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Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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## 2018 QCS Test markers — re-applicants 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 2018 Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test.

Applications are open from Monday 4 December 2017 to Wednesday 9 May 2018.

### Background

The 2018 QCS Test marking operation will be held in Brisbane from Saturday 22 September to Friday 28 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. Successful recruitment does not guarantee an offer to be a marker. Every attempt will be made to give as many new markers as possible the opportunity to mark.

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

### Re-applicants

If you want to be a marker in 2018, 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.

### 2018 Writing Task marker recruitment sessions

\*denotes school holidays / student-free day

Date	Time	QCAA location
Thursday 5 April*	9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Brisbane QCAA office
Monday 9 April*	9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Brisbane QCAA office
Wednesday 11 April*	9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Brisbane QCAA office
Friday 13 April*	9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Townsville QCAA office
Tuesday 17 April	4:15 pm – 8:15 pm	Brisbane QCAA office
Thursday 19 April	9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Gold Coast QCAA office
Monday 23 April	9:30 am – 1.30pm	Brisbane QCAA office
Thursday 26 April	4:15 pm – 8:15 pm	Brisbane QCAA office
Wednesday 9 May	12:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Brisbane QCAA office

### 2018 Short Response marker recruitment sessions

\*denotes school holidays / student-free day

Date	Time	QCAA location
Tuesday 3 April*	9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Brisbane QCAA office
Wednesday 4 April*	9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Brisbane QCAA office
Friday 6 April*	9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Brisbane QCAA office
Tuesday 10 April*	9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Brisbane QCAA office
Thursday 12 April*	12:15 pm – 4:15 pm	Townsville QCAA office
Monday 16 April*	9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Brisbane QCAA office

Wednesday 18 April	4:15 pm – 8:15 pm	Brisbane QCAA office
Tuesday 24 April	4:15 pm – 8:15 pm	Brisbane QCAA office
Tuesday 8 May	12:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Brisbane QCAA office

## Recruitment session venues

Brisbane QCAA office      Level 7, 154 Melbourne Street, South Brisbane  
Gold Coast QCAA office      Suite 1, 8 Short Street, Southport  
Townsville QCAA office      State Government Building, Level 1, 187–209 Stanley St, Townsville

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 re-applicant 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.

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## Find 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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