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Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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Senior secondary

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Release of online courses for Accreditation

Purpose

To communicate to principals and senior secondary school leaders further details and the schedule for release of Stage 1 courses for the Accreditation online program of professional learning and training.

Background

Accreditation is an online program of professional learning and training to strengthen senior assessment practices for the new QCE system, develop teacher assessment literacy and understandings of the attributes of quality assessment, and support internal and external quality assurance processes.

The program has two stages: Stage 1 — teacher assessment literacy; Stage 2 — QCAA role-specific assessor training.

Stage 1 consists of three courses:

Course 1 — Attributes of quality assessment

Course 2 — Assessment item and instrument construction

Course 3 — Understanding and using marking guides.

Completion of each course requires participants to undertake an online assessment, which will generate a result and allow further courses to be completed.

Teachers who complete Stage 1 and Stage 2 of Accreditation will be eligible to seek employment as a QCAA Assessor for Endorsement, Confirmation and External assessment writing and marking.

Information

As announced at the QCAA Principals Conference in October, Stage 1 Course 1: Attributes of quality assessment will be available to principals and senior secondary school leaders in November. All Stage 1 courses will be available to senior secondary teachers in January 2018.

Schedule for release of Stage 1 courses

Course	Audience	Purpose	Date
Course 1: Attributes of quality assessment (course only)	Principals and senior secondary school leaders	To allow school leaders to become familiar with the content and purpose of the course	Week of 20 November 2017
Course 1: Attributes of quality assessment (course and assessment)	Senior secondary teachers	To allow teachers to complete the online courses, undertake the assessment and receive their result	Week of 15 January 2018
Course 2: Assessment item and instrument construction (course and assessment)	Senior secondary teachers	To allow teachers to complete the online courses, undertake the assessment and receive their result	Week of 15 January 2018
Course 3: Understanding and using marking guides (course and assessment)	Senior secondary teachers	To allow teachers to complete the online courses, undertake the assessment and receive their result	Week of 15 January 2018

What you need to do

Principals and senior secondary school leaders will be notified by email in November 2017 when Course 1 — Attributes of quality assessment is available. The email will include a link to the course and login details. The assessment component of the course will not be available until the courses and assessments are formally provided in January 2018.

We encourage you to consider the use of the Stage 1 courses as part of the professional learning and training program for the new QCE system.

More information

For more information about the release of Stage 1 Accreditation courses, please email Terry McPherson at terry.mcpherson@qcaa.qld.edu.au or phone 3864 0272.

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