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Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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Senior secondary

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## Essential English and Essential Mathematics senior syllabuses: Draft 4 released for consultation

### Purpose

To notify schools that the fourth drafts of the Essential English and Essential Mathematics senior syllabuses are available for review and feedback from Monday 22 May 2017 to Friday 9 June 2017 through completion of an online survey.

### Background

To support the introduction of the new Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) system from 2019, QCAA senior syllabuses are being redeveloped.

When redeveloping syllabuses, writing teams draft a syllabus in consultation with Learning Area Reference Groups (LARs) comprised of practising teachers and academics, as well as stakeholder group representatives.

The redevelopment process involves publishing drafts online for feedback from the wider education community, with refinements made after each response period.

The new senior assessment and tertiary entrance processes will be introduced for students entering Year 11 in 2019.

### Draft 4 syllabuses available for feedback

At its February 2017 meeting, the QCAA Board decided that Essential English and Essential Mathematics should be developed as applied syllabuses, and that further work be conducted on maintaining aspects of the general subject construct that support improved quality assurance of subject results.

The proposed assessment requirements are:

- instrument-specific standards will be used to make judgments
- Internal assessment 2 will be developed by QCAA and administered by schools over a 2 to 3 week window in Term 2 Year 12
- one or more internal assessments will be endorsed — the possibilities range from the endorsement of one internal assessment, to all three internal assessments being endorsed in a staggered process over three years from 2019 to 2021.

## What you need to do

The QCAA invites feedback on the syllabuses via the online survey, which is available from **Monday 22 May to Friday 9 June 2017**.

Please make teachers, students and school community members aware of the survey and encourage their participation.

The survey should take approximately 30 minutes. To respond, please:

- go to the QCAA's syllabus redevelopment page: [www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te/redev-snr-syll](http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te/redev-snr-syll)
- click on the relevant syllabus name in the senior secondary subject revision status table
- review the survey questions provided
- click on the syllabus survey link to begin the survey. You will be able to view the syllabus and complete the survey in separate windows.

## Finding out more

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