

Memo

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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Senior secondary

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Resource: Key senior subject changes for external assessment in 2026

Purpose

To inform schools of the publication of a resource summarising the key changes to senior subjects as they relate to 2026 external assessments.

Background

External assessments are held annually in Term 4 for General and General (Extension) subjects. 2026 is the first year these assessments are based on the revised 2025 and 2026 syllabuses, including alternative sequence resources.

The QCAA has previously communicated the relevant information about the revised syllabuses through various channels, including revision reports, amendment reports, webinars, subject reports, and memos.

Information

The QCAA has published a new resource, *Key senior subject changes: For external assessment in 2026*, to provide a consolidated overview of changes as they relate to the 2026 external assessment.

The resource can be accessed:

- in the QCAA Portal > Syllabuses application (app) > Subject > View resources > Past external assessment
- on the QCAA website > Senior secondary > Senior subjects > Syllabuses > Subject > Associated material
- via this direct link: https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/downloads/senior-qce/common/snr_key_subj_changes_ea_26.pdf

The information contained in the resource is **not new**. The resource consolidates information that has been communicated since the revised syllabuses were first released for familiarisation.

What you need to do

Ensure all teachers of General and General (Extension) subjects:

- are aware the resource is available from the locations mentioned under 'Information' in this memo

- review the resource alongside the syllabuses, and the revision and amendment reports, to ensure all key changes related to external assessment in 2026 are understood and communicated to students.

Finding out more

Please contact the subject Principal Education Officer using the contact details at www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/about/contact/syllabus-contacts.

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