

Administering spoken assessment for Senior External Examination (SEE) language subjects in 2026

Purpose

To advise schools and learning providers:

- of a change to the platform used for administering the SEE 1 (spoken component) for QCAA-administered SEE language subjects
- how the SEE 1 for SEE language subjects will be administered in 2026.

Background

The SEE is a program of individual subject examinations offered to adult learners and eligible Year 12 students. Information about SEE eligibility is available at www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/see.

SEEs are 100% external examination subjects and are assessed differently to the mainstream General subjects. Spoken and written components of the examination are assessed separately during the external assessment period, as shown in the QCAA external assessment timetable.

Students must attend all components of the examination to receive a result in a SEE subject. If a student is absent from either the written or oral component of a language examination, no result is issued. No alternative arrangements can be made if a student does not attend a scheduled written examination.

SEE subject resources, including syllabus information, student handbooks and past papers, are available on the QCAA website: www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/see/subject-resources.

Information

Platform change for QCAA-administered SEE language subjects

The QCAA administers assessments for Chinese SEE, Indonesian SEE, Korean SEE and Vietnamese SEE. The SEE 1 examination is conducted live in the prescribed target language through an online platform with a QCAA examiner. It consists of:

- a prepared, individual, multimodal presentation (up to 10 minutes)
- an unprepared, candidate-centred conversation (up to 7 minutes).

From 2026, the SEE 1 for these subjects will be conducted and recorded using **Microsoft Teams**. **This is a change from previous years** in which the Cisco Webex platform was used.

Testing of, and familiarisation with, the Microsoft Teams platform will take place in **September 2026**. The QCAA will notify schools and learning providers about testing and familiarisation sessions in an email to EA coordinators during Term 3.

Stimulus files for QCAA-administered SEE language subjects

Schools and learning providers are required to download the subject-specific stimulus files and assessment tasks for the Chinese SEE, Indonesian SEE, Korean SEE and Vietnamese SEE. These files will be made available in the fileShare application (app) in the QCAA Portal on **Friday 28 August**. Schools and learning providers must provide them to students on **Monday 31 August**.

As shown in the QCAA external assessment timetable, SEE 1 for QCAA-administered SEE language subjects will be scheduled from **Monday 12 October** to **Thursday 22 October**. Specific times and details for students will be communicated to schools and learning providers by the end of Term 3.

SEE language subjects from other jurisdictions

Other SEE language subjects are administered by other jurisdictions. There is no change to the platform for SEE 1 assessment in these subjects:

- The spoken component of the Arabic SEE, Modern Greek SEE, Punjabi SEE, Russian SEE, Sinhala SEE and Tamil SEE is conducted via telephone.
- The Polish SEE spoken component is conducted via Zoom.
- The Latin SEE does not have a spoken component.

The schedule of dates and times for these SEE language subjects will be provided to schools when they are available.

What you need to do

Bring this memo to the attention of the external assessment coordinator at your school or learning provider.

Refer to the [QCAA external assessment timetable 2026](#). Note when the SEE 1 assessments for language subjects are scheduled, and communicate this information to students.

Access relevant subject resources, including syllabus information and student handbooks, on the QCAA website.

If you have a student enrolled in Chinese SEE, Indonesian SEE, Korean SEE and/or Vietnamese SEE:

- download Microsoft Teams (if not already installed)
- participate in testing and familiarisation of the Microsoft Teams platform in September
- prepare to download the stimulus files and assessment task from the fileShare app from **Friday 28 August**, and make them available to enrolled students on **Monday 31 August**.

Finding out more

For subject-specific information, email EnglishandLanguages@qcaa.qld.edu.au.

For logistical information, email externalassessment@qcaa.qld.edu.au and include the words 'SEE orals' in the subject line, or phone 1300 239 227.

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