

Application to participate in the 2012 QCAT pilot field trial

Purpose

To invite schools to apply to participate in the 2012 QCAT pilot field trial.

Background

Queensland Comparable Assessment Tasks (QCATs) are developed by the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) for teachers to implement in Years 4, 6 and 9 in English, Mathematics and Science. QCATs are aligned to a selection of Australian Curriculum content descriptions and are designed to provide evidence of what students know, understand and can do.

QCATs are authentic, performance-based assessments that:

- engage students in solving meaningful problems
- emphasise critical thinking and reasoning
- provide teachers, students and parents/carers with information about student progress and a focus for future teaching and learning.

The primary objective of the pilot field trial is to gather sample student responses which will be used in the 2012 QCAT assessment packages. The field trial also gathers valuable information to further develop and refine QCATs in readiness for implementation in Term 3, 2012.

Information

Applications to participate in the 2012 QCAT pilot field trial are now open.

The trial will occur from 13 February to 2 March 2012 and will involve students in Years 5, 7 and 10 in English, Mathematics and Science.

To apply, schools must complete the attached form and return it to the QSA by 9 December 2011. Schools will be advised of the outcome of their nomination by the week beginning 16 January 2012.

Teachers who take part in the pilot field trial will gain valuable insight into the QCAT development process. Schools that undertake the trial will be eligible to receive one day TRS payment to ensure teachers can adequately prepare for the trial.

Trial schools are expected to:

- administer the 2012 QCAT
- provide feedback
- collect student responses and student release forms
- return student responses to QSA by 2 March 2012.

What you need to do

Please ensure that teachers who will teach Years 5, 7 and 10 classes in 2012 are aware of the opportunity to trial QCATs.

More information

For more information, please email Chris Cumming at qcats.administrator@qsa.qld.edu.au or phone 3120 6187.

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Assessment Resources Branch

2012 Queensland Comparable Assessment Tasks (QCATs) pilot field trial nomination form

This form is to be used by schools wishing to apply to participate in the 2012 QCAT pilot field trial.

The pilot field trial gathers valuable information that is used to further develop and refine QCATs in readiness for administration in 2012. The trial is carried out from 13 February to 2 March 2012. Grading of student responses is **not** required in this trial.

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- administer the trial 2012 QCAT
- provide feedback
- collect student responses and student release forms
- return student responses back to QSA by 2 March 2012.

School details

School name	<input type="text"/>																						
Postal address	<input type="text"/>																		<input type="text"/>		Postcode	<input type="text"/>	
Phone	<input type="text"/>					<input type="text"/>					Email	<input type="text"/>											

School contact person

Surname	<input type="text"/>															Title	<input type="text"/>		
Given name(s)	<input type="text"/>																		

Nominate which QCAT you would like to trial, and the number of classes (maximum of 3 classes per school)

Year 5 (Year 4 QCAT)

Please ✓	No. classes
<input type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<input type="text"/>

Year 7 (Year 6 QCAT)

Please ✓	No. classes
<input type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<input type="text"/>

Year 10 (Year 9 QCAT)

Please ✓	No. classes
<input type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<input type="text"/>

Principal's declaration

I declare that I have read memo 076/11 and understand the school's commitment to the trial.

Principal's signature	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
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Please return the completed form by 9 December to: Attention: Chris Cumming
Queensland Studies Authority
PO Box 307
SPRING HILL QLD 4004
or fax: 07 3221 2553 or email: qcats.administrator@qsa.qld.edu.au

For further information: Phone: Chris Cumming: 07 3120 6187 or Brett Molloy: 07 3120 6113
email: qcats.administrator@qsa.qld.edu.au

The information you provide on this form will be used for administering and managing the QCATs trial as part of legislative functions described in *Education (Queensland Studies Authority) Act 2002* (s.8). Personal information will be accessed by authorised QSA staff, and handled in accordance with the *Information Privacy Act 2009*.
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