

Resources and activities

Preparing schools for the new Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) system



To help schools prepare and plan for the new QCE system, QCAA has developed resources and activities for principals, teachers and curriculum leaders to learn about the new quality assurance processes and familiarise themselves with the new General syllabuses:

Online modules for teachers

These modules will be available to all teachers and provide background information on the senior assessment and tertiary entrance reforms, as well as the underpinning construct and design features of the new and redeveloped General syllabuses. Teachers registered to attend a General syllabus workshop will receive an email from QCAA with a link to the modules six weeks prior to the date of their workshop. Teachers are encouraged to prepare for their workshop by completing the online syllabus orientation. The syllabus orientation modules for teachers will be available in the School Portal and will take approximately 45 to 60 minutes to complete.

Workshops for teachers on using the General syllabuses

QCAA is providing fully-funded workshops for teachers of General syllabuses that will cover unit planning, teaching and learning, and assessment using the redeveloped syllabuses. Teachers will have the opportunity to map a sequence of learning and assessment using the syllabus and support materials, as well as discuss the significance of the syllabus construct for teaching and learning. The workshops will take place across the state from July 2017 for more than 24,000 participants. Workshops for most General subjects will be one day in duration, with new or significantly redeveloped subjects requiring two days. These subjects include: Business, Design, Digital Technology, Food and Nutrition, and Psychology.

Workshops for curriculum leaders

From October 2017, QCAA is conducting workshops for senior secondary curriculum leaders to assist them to anticipate and plan for the changes associated with a more defined syllabus, quality assurance for school-based assessment, and the introduction of external assessment.

Information resources for principals

QCAA has developed a set of presentations with accompanying resources to assist principals in leading discussions about the new QCE system within their school communities. The seven presentations cover key aspects of the new system and could be used in leadership meetings and staff development activities. The presentations are available on the School Portal, and each one takes 30 to 90 minutes to complete.

Training for QCAA assessors

QCAA will provide training for assessors undertaking a range of quality assurance processes, including Endorsement and Confirmation, as well as for those participating in external assessment development and marking activities. Assessors who successfully complete this accreditation program will be eligible for temporary employment as a QCAA assessor.

For the most up to date information on the new QCE system, visit the QCAA website:
<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te>