

Memo

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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Senior secondary

Number: 013/26

History subjects: Registering external assessment topic choices

Purpose

To advise schools how to register their 2026 external assessment topic choices for:

- Ancient History General Senior Syllabus 2025
- Ancient History Alternative Sequence 2025
- Modern History General Senior Syllabus 2025
- Modern History Alternative Sequence 2025.

Information

Schools delivering Ancient History, Ancient History (AS), Modern History and Modern History (AS) must choose from the QCAA-nominated options for the external assessment, as outlined in memos [016/24](#) and [044/25](#).

Schools must register their choices by **Thursday 2 April 2026**.

What you need to do

To register the choices, a school's QCAA Portal Organisation Administrator must assign the required roles (Prescribed Lists Editor or Prescribed Lists Submitter) to the appropriate people in their school. Complete the following steps:

1. The editor opens the Prescribed Lists tile in the QCAA Portal.
2. The editor selects the appropriate subject/s for their school.
3. The editor selects the appropriate years of registration for their history subject/s.
4. The editor registers their school's topics for external assessment in their history subject/s
 - *Ancient History and Modern History 2026 and 2027 external assessment topics*
www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/downloads/memos/25/044-25.pdf
5. The editor sends the completed information to the submitter in their school.
6. The submitter completes submission to the QCAA by **Thursday 2 April 2026**.

Note: The Prescribed Lists application (app) includes a help guide that explains access for schools, if required.

Finding out more

Please contact Kerryn McCluskey (Learning Area Manager, Humanities and Social Science) by emailing HASS@qcaa.qld.edu.au or phoning (07) 3864 0454.

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