

Memo

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Senior secondary

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Subject weights for Year 12 in 2019

Purpose

To inform you of the availability of subject weights for Year 12 in 2019.

Background

Determining subject weights

In determining Overall Positions (OPs), all subjects are weighted equally (that is, they are all weighted at 5). For Field Positions (FPs), subjects are not weighted equally.

Field Positions involve weighting each subject result according to the emphasis in each subject on assessment in skill areas defined by the field. The extent to which a subject contributes to each FP depends on the weighting of that subject in that particular field.

The five fields are:

Field A — extended written expression involving complex analysis and synthesis of ideas

Field B — short written communication involving reading, comprehension and expression in English or a foreign language

Field C — basic numeracy involving simple calculations, and graphical and tabular interpretation

Field D — solving complex problems involving mathematical symbols and abstractions

Field E — substantial practical performance involving physical or creative arts or expressive skills.

Information

The table showing weights for Year 12 in 2019 is attached to this memo, and is also available from the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority's website at www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/tertiary-entrance/fp

Finding out more

Please email the Analysis and Reporting Branch at analysis.reporting@qcaa.qld.edu.au, or phone 3864 0439.

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Subject weights table for use in Year 12 in 2019

For use by students completing Year 12 in 2019 in Queensland

Syllabus	Year	Field A	Field B	Field C	Field D	Field E
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies	2009	2	3	1	N/A	3
Accounting	2010	3	3	5	3	1
Aerospace Studies	2011	3	4	4	4	2
Agricultural Science	2013	3	3	4	3	3
Ancient History	2004	5	4	2	N/A	3
Arabic	2009	1	5	1	N/A	3
Biology	2004	5	4	4	3	2
Business Communication and Technologies	2012	3	4	4	3	3
Business Management	2013	4	3	4	3	2
Chemistry	2007	4	3	5	5	2
Chinese	2008	1	5	1	N/A	3
Chinese Extension	2011	2	5	1	N/A	4
Dance	2010	2	1	1	N/A	5
Drama	2013	3	2	1	N/A	5
Earth Science	2000	3	3	4	3	2
Economics	2010	5	5	4	3	1
Engineering Technology	2010	3	2	5	5	3
English	2010	5	4	1	N/A	3
English Extension	2011	5	2	1	N/A	2
English for ESL Learners (extended trial)	2007	3	4	1	N/A	3
Film, Television and New Media	2005	3	2	2	N/A	5
French	2008	1	5	1	N/A	3
French Extension	2009	2	5	1	N/A	4
Geography	2007	4	5	4	3	2
German	2008	1	5	1	N/A	3
German Extension	2009	2	5	1	N/A	4
Graphics	2013	1	3	5	3	4
Health Education	2010	5	2	3	2	2
Home Economics	2010	3	4	3	2	4
Hospitality Studies	2012	2	3	3	2	4
Indonesian	2008	1	5	1	N/A	3
Indonesian Extension	2009	2	5	1	N/A	4
Information Processing and Technology	2010	3	2	4	4	3

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Information Technology Systems	2012	3	3	3	3	3
Italian	2008	1	5	1	N/A	3
Japanese	2008	1	5	1	N/A	3
Korean	2008	1	5	1	N/A	3
Latin	2008	2	5	1	N/A	2
Legal Studies	2013	5	4	2	1	2
Marine Science	2013	3	3	4	3	3
Mathematics A	2008	1	2	5	4	N/A
Mathematics B	2008	1	2	5	5	N/A
Mathematics C	2008	1	2	5	5	N/A
Modern Greek	2008	1	5	1	N/A	3
Modern History	2004	5	4	2	N/A	3
Music	2013	3	1	2	1	5
Music Extension	2008	3	1	2	2	5
Philosophy and Reason	2014	5	3	3	3	N/A
Physical Education	2010	3	1	3	2	5
Physics	2007	4	3	5	5	2
Polish	2008	1	5	1	N/A	3
Punjabi	2012	1	5	1	N/A	3
Russian	2008	1	5	1	N/A	3
Science21	2010	4	4	5	4	2
Spanish	2008	1	5	1	N/A	3
Study of Religion	2008	5	4	2	N/A	2
Study of Society	2012	5	4	3	2	2
Technology Studies	2013	2	1	4	3	4
Vietnamese	2008	1	5	1	N/A	3
Visual Art	2007	4	2	2	N/A	5

Field Positions (FPs)

A student may receive up to 5 FPs, depending on subject choices. FPs are reported in 10 bands, from 1 (the highest) to 10 (the lowest) in the following fields:

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