

The 2017 QCS Test

Are you eligible for
special provision?



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For all Queensland schools

If it will be difficult for you to sit the test on the same basis as other students, we may be able to offer you special arrangements or exempt you from having to sit the test.

Are you eligible?

You should apply for special provision if you have:

- a diagnosed medical condition or an impairment
- exceptional circumstances that prevent you from sitting the test.

What help is available?

Before the test

- **Special arrangements** are adjustments to test conditions such as restbreaks, enlarged testpapers, use of a computer, use of your medical equipment.
- **Exemption** allows you to be absent from the test but remain eligible for an Overall Position (OP) and Field Positions (FPs).

After the test

- **Exemption** allows you to remain OP/FP-eligible if you were unavoidably absent from the test.
- **Declaring your test result null and void** allows you to choose not to receive a test grade if your performance in the test was affected by an unavoidable circumstance, such as an illness. You will remain eligible for OP/FPs.

What will be the effect on your OP?

Special provision will not change the way your OP/FPs are calculated.

What should you do next?

- Read the 2017 *Special provision handbook* available on our website (see below).
- Talk to your school guidance officer or Year 12 coordinator who will tell you what documentation you need and help you to submit your application.

What are the closing dates for applications?

Before the test

- **Applications close 21 May** for long-term illnesses or impairments such as diabetes, colour blindness, arthritis.
- **Closing dates vary** for short-term illnesses, recently-diagnosed conditions or exceptional circumstances.

After the test

- **Applications close 29 September**, four weeks after the test.

For more information

Email qcs.spc@qcaa.qld.edu.au or visit our website www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/qcs-test/special-provision