

# Guide for adult students

2017 Senior External Examination

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## What is the Senior External Examination?

The Senior External Examination consists of 21 individual subject examinations held across Queensland in October and November each year. Candidates may sit one or more examinations depending on eligibility and personal circumstances. Each examination is held only once each year.

Results are based solely on examination performance. Class tests and assignments completed during the year do not contribute to results.

## Why sit an examination?

- To meet tertiary entrance or employment requirements
- To gain results that may contribute towards a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)
- For personal interest

## What subjects are available?

Accounting	Modern Greek
Ancient History	Modern History
Arabic	Philosophy & Reason
Biology	Physics
Chemistry	Polish
Chinese	Punjabi
English	Russian
Korean	Spanish
Legal Studies	Vietnamese
Mathematics A	Visual Art
Mathematics B	

## Am I eligible?

**If you will be 16 or younger at the end of 2017** and have not obtained a Senior Statement or QCE, you must complete an Eligibility form (available from teaching centres or QCAA's website) before you start your studies. If approved, you can sit up to three subjects.

**All other people** are eligible to sit as many subjects as they wish.

## Where can I study?

You can enrol at a teaching centre or study independently. The teaching centres listed below prepare candidates for the Senior External Examination, although not all subjects are taught at each centre.

- Coorparoo Centre for Continuing Secondary Education, Coorparoo QLD 4151  
Phone: (07) 3394 8888
- Heatley Adult Secondary College, Heatley QLD 4814  
Phone: (07) 4726 8309
- Hubbard's School (an independent non-state school), Milton QLD 4064  
Phone: (07) 3371 5999

If you are 18 or older and enrol in a Queensland Government teaching centre, a criminal history check will be completed. Discuss this with your teaching centre.

## How do I register?

The online registration form is available at <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/see/forms-handbook> from 1 June.

Registrations received after 30 June will not be accepted unless there are exceptional circumstances.

## What does it cost?

### Registration fee

\$61.15 per subject (1 June to 30 June)

### Late registration fee (if accepted)

\$67.10 per subject (after 30 June)

## How many subjects do I need to sit?

You can gain a Statement of Results by sitting one or more subject examinations.

## What if I have special needs?

Special provision may be approved if you have a recognised disability, injury or medical condition that would affect your performance if you were to sit an examination under standard conditions.

The application form is available from 1 June at <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/see/forms-handbook>.

The closing date is 31 August.

QCAA will only accept applications received after 31 August if exceptional circumstances exist.

You should also discuss your needs with your teaching centre to find out if they can assist you during the year.

## When and where can I sit the examinations?

The examination timetable is published in January on QCAA's website.

Examinations are usually held at selected Queensland secondary schools. QCAA may approve a special examination centre if you are unable to attend an existing Queensland centre.

Supervision, room hire and courier costs are payable if you sit interstate or overseas. Contact QCAA for an application form.

## What resource materials are available?

QCAA does not provide teaching or course materials. However, the following resources are available for each examination subject:

- senior external syllabus
- subject notices (published throughout the year)
- past examination papers and assessment reports.

You can download most of these resources from QCAA's website at no cost, or purchase hard copies.

## How do I get my examination results?

Your Statement of Results will be posted to you on 5 December. Your results will also be available in your online learning account, under QCE Planner, from this date.

There are five levels of achievement:

- Very High Achievement
- High Achievement
- Sound Achievement
- Limited Achievement
- Very Limited Achievement.

A Sound Achievement or better in a subject examination may provide four credits towards a QCE. You must have at least 20 credits in the required pattern to be awarded a QCE.

## What about tertiary entrance?

You will not receive an Overall Position (OP) or any Field Positions (FPs), but you can find out your tertiary selection rank from the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC).

Direct enquiries about tertiary selection or the ranking process to QTAC on (07) 3858 1222.

## Where can I obtain further information?

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority  
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South Brisbane QLD 4101

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W: <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/see>