

Community service WACE requirement

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As indicated in Circular 1, February 2009 (p28), the Curriculum Council has agreed that for 2009 and 2010, schools may seek an exemption from the community service WACE requirement if special circumstances have resulted in a student, or small group of students, not completing this requirement during these transition years.

For 2009 and 2010, the following exemptions apply:

- students who enrol in Year 11 or 12 at a school without having had any access to community service from a previous local or interstate school:
 - Year 11 between January and June (i.e. attending for more than three semesters), only need to complete 10 hours
 - Mid-Year 11 and Year 12 (i.e. attending for only two semesters), no community service is required
- Year 11 or 12 students who are returning to school after an absence of more than one year
- students from communities where suitable placements are difficult to establish
- full fee-paying students, overseas students at local schools or students at overseas schools
- Year 12 students from 2008 or earlier who re-enter school to repeat Year 12
- senior school students who may, in the opinion of the school, expose the student or school to unwarranted risk
- where parents object to the requirement on ideological grounds and do not support the program.

Schools that consider they have students who should be exempt but are not covered by the above should contact the Curriculum Council.

Schools should use the attached form when seeking an exemption. Applications for Year 12 students must be received at the Curriculum Council by 7 August 2009.

