

Summary of QCAA Board decisions

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

Meeting: 22 September 2021

Agenda Item	Recommendation
External assessment contingency planning	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">note the information on contingency planning ahead of the 2021 external assessmentsapprove the guiding principles to inform the management of senior secondary assessment and certification for the remainder of 2021write to the Acting Director-General, Department of Education seeking assistance in facilitating a meeting between the QCAA, the heads of the schooling sectors and the Office of the Chief Health Officer regarding health and safety requirements for senior secondary students scheduled to sit external assessments in October–November 2021.
New QCE system post-cycle process review implementation plan	It was agreed to note the information on the implementation of actions in response to the findings of the new Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) system post-cycle process review.
Senior syllabus review and revision update	It was agreed to note the update on the review and revision of senior syllabuses.
Endorsement update	It was agreed to note the update on the first endorsement event for the 2022 Year 12 cohort.
Confirmation update	It was agreed to note the preliminary update on the progress of Confirmation Event 3 in 2021.
External assessment update	It was agreed to note the update on external assessment development and implementation for 2021.
Refreshment of Prescribed Text Lists for English and English as an Additional Language, and Literature	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">approve the revised criteria for Prescribed Text List selection in English and English as an Additional Language, and Literature for students in Units 3 and 4 in 2023, 2024 and 2025note the recommended revisions to the Prescribed Text Lists for English and English as an Additional Language, and Literature for students in Units 3 and 4 in 2023, 2024 and 2025.
Low candidature subject offerings review	It was agreed to approve the retirement of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Senior External Examinations in Accounting, Biology, Legal Studies and Philosophy & Reason at the conclusion of 2021Alternative Sequences in Dance, Economics, German, Film, Television & New Media, Japanese and Psychology at the conclusion of 2022.

Recognised Study Quality Criteria	It was agreed to approve the refinements to the Recognised Study Quality Criteria that are used to determine eligibility for organisations and their courses to contribute credit towards the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).
Abilities Based Learning and Education Support (ABLES)	It was agreed to approve continued access to the Abilities Based Learning and Education Support (ABLES) assessments and resources for Queensland schools from January 2022.
F–10 Australian Curriculum review update	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the update on the F–10 Australian Curriculum review • write to the Minister for Education regarding the implementation of the F–10 Australian Curriculum.
Interim report from the research into mathematics and science enrolment data	It was agreed to note the update on the working party established to conduct research into enrolment trends in mathematics and science subjects.
Revised Collaborative Curriculum and Assessment Framework for Languages (CCAFL)	It was agreed to approve the renewed Collaborative Curriculum and Assessment Framework for Languages (CCAFL).
Audit and Risk Committee	It was agreed to note the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 18 August 2021.
K–10 Curriculum and Assessment Committee	It was agreed to note the minutes of the K–10 Curriculum and Assessment Committee meeting held on 18 August 2021.
Senior Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee	It was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to note the minutes of the Senior Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee meeting held on 19 August 2021 • to recognise the learning providers and their studies as learning that can contribute credit towards a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), as per the list at Appendix 1. • not to recognise the providers and their 905 studies as learning that can contribute credit towards a QCE beyond the recognition agreement expiry date, as per the list at Appendix 1.
Chief Executive Officer's Report	It was agreed to conduct the first confirmation event for the 2022 cohort on 29–30 April.
Out-of-session item: New QCE system post-cycle process review report	It was agreed to note that the new QCE system post-cycle process review report was approved for publication out-of-session.
Out-of-session item: Amendment to Prescribed Text List selection criteria – English and English as an Additional Language, and Literature	It was agreed to note that the amendment to the criteria for Prescribed Text List selection for English and English as an Additional Language (EAL), and Literature was approved out-of-session subject to further discussion.
Financial Report	It was agreed to note the Annual Financial Statements for the 2020–21 financial year.

Dashboard Performance Report	It was agreed to note the Dashboard Performance Report as at September 2021.
Correspondence Report	It was agreed to note the correspondence received or sent by the QCAA Chair since the last meeting.
Mid-year certification - 2021	It was agreed to note the information regarding the Queensland Certificates of Education issued in the 2021 mid-year certification process.

Item 5.3 – Senior Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee

It was agreed to recognise the following learning providers and their studies as learning that can contribute credit towards a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE):

Learning provider	Course of study
The Australian and New Zealand Cultural Arts (ANZCA)	168 courses ranging from Accordion Grade Four to Violoncello Performance Diploma.
Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Services	1 course – Good Start Program.
Royal Academy of Dance (RAD)	9 courses ranging from Level 2 Certificate in Vocational Graded Examination in Dance: Intermediate Foundation (Ballet) to the Solo Seal Award
State Council of Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) Queensland	1 course – YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament.
The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM)	254 courses met the RSQC ranging from Grade 6 Baritone to Violin Diploma. 143 currently recognised and 111 courses approved as a request for additional courses from the provider.
Australasian Dance Association (ADA)	6 courses ranging from Pre-Elementary Classical Ballet to Elementary Tap.
Australian Teachers of Dancing (ATOD)	21 courses ranging from Classical Ballet Elementary to Musical Theatre Level 6. 16 currently recognised and 5 courses approved as a request for additional courses from the provider.
TAFE Unilearn:	4 courses including: Academic Literacy Skills, Biology, Introductory Mathematics and Senior Mathematics.

It was agreed not to recognise the following providers and their 905 studies as learning that can contribute credit towards a QCE beyond the recognition agreement expiry date:

Learning provider	Course of study
Asia Language Centre	Advanced Modern Chinese course.
The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM)	143 courses ranging from Grade 4 Baritone to Grade 5 Violin.
Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC)	2 courses including Junior Non-Commissioned Officer Promotion Course and Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Promotion Course.
The Australasian Dance Association (ADA)	9 courses ranging from Silver Star Ballet to Gold Star Tap.

The Australian Guild of Music Education	239 courses ranging from Classical Bassoon Grade Four to Violin Proficiency Certificate.
Australian Institute of Classical Dance (AICD)	8 courses ranging from Borovansky Ballet Grade 4 to Teacher Associate.
Australian Speech Communication Association (A.S.C.A.)	21 courses ranging from Certificate of Communication to The Diploma of A.S.C.A.
Australian Teachers of Dancing (ATOD)	10 courses ranging from Classical Ballet Gold Medal to Tap Gold Star.
The Boys' Brigade Queensland	3 courses ranging from Team Leadership (Stage 1) to Advanced Leadership (Stage 3).
BRAKE	BRAKE Driver Awareness course.
Cecchetti Ballet Australia	7 courses ranging from Ballet Grade 5 to Dance spectrum 2.
TAFE Unilearn	4 courses including Chemistry, Introduction to Economics, Senior English and Physics.
The Japan Foundation	2 courses including JLPT N5 Preparatory Course and JLPT Test N4 Preparatory Course.
Trinity College London (TCL)	456 courses ranging from Acoustic Guitar Grade 4 to World Dramatists Advanced Performance Certificate.