



WASSA + WACE 2021

What you need to know

What is the Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement?

The Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement, also known as the WASSA, is issued to all Year 12 students at the completion of their secondary schooling.

The WASSA provides a formal record of what students leaving in Year 12 have achieved, as a result of their school education in Western Australia.

What is included on the WASSA?

The WASSA formally records what a student has completed during their senior secondary schooling:

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

What is the Western Australian Certificate of Education?

The WACE is the certificate students receive when they meet the specified requirements.

What does this mean?

The WASSA shows what students have achieved towards meeting the requirements of the WACE. For students who have finished Year 12 but not yet completed the requirements of the WACE, the WASSA shows their progress.

WACE requirements for 2021

In 2021 there is an additional pathway for Year 12 students to achieve a WACE.

Students will now have a choice of undertaking an ATAR pathway, studying four or more ATAR courses; completing a Certificate II or higher VET qualification with a combination of General and/or ATAR courses; or selecting five General courses or a combination of General and ATAR courses.

The WACE requirements page on the Authority website (<https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/the-wace/wace-requirements>) has full details of what students need to do to achieve a WACE in 2021. The page also includes information about study options, sample programs and frequently asked questions (FAQs).

Senior secondary students are responsible for ensuring they are enrolled in a WACE-eligible program of study. The WACE Checker can help students track their eligibility. (<https://wacechecker.scsa.wa.edu.au>). Students should contact their school if they have concerns about their enrolment.

Useful information

WACE Manual

<http://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/further-resources/wace-manual>

Year 12 Information Handbook

<http://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/further-resources/year-12-information>

How can students use the WASSA?

The WASSA is like the academic transcript students receive from universities and training providers. Students can use the detail in the WASSA to support their applications for employment, further education and training. Even if the WACE has not yet been achieved, the WASSA provides a statement that indicates how well students are prepared for further study, training and employment. It can be added to over a student's lifetime.

As a snapshot of a student's endeavours, the WASSA illustrates the level of study that has been attempted, performance in that study and the student's exposure to a variety of courses and extra-curricular activities. It gives a sense of the student's performance and engagement at school. This is a record that may be enriched by the comments provided on the student's school reports.

How can students use the WACE?

The WACE is recognised by universities, industry and other training providers. Achievement of the WACE shows you have successfully met a set of standards for breadth and depth, achievement and literacy and numeracy at senior school level.

How can employers, training organisations and higher education providers use the WASSA and the WACE?

The WASSA sets out the areas of study, marks and grades a student has achieved as well as the breadth of their schooling, including extra-curricular activities. These are important factors for consideration by employers when students submit job applications and for education providers when considering background requirements for course applications.

The WACE provides evidence of the successful completion of the standards set for senior secondary education.

Together, the WASSA and the WACE provide information to support decision making.

Student declaration and permission

Year 12 students, and those not in Year 12 who are sitting ATAR course examinations, need to declare that they are aware of the requirements to achieve the WACE and for sitting the ATAR course examinations. They also need to complete a permission form.

The following students are required to complete the online Student declaration and permission:

- All Year 12 students
- Year 11 students who are studying ATAR Unit 3 and Unit 4 and sitting the 2020 ATAR course examinations
- Year 10 students who have been given approval to study ATAR Unit 3 and Unit 4 and sit the 2020 ATAR course examinations.

Full details are included at <http://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/the-wace/student-declaration>. ■

