

# Confirmation

Quality assurance in the new  
Queensland Certificate of Education  
(QCE) system



## About Confirmation

In the new system, teachers will mark student responses to internal assessments using an instrument-specific marking guide (ISMG) provided by QCAA. Comparability of student results will be achieved through a quality assurance process called Confirmation which involves QCAA assuring the accuracy of a school's marking by matching it to the ISMG for each of the three internal assessments.

## Confirmation process

After schools complete marking and internal quality assurance, all student results will be uploaded to QCAA's online Confirmation application. Then QCAA will use an algorithm to select student samples. Schools will then be asked to submit the relevant individual student assessment responses.

QCAA will distribute the student responses to trained assessors who will review student responses to ensure appropriate alignment between schools' judgments and the ISMGs. When discrepancies are identified, QCAA will investigate and communicate outcomes to schools. Schools may be required to submit additional samples and/or adjust student results. The distribution and workflow will be managed through QCAA's online Confirmation application.

## Benefits for schools and teachers

The Confirmation process is informed by the attribute of reliability. Schools will be confident that the Confirmation process ensures:

- student work is judged using the ISMG
- judgments are valid and reliable
- students' final subject results are credible
- judgments are comparable across schools and the state.

Using the ISMG, teachers will mark student assessment and internally moderate judgments within or across syllabus cohorts, to ensure consistency of results. This will continue building teachers' skills and abilities in making judgments about student responses.

## QCAA support for schools

QCAA will support schools by providing information, guidance, training and resources including:

- in-person and online training and resources for using ISMGs to mark and moderate judgements
- establishing schedules, including turnaround times for schools to ensure all selected school-based assessment student responses and results have successfully completed the Confirmation process
- developing online applications that will allow schools to upload student results and responses
- recruiting and training a temporary workforce of assessors to support the Confirmation process.

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>