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Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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## 2017 QCS Test markers — reapplicants and new markers

### Purpose

To invite teachers to apply to mark student responses to the Writing Task (WT) or Short Response (SR) subtests of the 2017 Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test.

### Background

The 2017 QCS Test marking operation will be held in Brisbane from Saturday 16 September to Friday 22 September.

The primary objective of the marking operation is to grade student responses validly and reliably according to a prepared marking guide (for the WT) or item-specific marking schemes (for the SR).

Markers gain valuable professional experience that assists them in preparing students for the test. They are paid as casual employees for their marking and training. Marker training contributes to continuing professional development (CPD) points for registration renewal.

Each year, the QCAA recruits markers to add to the existing pool of QCS Test markers.

To be eligible to mark the QCS Test, new applicants must attend a recruitment session and successfully complete the recruitment requirements.

The QCAA will continue its commitment to employing markers from around the state.

### Reapplicants

If you want to be a marker in 2017, apply online through Marker Applications Online (MAO): <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/MAO/login.jsp>.

## New marker applicants

New applicants must:

- be a registered (or previously registered) teacher
- demonstrate an understanding of assessment using criteria and standards
- be able to apply a prescriptive marking model
- demonstrate an ability to follow instructions
- teach or live in Queensland.

## Marker recruitment sessions

New applicants must attend a recruitment session for their preferred subtest. The running of sessions will depend on the level of interest received.

### 2017 Writing Task marker recruitment sessions

Date	Time	Location
Monday 3 April	9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Brisbane South QCAA office
Monday 10 April	4:15 pm – 8:15 pm	Toowoomba – City Golf Club
Wednesday 12 April	4:15 pm – 8:15 pm	Brisbane QCAA office
Tuesday 18 April	9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Sunshine Coast QCAA office
Wednesday 19 April	4:15 pm – 8:15 pm	Brisbane QCAA office
Friday 28 April	9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Gold Coast QCAA office
Wednesday 3 May	9:30 am – 1.30 pm	Brisbane North QCAA office
Monday 8 May	4:15 pm – 8:15 pm	Rockhampton QCAA office

### 2017 Short Response marker recruitment sessions

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday 5 April	9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Brisbane North QCAA office
Thursday 6 April	4:15 pm – 8:15 pm	Brisbane QCAA office
Tuesday 11 April	9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Toowoomba – City Golf Club
Friday 21 April	9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Brisbane South QCAA office
Monday 24 April	9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Ipswich QCAA office
Wednesday 26 April	4:15 pm – 8:15 pm	Brisbane QCAA office
Thursday 4 May	9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Brisbane South QCAA office
Tuesday 9 May	9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Rockhampton QCAA office

## Recruitment session venues

- Brisbane QCAA office: Level 7, 154 Melbourne Street, South Brisbane
- Brisbane North QCAA office: Suite G1, 449 Gympie Road, Kedron
- Gold Coast QCAA office: Suite 1, 8 Short Street, Southport
- Sunshine Coast QCAA office: Shop 3A, 710 Nicklin Way (Cnr Erang Street), Currimundi
- Brisbane South QCAA office: Suite 6.01, 433 Logan Road, Stones Corner
- Brisbane Ipswich QCAA office: Unit 2/56 Cascade St, Raceview
- Toowoomba: City Golf Club Inc., 254 South Street, Toowoomba
- Rockhampton QCAA office: Room 7 (North Street Annex), Cnr North & West Street, Rockhampton.

District office details: [www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/about/contact/district-offices](http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/about/contact/district-offices).

## What you need to do

Whether you are a reapplicant or want to be a new marker, you should apply online through MAO: <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/MAO/login.jsp>.

Further instructions are available on the landing page.

Applications are open from Monday 6 February to Tuesday 14 March 2017.

## Finding out more

Please email Wendy Turvey at [qcsmarkerinfo@qcaa.qld.edu.au](mailto:qcsmarkerinfo@qcaa.qld.edu.au), or phone (07) 3864 0367.

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