

# Endorsement

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



## About Endorsement

In the new system, the design of internal assessment instruments will be informed by the syllabuses using templates provided by QCAA. These instruments will be then submitted to QCAA for an approval process called Endorsement. This process will be completed before the assessment is used in the classroom.

## Endorsement process

Before they are used, schools will upload all planned assessment items to QCAA's online Endorsement application. QCAA will manage the distribution and workflow of assessment instruments to the assessors using the Endorsement application. Schools will be able to track the progress of an instrument through the Endorsement process online.

An Endorsement decision will identify any changes required to be made to an instrument. Schools are responsible for actioning the decision, according to defined timelines, to ensure the assessment instrument has been endorsed.

## Benefits for schools and teachers

Schools will be confident that internal assessment instruments completing the Endorsement process:

- meet subject-specific syllabus requirements for the technique
- collect valid evidence
- follow accepted assessment conventions
- are accessible to all learners
- are comparable across schools.

The Endorsement process will further refine teachers' skills and abilities in quality assessment design by considering and providing feedback on evidence of:

- use of the syllabus in developing the instrument
- understanding of the syllabus objectives to be assessed, the specifications of the assessment, and the conditions.

## QCAA support for schools

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

- in-person and online training and resources for designing and quality-assuring instruments
- establishing schedules, including turnaround times for schools to ensure all internal assessment instruments have successfully completed the Endorsement process before assessment begins
- developing an online Endorsement application for schools to upload assessment instruments
- recruiting and training a temporary workforce of assessors to support the Endorsement 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>