

Examination enrolments and exemptions

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Year 12 students who are enrolled in at least one Stage 2 or Stage 3 unit pair (e.g. 2A/2B, 2C/2D or 3A/3B) in a course are required to sit the WACE examination for that stage in that course, unless they qualify for an exemption. There are two types of exemptions:

1. For Year 12 students who are working towards the completion of an Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) VET Certificate I or higher in their final WACE year.

Year 12 students can apply for an exemption from sitting an examination if they are working towards the completion of an AQF VET Certificate I or higher. The student must be studying a combination of units of competency that will enable them to complete their certificate by the end of the year. Only those students who are working towards the completion of an AQF VET Certificate I or higher **and** are enrolled in three or fewer Stage 2 and/or Stage 3 unit pairs can apply for an exemption.

There may be some school-based traineeships or school-based apprenticeships where the full certificate will not be completed in that year. These instances should be outlined on the exemption application.

The completion of an AQF VET Certificate I or higher in Year 10 or 11 does not qualify a Year 12 student for an exemption.

2. For Year 12 students studying more than five courses.

Year 12 students who are enrolled in more than five courses and who do not wish to sit the examination in their sixth and, where applicable, seventh course can apply for an exemption. It is expected that students will sit a minimum of five examinations.

This exemption does not allow students to randomly select, at the time of sitting the examination, which one/s they will not attend.

Applying for an exemption

Exemption from sitting an examination application forms for each of the above situations will be available from the Council website.

The application requires the school, the parent/guardian and the student to sign the form. If a student is seeking exemption from sitting all examinations, he or she needs to provide a list of units of competence that he/she is studying towards the completion of an AQF VET Certificate I or higher.

Application forms must be received by 7 August 2009.

Enrolling to sit the examinations

At the time of enrolling in a pair of Stage 2 or 3 course units, Year 12 students will automatically be enrolled to sit the WACE examination in that stage of the course.

Examinations will not be held for Stage 1 units. Students enrolled in Stage 1 units can enrol to sit Stage 2 or 3 examinations as private candidates or as a school candidate if the school can give them a mark on the same scale as students studying a pair of Stage 2 or Stage 3 units.

Transition arrangements for 2009

In 2009 there will be a mixture of TEE and WACE examinations.

Sitting an examination in a tertiary entrance subject (E-code) continues to be optional. Only those Year 12 students who are working towards completion of an AQF VET Certificate I or higher **and** are enrolled in three or fewer Stage 2 and/or Stage 3 unit pairs (for example 3A and 3B) can apply for an exemption from sitting all examinations.

The examples in the table below will help clarify various scenarios. In these examples, assume that the student is working towards the completion of an AQF VET Certificate 1 or higher.

Exemption scenarios

Exempt	Not exempt
<p><i>Case 1: Exempt (three courses)</i> English (Stage 2) Applied Information Technology (Stage 2) Modelling with Mathematics Physical Education Studies (Stage 2) Senior Science <i>Exempt – there are only three subjects and/or courses where there is an external examination. Modelling with Mathematics and Senior Science are WSA subjects.</i></p>	<p><i>Case 5: Not exempt (four courses)</i> English (Stage 2) Applied Information Technology (Stage 2) Discrete Mathematics Physical Education Studies (Stage 2) Outdoor Education (Stage 2) <i>Not exempt – there are four courses which have an external examination. Discrete Mathematics is a TEE subject and sitting the examination is optional.</i></p>
<p><i>Case 2: Exempt (three courses)</i> English (Stage 2) Applied Information Technology (Stage 2) Discrete Mathematics Physical Education Studies (Stage 2) Senior Science <i>Exempt – three of the courses have an external examination. Senior Science is a WSA subject and Discrete Mathematics is a TEE subject and sitting the examination is optional.</i></p>	<p><i>Case 6: Not exempt (four courses)</i> English (Stage 2) Applied Information Technology (Stage 2) Modelling with Mathematics Physical Education Studies (Stage 2) Outdoor Education (Stage 2) <i>Not exempt – there are four courses which have an external examination. Modelling with Mathematics is a WSA subject.</i></p>
<p><i>Case 3: Exempt (two courses)</i> English (Stage 2) Computer Science (Stage 2) Accounting Modelling with Mathematics Structured Workplace Learning <i>Exempt – only two courses have an external examination. Modelling with Mathematics and Structured Workplace Learning are WSA subjects. Accounting is a TEE subject and sitting the examination is optional.</i></p>	
<p><i>Case 4: Exempt (two courses)</i> English (Stage 2) History Geography Discrete Mathematics Applied Information Technology (Stage 2) <i>Exempt – there are only two courses, the remainder comprise TEE subjects for which sitting the examination is optional.</i></p>	