

# Summary of QCAA Board decisions

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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Meeting: 11 October 2017

Agenda Item	Recommendation
SATE Program update	It was agreed to note the Program Report that provides an update on the projects associated with the implementation of the new Queensland Certificate of Education system and the program risks and issues.
Special Provisions	It was agreed to note the information on the process to develop special provision arrangements for the new senior assessment processes to be implemented in 2019.
External Assessment Trial Phase 3 — external review	It was agreed to note the key findings of the external review of the Phase 3 External Assessment Trial conducted by the Assessment Research Centre, University of Melbourne.
Senior syllabus redevelopment update	It was agreed to note the update on the senior syllabus revision and redevelopment process.
Prescribed texts for English subjects	It was agreed to approve the criteria for prescribed text selection, the prescribed text lists, and the framework for renewal timeframes and processes for the following General senior syllabuses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English</li><li>• English as an Additional Language</li><li>• Literature.</li></ul>
Senior syllabus approval	It was agreed to approve the following two General and one Applied senior syllabuses, three Short Courses and five alternative sequences for implementation with Year 11 students commencing in 2019: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies General syllabus</li><li>• Physical Education General syllabus</li><li>• Sport and Recreation Applied syllabus</li><li>• Literacy Short Course syllabus</li><li>• Numeracy Short Course syllabus</li><li>• Career Education Short Course syllabus</li><li>• Economics alternative sequence</li><li>• German alternative sequence</li><li>• Japanese alternative sequence</li><li>• Legal Studies alternative sequence</li><li>• Specialist Mathematics alternative sequence.</li></ul>

<p>Queensland Certificate of Education Review update</p>	<p>It was agreed to approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation 2(c): QCE credit for Units 3 and 4 require the successful completion of both units to reflect the syllabus construct which organises learning and summative assessment across Units 3 and 4. Students must satisfactorily complete a Unit 3/4 pair (no single units) to access 2 credits.</li> <li>• Recommendation 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) identify duplication of learning between syllabuses and VET qualifications, exclude duplication for QCE credits, and maintain a publicly available list of exclusions</li> <li>b) limit the practice of attaining multiple QCE credit for VET certificates from the same training package, by recognising the credit value of the highest-level certificate only.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Recommendation 4: Investigate the implementation of a funding stream through application fees to support the compliance and quality assurance processes of recognised studies.</li> <li>• Recommendation 5(b): The maximum number of credits to be used for QCE eligibility for preparatory studies be limited to 4 credits.</li> <li>• writing to the Minister for Education seeking approval of the changes to the QCE guidelines.</li> </ul>
<p>QCE and QCIA policy and procedures handbook</p>	<p>It was agreed to approve the following four sections of the draft <i>QCE and QCIA policy and procedures handbook</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 1: Senior Schooling</li> <li>• Section 6: External assessment – quality management system</li> <li>• Section 8: Results</li> <li>• Section 9: Reporting.</li> </ul>
<p>Draft QCAA Strategic Plan 2017–21</p>	<p>It was agreed to approve the QCAA Strategic Plan 2017–21.</p>
<p>Years 7–12 Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee</p>	<p>It was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to note the minutes of the Years 7–12 Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee meeting held on 6 October 2017</li> <li>• to note that the committee endorsed the following senior syllabuses for approval by the QCAA Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies General senior syllabus</li> <li>○ Physical Education General senior syllabus</li> <li>○ Sport and Recreation Applied senior syllabus</li> <li>○ Career Education Short Course syllabus</li> <li>○ Literacy Short Course syllabus</li> <li>○ Numeracy Short Course syllabus</li> <li>○ Economics alternative sequence</li> <li>○ German alternative sequence</li> <li>○ Japanese alternative sequence</li> <li>○ Legal Studies alternative sequence</li> <li>○ Specialist Mathematics alternative sequence.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• to approve the trading name for Pearson Australia Group Limited that is listed on its recognition agreements for recognised studies be changed from XCERIO Digital Skills Institute to Certiport</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>not to recognise the Ready for Work – Structured Workplace Learning program recognised as learning that can contribute credit towards a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)</li> <li>not to recognise the Instrumental Music Curriculum (IMC) 2017 as learning that can contribute credit towards a QCE.</li> </ul>
Out-of-Session item: Modifications to the draft QCE and QCIA policy and procedures handbook	It was agreed to note the modifications to Section 1: Senior Schooling in Queensland and Section 2: Curriculum of the draft <i>QCE and QCIA policy and procedures handbook</i> were approved out-of-session, subject to minor amendments.
Financial Report	It was agreed to note the financial report as at 31 August 2017, including variance explanations.
Dashboard Performance Report	It was agreed to note the Dashboard Performance Report as at 30 September 2017.
Correspondence Report	It was agreed to note the correspondence received or sent by the Chair of the QCAA since the last meeting.
QCAA Principals Conference – <i>A strong foundation for a changing world</i>	It was agreed to note the information about the conference for principals and senior leaders to support schools to transition to the new Queensland Certificate of Education system.
Queensland Core Skills Test update	It was agreed to note the information about the administration of the 2017 Queensland Core Skills Test.