

Memo

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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Senior secondary

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2025 external assessment timetable now available

Purpose

To notify schools and school communities that the 2025 external assessment timetable is now publicly available.

Background

Students' final results for General subjects are based on their achievement in three [internal assessments](#) and one [external assessment](#) that is:

- common to all schools
- administered under the same conditions, at the same time and on the same day
- developed and marked by the QCAA according to a commonly applied marking guide.

External assessments are held annually in Term 4.

Information

The 2025 external assessment timetable for General subjects and General (Extension) subjects is now available at www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/assessment/external-assessment/timetable.

The timetable will be updated in Term 3 to include language and non-language Senior External Examinations (SEEs). SEEs are 100% external examinations and are different from the mainstream General subjects.

The timetable has been designed to:

- minimise clashes for students across the external assessment period. When there is a clash within a morning or afternoon session, students will be allocated to the alternative session on the same day
- ensure most students sit no more than two external assessments on one day
- provide sufficient breaks between external assessments for popular courses and frequently combined courses
- enable all external assessments to be marked in time for students to receive their final Year 12 results.

Schools should note that this year's General English external assessment will be held on day 2. We have made this change in response to feedback from schools about the scheduling of

external assessments and historical marking data that shows there will still be sufficient time for students' results to be finalised.

Finding out more

For questions about the timetable, please email externalassessment@qcaa.qld.edu.au and include the word 'timetable' in the subject line of your email.

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