

## **WACE English language competence clarification**

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To achieve WACE English language competence (ELC), students are required to meet the completion requirements and the minimum standard, as outlined below.

### *Completion requirements*

For the achievement of the WACE in 2008, students must complete at least two units from the English or EAL/D course or E005 English Literature in their final year of senior secondary schooling (Year 12).

For the achievement of the WACE in 2009 and beyond, students must successfully complete four units of an English course in their final two years of senior secondary schooling.

### *Standard*

The standard for English language competence is defined by work samples. Schools will evaluate student work using the criteria and exemplars provided in the 2008 Guide to WACE English Language Competence. This publication was sent to schools in 2007 and can also be found at [http://www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/Documents/WACE\\_ELC.pdf](http://www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/Documents/WACE_ELC.pdf).

This standard is related to the standard required to achieve a C grade or better in stage 1 English. Students who have achieved a C grade or better in a unit of either English or EAL/D, or a grade of C in English Literature (E005) in Year 12 would have achieved this standard. For students at risk of not achieving this standard, schools will need to review a range of their work. The work selected may be drawn from English or a range of subjects. The work selected and the process used is a school decision.

### *Data collection from schools*

Schools will indicate on their student database (SIS, MAZE or equivalent) if a student has achieved the ELC standard. This file will be uploaded to the Curriculum Council's database (SIRS) on or before 5 November 2008.

### ***Students who do not meet the standard***

Students who do not meet this standard will have the opportunity to sit the Curriculum Council English language competence test (safety net test) on 31 October 2008. Students who pass this test will be judged to have met the minimum standard for ELC and will be eligible to achieve the WACE, provided all other necessary criteria have been met.