

Students need reading, writing and numeracy for everyday life after school



This is why students need to meet a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive the HSC from 2020.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR STUDENTS

- ✔ Students need to achieve Level 3 or 4 in short **online tests of skills for everyday life**.
- ✔ Schools will help students to decide **when they are ready** to take each test.
- ✔ Students get **up to four times per year** to sit each minimum standard reading, writing or numeracy test.

Students do not need to sit the reading, writing or numeracy test(s) if they achieved Band 8 or above in the respective 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN test(s).

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, Year 12 students yet to meet the standard can attempt **each test 6 times** in 2020.

Students do not need to meet the HSC minimum standard to:

- study HSC courses
- sit HSC exams
- receive HSC assessment and exam results
- receive an ATAR
- receive a Record of School Achievement.

Only students who meet the HSC minimum standard will receive an HSC credential.

TIMETABLE

2020 HSC

To show they meet the standard, students need to:

- Achieve Level 3 or 4 in the online reading test or have achieved Band 8 or above in reading in Year 9 NAPLAN in 2017 and
- Achieve Level 3 or 4 in the online writing test or have achieved Band 8 or above in writing in Year 9 NAPLAN in 2017 and
- Achieve Level 3 or 4 in the online numeracy test or have achieved Band 8 or above in numeracy in Year 9 NAPLAN in 2017.

30 November 2020 is the deadline to sit each test and receive the HSC credential by results day.

2021 HSC and after

To show they meet the standard, students need to:

- Achieve Level 3 or 4 in the online reading test and
- Achieve Level 3 or 4 in the online writing test and
- Achieve Level 3 or 4 in the online numeracy test.

SKILLS FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

Together with the NSW Literacy and Numeracy Strategy, the HSC minimum standard is part of an effort to **improve the literacy and numeracy outcomes for students**.

The HSC minimum standard is set at Level 3 of the Australian Core Skills Framework.

This means that students who demonstrate the standard have the reading, writing and numeracy skills needed for **everyday tasks, work and further study**.

PROVISIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

Provisions for the minimum standard tests are available for some students with disability. Some students with disability studying Life Skills courses may be exempt from meeting the minimum standard to receive their HSC credential.

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