

Guide for Year 12 students

2017 Senior External Examination

What is the Senior External Examination?

The Senior External Examination consists of 21 individual subject examinations provided across Queensland in October or November. 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.

Am I eligible?

If you are in Year 12 in 2017, you may sit a maximum of two examination subjects if you cannot study those subjects at your school. Reasons for eligibility may include the subject not being taught at your school or a timetable clash.

What subjects are available?

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accounting• Ancient History• Arabic• Biology• Chemistry• Chinese• English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Korean• Legal Studies• Mathematics A• Mathematics B• Modern Greek• Modern History• Philosophy & Reason	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics• Polish• Punjabi• Russian• Spanish• Vietnamese• Visual Art
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What are the study requirements?

You must obtain an appropriate level of tuition in the examination subject/s you wish to sit. Tuition may be available from your school, an ethnic school, a teaching centre or independently. Your school will monitor your progress and arrange for any tutorial assistance that is needed.

How do I register?

If you want to sit an examination, talk to your school at the start of the year. The registration process will be administered by your school in early 2017.

Registration closes on 30 April. Registrations received after this date will not be accepted unless there are exceptional and unavoidable circumstances.

What does it cost?

Registration fee: \$61.15 per subject
Late registration fee (if accepted): \$67.10 per subject (from 1 May)

Your registration fee is payable to your school. They will tell you when payment is due.

When and where can I sit the examinations?

The examination timetable is on QCAA's website. Written examinations will be held at the secondary school that you attend. QCAA may conduct the oral components of language examinations at a different venue.

If you miss a written examination for any reason, you will be unable to sit the examination later or sit an alternative examination. If you miss a language examination oral/speaking component due to exceptional and unavoidable circumstances, QCAA will reschedule it for a later date.

What if I have special needs?

Contact QCAA early in the year to see if special arrangements are available for your examinations. You should also discuss your needs with your school to find out if they can assist you during the year.

What resource materials are available?

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

- senior external syllabus (which sets out the aims, objectives, learning experiences and assessment requirements)
- subject notices (published throughout the year)
- past examination papers and assessment reports.

These resources are available at no cost on QCAA's website.

How do I get my examination results?

Your results will be included on your Senior Statement, which will be posted to you on 15 December. There are five levels of achievement:

- Very High Achievement (VHA)
- High Achievement (HA)
- Sound Achievement (SA)
- Limited Achievement (LA)
- Very Limited Achievement (VLA).

Your results may contribute four semester units for calculation of an Overall Position (OP) and any Field Positions (FPs).

An SA or better in a subject examination may provide four credits towards a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

Where can I obtain further information?

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