

## Senior secondary

# Revision of Study Area Specifications (SAs)

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## Purpose

To advise schools that the current study area specifications will be revised in two stages. The revised documents will be renamed as subject area syllabuses and will be available for general implementation in 2015 and 2016.

## Background

Study area specifications (Authority-registered subjects) contribute toward a Queensland Certificate of Education. They are being revised as *subject area syllabuses* due to:

- removal of embedded vocational education and training from study area specifications
- the introduction of the senior secondary Australian Curriculum.

Consultations about the revisions were undertaken during 2012 and 2013.

## Information

Learning within the current suite of study area specifications will be reorganised in the new subject area syllabuses. Subject area syllabuses will have a similar structure to Authority syllabuses and will include the following sections:

- rationale
- dimensions and objectives
- course organisation — core and elective subject matter, course advice, links to resources
- assessment — assessment techniques and conditions, folio requirements, standards
- glossary.

Subject area syllabuses will be developed in two stages:

- Group A subject area syllabuses will be available for general implementation in 2015
- Group B subject area syllabuses will be available for general implementation in 2016.

### Group A: Subject area syllabuses — general implementation 2015

Science	Humanities and Social Sciences	Health and Physical Education	Design and ICT	Business and Economics
Agricultural and Horticultural Practices Marine and Aquatic Practices	Religion and Ethics Social and Community Studies	Recreation Early Childhood Hospitality	Information and Communication Technology Fashion	Business in Practice

### Group B: Subject area syllabuses — general implementation 2016

Design and ICT	Arts	Humanities and Social Sciences	Science
Building and Construction Skills Engineering Skills Furnishing Skills Industrial Graphics Skills Industrial Technology Skills	Dance in Practice Drama in Practice Media Arts in Practice Multi-disciplinary Arts in Practice Music in Practice Visual Arts in Practice	Tourism	Science in Practice

While most of the learning from the study area specifications will align to the new subject area syllabuses, the learning for the Creative Arts and Manufacturing areas will be organised differently.

### What you need to do

Please provide a copy of this memo to teachers of study area specifications in your school.

### More information

Further information will be provided as the study area specifications are revised, including:

- an invitation to teachers to provide feedback on drafts
- professional development in the year prior to general implementation
- details about the development and submission of study plans
- resources to support implementation.

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