

Variation to venue

Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments (AARA)

This information is for students, parents/carers, teachers and assessment supervisors. It applies to students undertaking summative assessment in General and General (Extension), including Alternative Sequences and General (Senior External Examination (SEE)) subjects.

Although students are expected to sit external assessment at their main learning provider (MLP), the QCAA recognises there may be circumstances where a variation to venue may be required. For example, when:

- the MLP
 - is not suitable as an external assessment venue e.g. construction, excessive noise
 - is a distance education provider*
 - has students located across multiple campuses
- a student
 - is geographically isolated
 - is representing Australia or Queensland in an official capacity at a sporting, academic or cultural event
 - is currently residing outside Queensland
 - has an illness or injury preventing them from attending their MLP.

*Students who are studying a subject/s through distance education, but the school of distance education is **not** their MLP, will sit their assessment at their MLP. A variation to venue is not required in this case.

For more detailed information regarding variation to venue procedures, please refer to the relevant section/s of the QCAA website. Go to Senior secondary > Assessment and results> External assessment > Variation to venue, and select the following section/s:

- [Information for main learning providers](#)
- [Information for students and parents/carers](#)
- [Information for variation to venue supervisors](#)
- [Information for hosting Queensland secondary schools](#)
- [Venue and supervisor suitability and costs.](#)

More information

- QCAA policies and processes
 - *QCE and QCIA policy and procedures handbook*, Section 6
www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/certificates-and-qualifications/qce-qcia-handbook/6-aara
 - AARA factsheets, all available at www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/assessment/aara
 - phone 1300 381 575 or email aara@qcaa.qld.edu.au.

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