEA
Human Biology	HBY	ATHBY
Indonesian: Second Language*	IND	ATIND*
Integrated Science	ISC	ATISC
Italian: Background Language*	ITB	ATITB*
Italian: Second Language*	ISL	ATISL*
Japanese: Second Language*	JSL	ATJSL*
Literature	LIT	ATLIT
Marine and Maritime Studies	MMS	ATMMS
Materials Design and Technology*	MDT	ATMDTM* ATMDTT* ATMDTW*
Mathematics Applications	MAA	ATMAA
Mathematics Methods	MAM	ATMAM
Mathematics Specialist	MAS	ATMAS
Media Production and Analysis*	MPA	ATMPA*
Modern History	HIM	ATHIM
Music*	MUS	ATMUSC* ATMUSJ* ATMUSW*
Outdoor Education	OED	ATOED
Philosophy and Ethics	PAE	ATPAE
Physical Education Studies*	PES	ATPES*
Physics	PHY	ATPHY
Plant Production Systems	PPS	ATPPS
Politics and Law	PAL	ATPAL
Psychology	PSY	ATPSY
Religion and Life	REL	ATREL
Visual Arts*	VAR	ATVAR*

* Courses with a practical examination. All ATAR courses have a written examination.

Appendix B: Interstate language course examinations 2023

Interstate Language courses	State	Code
Armenian	NSW	ARM
Chinese: Background Language (Chinese in Context NSW)	NSW	CBL
Croatian	NSW	CRO
Filipino	NSW	FIL
Indonesian: First Language* (Indonesian and Literature NSW)	NSW	IFL
Japanese: Background Language (Japanese in Context NSW)	NSW	JBL
Korean: Background Language (Korean in Context NSW)	NSW	KBL
Serbian	NSW	SER
Swedish	NSW	SWE
Hungarian	SA	HUN
Modern Greek	SA	GRE
Khmer	SA	KHM
Malay: Background Speakers*	SA	MBS
Nepali†	SA	NEP
Polish	SA	POL
Spanish	SA	SPA
Arabic	VIC	ARA
Auslan	VIC	AUS
Bengali	VIC	BEN
Bosnian	VIC	BOS
Chin Hakha	VIC	CHA
Dutch	VIC	DUT
Hebrew	VIC	HEB
Hindi	VIC	HIN
Karen	VIC	KAR
Macedonian	VIC	MAC
Persian	VIC	PER
Portuguese	VIC	POR
Punjabi	VIC	PUN
Romanian	VIC	ROM
Russian	VIC	RUS
Sinhala	VIC	SIN
Tamil	VIC	TAM
Turkish	VIC	TUR
Vietnamese	VIC	VIE
Yiddish	VIC	YID

Note: all Interstate Language courses have both a practical and written examination, except those courses marked * – which have a **written examination only**.

†Nepali course for implementation in Year 12 in 2023.

Appendix C: Materials required/recommended for written examinations 2023

Further details regarding ATAR course and Interstate Language examination requirements can be found by accessing the course syllabus at <https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/syllabus-and-support-materials>.

Standard items: pens, pencils, sharpener, eraser, correction fluid/tape, ruler, highlighters. (Note: coloured pencils are allowed in all examinations).

Note: do not use erasable or gel pens.

The ink in some erasable and gel pens is heat sensitive and your writing can be affected when exposed to heat.

Written examination	Calculator	Dictionary	Drawing/ measuring aids	Other
Aboriginal and Intercultural Studies		Q		
Accounting and Finance	π			
Ancient History				
Animal Production Systems	π			
Applied Information Technology				
Arabic		Q		
Auslan		Q		
Aviation	π			Flight computer
Biology	π			
Business Management and Enterprise	π			
Career and Enterprise				
Chemistry	π			
Children, Family and the Community				
Chinese: Background Language		Q		
Chinese: First Language		Q		
Chinese: Second Language		Q		

Key





- π Up to three calculators, which do not have the capacity to create or store programs or text, are permitted in these examinations. Any brands or models of these calculators are permitted.

- ∞ Up to three calculators, which can include scientific, graphic and Computer Algebra System (CAS) calculators, are permitted in the *Section Two: calculator-assumed* section of the mathematics examinations. Any brands or models of these calculators are permitted.

- Q Dictionary: refer to Appendix D/E: Dictionaries approved for use in ATAR course examinations and Interstate Language examinations 2023.

- ✍ Drawing/measuring aids: details can be found in the examination design brief within the course syllabus.

