

Assessment in General subjects

Features of the new Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) system



About Assessment in General subjects

Assessment continues to play an integral role in improving learning and informing teaching in the new Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) system.

In General subjects, senior students' learning will be assessed using three assessment instruments developed by schools (internal) and one subject-specific state-wide external assessment instrument. These instruments will be mapped to unit objectives.

Schools will develop internal assessment instruments based on the syllabuses and these will then be approved by QCAA.

Teachers will mark student responses to an internal assessment using an instrument-specific marking guide (ISMG) provided by QCAA. Comparability of those student results will be achieved through a process called Confirmation. QCAA will check the accuracy and reliability of a school's marking by selecting samples of student responses and matching them to the ISMG for each of the assessments.

External assessment instruments will be developed by QCAA and all Queensland students in the relevant subject will sit it at the same time.

A temporary workforce of assessors, recruited and trained by QCAA will support the processes of Endorsement, Confirmation, External assessment development, and External assessment marking.

Benefits for schools and teachers

Schools will be confident that school-based assessment instruments:

- meet subject-specific syllabus requirements for the technique
- collect valid evidence
- follow accepted assessment conventions
- are accessible to all learners
- are comparable across schools.

Schools will be confident that the student work:

- is judged using the ISMGs
- is subject to judgments that are valid and reliable, and comparable across schools and the state.

Schools will also be confident that students' final subject results are credible.

The new Assessment quality assurance processes will further refine teachers' skills and abilities in quality assessment design and quality assessment marking.

For the most up to date information on the new QCE system, visit the QCAA website:
<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te>