

## Assessment advice website

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In 2008, the Curriculum Council developed a set of 10 assessment support documents designed to clarify the assessment requirements of the new courses. These documents are being used in Council professional development and have been well received by teachers.

Teachers and students are encouraged to use these assessment support documents, available at [www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/pages/Assessment/index.html](http://www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/pages/Assessment/index.html).

The documents cover the following:

- Assessment overview
- School-based assessment
- External assessment
- VET assessment
- Marking
- Grading
- School-based and external assessment
- Moderation
- Small group moderation, and
- WACE certificates.

Below are snapshots of the information available online.

**Curriculum Council**

**Senior Secondary Assessment of Student Achievement**

**Assessment**

**What do we mean by assessment?**

Assessment is the process used to identify, gather and interpret information about a student's performance. Assessment includes informal and formal teacher judgements and external examinations.

**Why assess?**

Assessment serves a range of purposes:

- » Diagnostic: to identify what a student achieves, understands or demonstrates
- » Instructional: to inform what needs to be taught next or re-taught
- » Reporting: to gather data for the purpose of reporting on a student's achievement to the student and parents. It may also have a bearing on a student's employment, further education or training.

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