Senior secondary

2013 Senior External Examination

Purpose
To enable eligible Year 12 students to register for the 2013 Senior External Examination.

Background
The 2013 Senior External Examination consists of 22 individual subject examinations provided across Queensland in October and November by the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA).

Examinations must be held on the dates listed on the attached timetable. If a student is unable to sit a scheduled examination, they will not receive a Level of Achievement for the subject.

Each examination is based on an external syllabus that sets out the aims, objectives, learning experiences and assessment requirements for the subject.

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

A Sound Achievement or better in an examination may contribute four credits towards a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and four semester units for the calculation of an Overall Position (OP) or Field Positions (FPs).

Eligibility
Year 12 students are eligible to sit a maximum of two examinations if they cannot study the subject/s at school. Reasons for eligibility may include:

- the subject not being taught at their school
- a timetable clash.

Closing date and fees
Registration forms are due by 30 April 2013. Registration forms received after this date may not be accepted.

The fee is $53.30 per student per subject. If a late registration is accepted, the fee will be $58.50 per student per subject.
Subjects offered

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Language subjects

Each language subject examination (excluding English) consists of an oral and a written component. Students must sit both components.

Oral component (Speaking)

Students within 80 kilometres of the Brisbane CBD will be individually assessed at a central Brisbane venue. Students from all other areas will be individually assessed at their schools via telephone.

The date, time and location of each student’s assessment will be provided to them by late September (details will also be provided to schools).

Written component (Reading, Writing and Listening)

The written component will be administered at your school.

A CD will be provided for the Listening section. The examination supervisor does not need to speak the language being assessed.

Responsibilities of schools

The school must ensure that each student who registers for the 2013 Senior External Examination is:

- receiving an appropriate level of tuition in the examination subject
- familiar with the format of examination papers and the requirements of the external syllabus
- aware of the general examination information and subject-specific resources available on the QSA website at [www.qsa.qld.edu.au/2427.html](http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/2427.html)
- aware that a grade will only be awarded if they sit the examination
- aware that, for language examinations, a grade will only be awarded if they sit all four sections (Reading, Writing, Listening, Oral/Speaking).

Schools are required to administer examinations for their own students. The QSA will meet the cost of sending materials to and from schools. All other administration costs (e.g. any supervisor payments) are the responsibility of each school.

Examination materials and instructions will be sent to schools in early October.
Action required

If you have Year 12 students intending to sit examinations

Registration form — Year 12 students
Complete a separate registration form for each examination subject. Give each student a copy of the Guide for Year 12 students.

School contact information/Principal's declaration
Complete this form and return it with the completed registration forms.

Payment
Please collect the registration fees from your students as necessary. The QSA will invoice schools for student examination fees after registration forms have been received and processed. Do not pay the fees to the QSA until your school is invoiced.

Student Data Capture System (SDCS)
For each student who registers, your school must enter the examination subject in SDCS using the external subject code (see previous page).

Do not enter examination results or complete an R6 form. The QSA will ensure that results are added to students’ learning accounts and included in any OP and FP calculations.

Sending forms
Completed forms can be sent to the QSA at any time during Term 1. The closing date is 30 April 2013.

Please either scan and email the forms to: externalexams@qsa.qld.edu.au or post them to:
External Examinations
Assessment Operations Unit
Queensland Studies Authority
PO Box 307
SPRING HILL QLD 4004.

Confirmation of registration
A registration notice will be sent to each student via the school after registration forms are processed. A list of registered students will also be sent to each school by the end of May.

More information
For more information, please email External Examinations at externalexams@qsa.qld.edu.au, or phone (07) 3864 0211.

For SDCS enquiries, please email helpdesk@qsa.qld.edu.au, or phone (07) 3864 0278.

Peter Jordan
Acting Deputy Director
Assessment and Reporting Division

Attachments:
- Registration form
- School contact information/Principal's declaration
- 2013 Timetable
- 2013 Guide for Year 12 students
Registration form — Year 12 students
2013 Senior External Examination

Name of school

Subject

School code

Reason for eligibility

Full name of student
(e.g. John David CITIZEN)

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Student's signature accepting conditions of registration*

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* I agree to comply with the regulation, guidelines and examination rules governing the Senior External Examination. I understand that each subject examination is only held annually, and that there is no other time at which I can sit. I agree that my examination scripts will become the property of the QSA and may be used in a QSA publication without reference to me.

The information you provide on this form will be used in processing registration as part of legislative functions described in Education (Queensland Studies Authority) Regulation 2002 (s.9). Personal information will be accessed by authorised QSA staff, and handled in accordance with the Information Privacy Act 2009. Certain types of personal information will be disclosed to other authorised government agencies where
School contact information

List the details of the person who will be responsible for:

• ensuring registration forms are completed and returned by 30 April 2013
• monitoring email communication from the QSA (External Examinations)
• arranging examination supervision
• receiving and returning examination papers and materials.