- 📄 Notes: refer to *Year 12 Information Handbook Part II* for details regarding the use of notes in the Mathematics Applications, Mathematics Methods and Mathematics Specialist examinations.


Written examination	Calculator	Dictionary	Drawing/ measuring aids	Other
Computer Science	π			
Dance				
Design	π			
Drama				
Earth and Environmental Science	π			
Economics	π			
Engineering Studies	π			
English				
English as an Additional Language or Dialect		🔍		
Food Science and Technology	π			
French: Background Language		🔍		
French: Second Language		🔍		
Geography	π			
German: Background Language		🔍		
German: Second Language		🔍		
Health Studies				
Hebrew		🔍		
Human Biology	π			
Indonesian: First Language		🔍		
Indonesian: Second Language		🔍		
Integrated Science	π			
Italian: Background Language		🔍		
Italian: Second Language		🔍		
Japanese: Background Language		🔍		
Japanese: Second Language		🔍		


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-  Drawing/measuring aids: details can be found in the examination design brief within the course syllabus.

-  Notes: refer to *Year 12 Information Handbook Part II* for details regarding the use of notes in the Mathematics Applications, Mathematics Methods and Mathematics Specialist examinations.

Written examination	Calculator	Dictionary	Drawing/ measuring aids	Other
Literature				
Malay: Background Speakers		🔍		
Marine and Maritime Studies	π			
Materials Design and Technology	π			
Mathematics Applications	∞		✎	📄
Mathematics Methods	∞		✎	📄
Mathematics Specialist	∞		✎	📄
Media Production and Analysis				
Modern Greek		🔍		
Modern History				
Music				
Outdoor Education			✎	
Philosophy and Ethics				
Physical Education Studies	π			
Physics	π		✎	
Plant Production Systems	π			
Polish		🔍		
Politics and Law				
Psychology	π			
Religion and Life				
Russian		🔍		
Sinhala		🔍		
Turkish		🔍		
Visual Arts				

Calculators in ATAR course examinations

Calculators may be used in designated 2023 ATAR course examinations under the following conditions:

- Calculators must be silent, hand-held and contain their own power source (battery or solar operated).
- Calculators must not have the functionality to communicate wirelessly.
- Candidates will be entirely responsible for ensuring adequate power supply to their calculators and the proper working order of their calculators. If a candidate's calculator malfunctions during an examination, they will not be provided with a calculator.
- Candidates must supply and be able to change their own spare batteries – any battery failure or other fault which limits the usefulness of a calculator during an examination will not be taken into special consideration.
- No candidate may borrow a calculator from another candidate after entering the examination room.
- Calculator instruction booklets and removable covers are classified as unauthorised materials and must not be taken into an examination room.
- Calculator memories do not have to be cleared before entry to an examination.

Appendix D: Dictionaries approved for use in ATAR course examinations 2023

Course	Practical (oral) examination	Written examination
Chinese: First Language	Not applicable.	During reading and working time: Monolingual and/or bilingual printed dictionaries. Note: dictionaries must not contain any notes or other marks. No electronic dictionaries are allowed.
Chinese: Second Language	During Part A only. One combined print dictionary (Chinese/English and English/Chinese dictionary) or two separate print dictionaries (one English/Chinese dictionary and one Chinese/English dictionary). Note: dictionaries must not contain any notes or other marks. No electronic dictionaries are allowed.	During reading and working time: One combined print dictionary (Chinese/English and English/Chinese dictionary) or two separate print dictionaries (one English/Chinese dictionary and one Chinese/English dictionary). Note: dictionaries must not contain any notes or other marks. No electronic dictionaries are allowed.
French: Background Language	No dictionaries permitted.	During reading and working time: Monolingual and/or bilingual printed dictionaries. Note: dictionaries must not contain any notes or other marks. No electronic dictionaries are allowed.
French: Second Language	During Part A only. One combined print dictionary (French/English and English/French dictionary) or two separate print dictionaries (one English/French dictionary and one French/English dictionary). Note: dictionaries must not contain any notes or other marks. No electronic dictionaries are allowed.	During reading and working time: One combined print dictionary (French/English and English/French dictionary) or two separate print dictionaries (one English/French dictionary and one French/English dictionary). Note: dictionaries must not contain any notes or other marks. No electronic dictionaries are allowed.
German: Background Language	No dictionaries permitted.	During reading and working time: Monolingual and/or bilingual printed dictionaries. Note: dictionaries must not contain any notes or other marks. No electronic dictionaries are allowed.
German: Second Language	During Part A only. One combined print dictionary (German/English and English/German dictionary) or two separate print dictionaries (one English/German dictionary and one German/English dictionary). Note: dictionaries must not contain any notes or other marks. No electronic dictionaries are allowed.	During reading and working time: One combined print dictionary (German/English and English/German dictionary) or two separate print dictionaries (one English/German dictionary and one German/English dictionary). Note: dictionaries must not contain any notes or other marks. No electronic dictionaries are allowed.

