

The Australian Curriculum and assessment, moderation and certification in Years 11 and 12

Will Queensland still have school-based assessment?

In Queensland, teachers will continue to:

- use standards-based school-based assessment
- plan balanced assessment programs
- develop quality assessment instruments that align with teaching and learning
- use moderation opportunities to support their judgments about students' achievements.

State and territory jurisdictions are responsible for quality assurance processes leading to senior certification. Externally moderated school-based assessment in the senior schooling years will continue under the new Australian Curriculum in Queensland.

The Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) will be responsible for the delivery of nationally agreed curriculum content and achievement standards in Queensland. The QSA will determine:

- assessment requirements
- certification requirements
- quality assurance requirements.

Will assessment of senior students moving interstate be affected?

Students moving to Queensland from interstate will still be able to apply for credit for interstate studies towards a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

Students transferring from Queensland to other states and territories will be subject to the assessment requirements and quality assurance processes leading to certification in their new schools.

Will there be an Australian Certificate of Education?

Any discussion around an Australian Certificate of Education appears to be out of scope at this stage as the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority's (ACARA) legislation does not currently include certification.

How will the QCE be affected?

Certification will remain a legislated responsibility of the QSA.

The QCE will continue to be awarded in Queensland to those students who satisfy the quality assurance and certification requirements undertaken by schools in partnership with the QSA.

How will the QSA Senior External Examination work?

The Senior External Examination will continue to be developed by QSA and offered to a small number of people for whom access to senior secondary education is restricted or different.

More information

For more information, please:

- email australiancurriculum@qsa.qld.edu.au
- access the QSA online forum: forums.qsa.qld.edu.au
- visit the QSA website <www.qsa.qld.edu.au> and search for “Australian Curriculum”.