



2012 WACE activities schedule

Semester 1

Term 1 Monday, 30 January – Thursday, 5 April

Break Friday, 6 April – Sunday, 22 April

Term 2 Monday, 23 April – Friday, 6 July

Break Saturday, 7 July – Sunday, 22 July

Semester 2

Term 3 Monday, 23 July – Friday, 28 September

Break Saturday, 29 September – Sunday, 14 October

Term 4 Monday, 15 October – Wednesday, 19 December

While these are the approved dates for public school teachers for the 2012 school year, independent private schools, independent public schools and Catholic schools should be contacted directly for advice on school development days and term dates.

The dates in this schedule are colour-coded. **Orange** dates are for items to be received by the Curriculum Council. **Blue** dates are for items to be available to or received by schools/providers. **Green** dates are significant to both schools and the Curriculum Council.

Note: Dates are repeated where items are to be received by the Council and schools/providers on the same day.

Term 1

13 January

Available to schools in SIRS

Schools can download 2011 Year 12 statistical reports for course units, VET and endorsed programs. Explanatory notes relating to these reports will be available on the Council website at http://www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/internet/Publications/Reports/Statistical_Reports/School_Comparison_Statistics

24 January

Received by schools/providers

- Information package for checking 2011 achievements for Year 10 and Year 11 students in course units, VET and endorsed programs
- Student permission forms (relating to the release of personal information and use of examination responses) for Year 12 students
- Information package about:
 - 2012 course offerings (including the WACE courses declaration form and the VET industry specific courses declaration form)
 - School/provider contact information update form
 - Small group moderation (including the small group moderation partnership registration) form for Stage 2 and Stage 3 course units studied in Year 12

8 February

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Completed school/provider contact information update form
- Completed WACE courses declaration form

Last date for upload into SIRS

- 2012 course offerings and estimated enrolments in course units (including VET industry specific course units) for Year 10–12 students

8 February

Ceremony for 2011 Curriculum Council exhibitions and awards

10 February

Received by schools/providers

- Registration and demographic requirement information for Year 8–12 students
- Application forms for special examination arrangements for candidates with a disability

17 February

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Completed small group moderation partnership registration form
- Other than Year 12 student achievement declaration form for 2011 data
- Other than Year 12 VET and/or endorsed programs achievement declaration form for 2011 data

Last date for upload into SIRS

- Changes to student achievement data (other than Year 12) for 2011. After this date, this SIRS upload facility will be locked and it will not be possible to upload further changes.

24 February

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Application for endorsement of new programs to contribute towards the WACE in 2012

29 February

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Application forms from Year 12 students (who did not apply in 2011) to be eligible to study English as an Additional Language or Dialect in 2012

2 March

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Completed application form for an alternative instrument for the WACE Music practical examination

2 March

Available to schools in SIRS

- 2012 course offerings for verification

9 March

Schools determine the last date for course unit changes based on guidelines provided in the WACE Manual. However, students who have not commenced, by this date, a course unit which is being delivered in Semester 1 are unlikely to be able to complete the requirements of the structured educational and assessment program.

21 March

Received by schools/providers

- Small group moderation partnership confirmation
- Practical WACE examination information for the following courses:
 - Aboriginal and Intercultural Studies, Aboriginal Languages of Western Australia, Aviation, Chinese: Second Language, Dance, Design, Drama, English as an Additional Language or Dialect, French, German, Indonesian: Second Language, Italian, Japanese: Second Language, Materials Design and Technology, Media Production and Analysis, Music, Physical Education Studies and Visual Arts

23 March

Last date for upload into SIRS

- Initial 2012 registration and demographic information for Year 8–12 students

30 March

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Application forms seeking permission for Year 8 and Year 9 students with exceptional circumstances, or who are part of a specialist program, to have course units and/or VET units of competency contribute to their WACE
- Completed Year 12 student permission forms (relating to the release of personal information and use of examination responses)

Term 2

30 April

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Changes to students' 2011 statements of results

9 May

Schools determine the last date for course unit changes based on guidelines provided in the WACE Manual. However, students who have not commenced, by this date, a pair of course units being delivered over the full year are unlikely to be able to complete the requirements of the structured educational and assessment program.

9 May

Received by schools/providers

- Enrolment information for course units for Year 10–12 students
- Information for Curriculum Council VET awards and Workplace Learning course awards
- Year 12 Information Handbook 2012
- WACE examination accommodation requirements

25 May

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Application forms for special examination arrangements for candidates with a disability
- Overseas full fee-paying student declaration forms (for schools in Western Australia only)

Due date for upload into SIRS

- Enrolments in course units (Semester 1, Semester 2 or full-year) for Year 10–12 students

28 May

Available to schools in SIRS

- Verification of student details and enrolments. Note: examination exemption information will be available from 27 July.