Course	Practical (oral) examination	Written examination
Indonesian: Second Language	<p>During Part A only.</p> <p>One combined print dictionary (Indonesian/English and English/Indonesian dictionary) or two separate print dictionaries (one English/Indonesian dictionary and one Indonesian/English dictionary).</p> <p>Note: dictionaries must not contain any notes or other marks. No electronic dictionaries are allowed.</p>	<p>During reading and working time:</p> <p>One combined print dictionary (Indonesian/English and English/Indonesian dictionary) or two separate print dictionaries (one English/Indonesian dictionary and one Indonesian/English dictionary).</p> <p>Note: dictionaries must not contain any notes or other marks. No electronic dictionaries are allowed.</p>
Italian: Background Language	<p>No dictionaries permitted.</p>	<p>During reading and working time:</p> <p>Monolingual and/or bilingual printed dictionaries.</p> <p>Note: dictionaries must not contain any notes or other marks. No electronic dictionaries are allowed.</p>
Italian: Second Language	<p>During Part A only.</p> <p>One combined print dictionary (Italian/English and English/Italian dictionary) or two separate print dictionaries (one English/Italian dictionary and one Italian/English dictionary).</p> <p>Note: dictionaries must not contain any notes or other marks. No electronic dictionaries are allowed.</p>	<p>During reading and working time:</p> <p>One combined print dictionary (Italian/English and English/Italian dictionary) or two separate print dictionaries (one English/Italian dictionary and one Italian/English dictionary).</p> <p>Note: dictionaries must not contain any notes or other marks. No electronic dictionaries are allowed.</p>
Japanese: Second Language	<p>During Part A only.</p> <p>One combined print dictionary (Japanese/English and English/Japanese dictionary) or two separate print dictionaries (one English/Japanese dictionary and one Japanese/English dictionary).</p> <p>Note: dictionaries must not contain any notes or other marks. No electronic dictionaries are allowed.</p>	<p>During reading and working time:</p> <p>One combined print dictionary (Japanese/English and English/Japanese dictionary) or two separate print dictionaries (one English/Japanese dictionary and one Japanese/English dictionary).</p> <p>Note: dictionaries must not contain any notes or other marks. No electronic dictionaries are allowed.</p>
English as an Additional Language or Dialect	<p>During preparation time only.</p> <p>One print English language dictionary or one print English language learning dictionary.</p> <p>Note: dictionaries must not contain any notes or other marks. No bilingual or electronic dictionary or thesaurus is allowed.</p>	<p>During reading and working time:</p> <p>One print English language dictionary or one print English language learning dictionary.</p> <p>Note: dictionaries must not contain any notes or other marks. No bilingual or electronic dictionary or thesaurus is allowed.</p>

Dictionaries in ATAR course examinations

- Dictionaries are not provided by the Authority.
- Dictionaries cannot contain any handwritten or typewritten notes or other marks and may be inspected during the examination.
- Thesauruses are not permitted.
- Electronic dictionaries are not permitted.

Appendix E: Dictionaries approved for use in Interstate Language course examinations 2023

Interstate Language courses		Oral examination	Written examination	
Arabic	Korean: Background Language			
Armenian	Macedonian			
Auslan	Modern Greek			
Bosnian	Persian			
Chin Hakha	Polish			
Chinese: Background Language (Chinese in Context NSW)	Portuguese			
Croatian	Punjabi		Candidates are allowed to use monolingual and/or bilingual printed dictionaries	
Dutch	Romanian	No dictionaries permitted		
Filipino	Serbian			
Hebrew	Sinhala			
Hindi	Spanish			
Hungarian	Swedish			
Japanese: Background Language (Japanese in Context NSW)	Tamil			
Karen	Turkish			
Khmer	Vietnamese			
	Yiddish			
Indonesian: First Language (Indonesian and Literature NSW)				
Malay: Background Speakers		Not applicable		Candidates are allowed to use monolingual and/or bilingual printed dictionaries

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