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<th>School name</th>
<th>Contact name</th>
<th>Position</th>
<th>Telephone</th>
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Principal’s declaration

The students listed on the attached registration form/s are:

• in Year 12
• unable to study the examination subject at school because the subject is not taught at this school or there is a timetable clash.

I confirm that the students are receiving an appropriate level of tuition.

I understand that this school is required to act as an examination venue, and that the school will cover all supervision costs unless it is required to supervise candidates from another school.

Principal’s name

Principal’s signature / /2013
Timetable
2013 Senior External Examination

Language subjects
Each examination consists of an oral and a written component. **Candidates must sit both components.**

**Oral component (Speaking)**
Candidates within 80 kilometres of Brisbane CBD

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<th>Subject</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Details</th>
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<td>Arabic</td>
<td>Saturday 12 October</td>
<td>Each candidate will be individually assessed at a central Brisbane venue. The venue address and assessment time will be sent to each candidate in late September.</td>
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<td>Korean</td>
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<td>Modern Greek</td>
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<td>Chinese</td>
<td>Saturday 19 October</td>
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Candidates from all other areas

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<th>Subject</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Details</th>
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<td>All subjects</td>
<td>Tuesday 22 October to Friday 1 November</td>
<td>Each candidate will be individually assessed at their school via telephone. The assessment date and time will be sent to each candidate in late September.</td>
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**Written component (Reading, Writing and Listening)**

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<th>Time</th>
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<td>Arabic</td>
<td>Wednesday 16 October</td>
<td>Times will be confirmed in early 2013</td>
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<td>Korean</td>
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<td>Russian</td>
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<td>Chinese</td>
<td>Tuesday 22 October</td>
<td>9 am to 12:25 pm (Reading and Writing)</td>
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<td>1:15 pm to 2:15 pm (Listening)</td>
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<td>Vietnamese</td>
<td>Between Wednesday 30 October and Friday 22 November (dates and times will be confirmed in mid-2013)</td>
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<td>Modern Greek</td>
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<td>Spanish</td>
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Non-language subjects

Each examination consists of two papers. **Candidates must sit both Paper One and Paper Two.**

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<th>Subject</th>
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<td>English</td>
<td>Thursday 24 October</td>
<td>9 am to 12:10 pm</td>
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<td>Accounting</td>
<td>Friday 25 October</td>
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<td>Mathematics A</td>
<td>Monday 28 October</td>
<td>9 am to 12:10 pm</td>
<td>1:15 pm to 4:25 pm</td>
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<td>Legal Studies</td>
<td>Tuesday 29 October</td>
<td>9 am to 11:40 am</td>
<td>1 pm to 4:10 pm</td>
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<td>Wednesday 30 October</td>
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<td>Physics</td>
<td>Friday 1 November</td>
<td>9 am to 11:40 am</td>
<td>1 pm to 3:10 pm</td>
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<td>Chemistry</td>
<td>Monday 4 November</td>
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<td>Geography</td>
<td>Tuesday 5 November</td>
<td>9 am to 12:10 pm</td>
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<td>Modern History</td>
<td>Wednesday 6 November</td>
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<td>Thursday 7 November</td>
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<td>Ancient History</td>
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<td>Visual Art</td>
<td>9 am to 1:10 pm</td>
<td>2:15 pm to 4:25 pm</td>
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Closing dates

30 April — Registration forms (Year 12 students)
30 June — Registration forms and payments (adult students)
31 August — Applications for special provision
— Applications to sit outside Queensland

More information

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Email: externalexams@qsa.qld.edu.au
Web: www.qsa.qld.edu.au/588.html
What is the Senior External Examination?
The Senior External Examination consists of 22 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.

Eligibility
If you are in Year 12 in 2013, you may sit either one or two examination subjects if you cannot study the subject/s at your school. Reasons for eligibility may include:

• the subject not being taught at your school
• a timetable clash.

What subjects are available?

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

What are the study requirements?
You must obtain 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, if 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 handled by your school in early 2013.

Registration closes on 30 April. Registrations received after this date may not be accepted.

What does it cost?
Registration fee: $53.30 per subject
Late registration fee: $58.50 per subject (from 1 May)

I have special needs
Contact the QSA early in the year to find out 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.

When and where can I sit the examinations?
The examination timetable is published in February on the QSA website. Examinations will be held at the school that you attend.

What resource materials are available?
The QSA does not provide teaching or course materials. However, the following resources are available from the QSA 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 (for the past four years).

Most of these resources are available on the QSA website or for purchase from the QSA.

Examination results
Your results will be included on your Senior Statement. This will be sent to you on 13 December.

There are five levels of achievement:

• Very High Achievement
• High Achievement
• Sound Achievement
• Limited Achievement
• Very Limited Achievement.

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

A Sound Achievement 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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