1 June

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Proposed WACE examination accommodation details

8 June

Received by schools/providers

- Enrolment information for VET qualifications and VET units of competency for Year 12 students
- WACE Music practical examination information collection forms
- WACE Physical Education Studies examination elective forms

22 June

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Completed WACE Music practical information collection forms
- Completed WACE Physical Education Studies examination elective forms

Due date for upload into SIRS

- Enrolments in VET qualifications and VET units of competency for Year 12 students (VET units of competency **must be** uploaded into SIRS for Year 12 students seeking exemption from sitting WACE examinations)

4 July

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Enrolment as a private candidate in WACE examinations without a late fee
- Request to change academic year form
- Expressions of interest for marking the 2012 WACE examination written papers
- Expressions of interest for marking the 2012 WACE examination practical components

Last date for upload into SIRS

- **New** online application process for Year 12 students seeking an exemption from sitting the WACE examinations (VET enrolments must be uploaded before exemptions can be considered). After this date, this SIRS facility will be locked and no further applications will be accepted.

Term 3

23 July

Received by schools/providers

- Practical examination information relating to Visual Arts production submission arts categories data
- Background candidate information forms for Languages courses
- Student application forms for second language eligibility for study of Chinese: Second Language, Indonesian: Second Language or Japanese: Second Language in 2013

27 July

Received by schools/providers

- 2012 WACE examinations timetable
- Verification by schools of their contact details
- Enrolment information for VET qualifications and VET units of competency for Year 10 and Year 11 students
- Enrolment information for endorsed programs for Year 10– 12 students

27 July

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Completed application forms for special practical WACE examinations in Physical Education Studies and Dance
- Completed application for endorsement of new programs to contribute towards the WACE in 2013

27 July

Available to schools in SIRS

- Verification of student details and enrolments (incorporating the outcome of VET exemption requests)

3 August

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Changes to student enrolments to sit the 2012 WACE examinations in courses with practical examinations (Aboriginal and Intercultural Studies, Aboriginal Languages of WA, Aviation, Chinese: Second Language, Dance, Design, Drama, English as an Additional Language or Dialect, French, German, Indonesian: Second Language, Italian, Japanese: Second Language, Materials Design and Technology, Media Production and Analysis, Music, Physical Education Studies and Visual Art). After this date, no further changes will be accepted.
- Visual Arts production submission art categories data
- Completed background candidate declaration forms for Languages courses (including private candidates)
- Completed endorsed programs enrolment declaration forms
- Enrolments as private candidates where late fees apply. No further applications will be accepted after this date.
- Completed application forms for exemption from sitting the WACE examinations (for Year 12 students enrolled in six or more examinable courses). No further applications will be accepted after this date.
- Requests for students (other than Year 12) for enrolment to sit WACE examinations. No further applications will be accepted after this date.

Last date for upload into SIRS

- Changes in SIRS for Year 12 course enrolment data for courses which have a WACE practical examination. After this date, changes to Year 12 students' enrolments in course units (for courses without a WACE practical examination) must be requested in writing, outlining the exceptional circumstances.

Due date for upload into SIRS

- Enrolments in VET qualifications and VET units of competency for Year 10–11 students
- Enrolments in endorsed programs for Year 10–12 students

10 August

Schools determine the last date for course unit changes based on guidelines provided in the WACE Manual. However, students who have not commenced, by this date, a course unit being delivered in Semester 2 are unlikely to be able to complete the requirements of the structured educational and assessment program.

10 August

Received by schools/providers

- Information on submission of proposed grade distributions for course units (does not apply to VET industry specific courses) studied in Year 12

20 August

Received by schools/providers

- Confirmation of 2012 WACE examination accommodation arrangements

31 August

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Completed student application forms for eligibility to study Chinese: Second Language, Indonesian: Second Language or Japanese: Second Language in 2013

5 September

Last date for upload into SIRS

- Proposed grade distributions for course units (does not apply to VET industry specific courses) studied in Year 12

10 September

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Completed student nomination forms from schools for 2012 Curriculum Council VET awards and Workplace Learning course awards

10 September

Received by schools/providers

- Practical submission information for Design, Materials Design and Technology, Media Production and Analysis and Visual Arts

14 September

Received by schools/providers

- Candidates' personalised timetables for the 2012 WACE written examinations
- Sickness/misadventure application forms
- Information about the small group moderation partnership declaration
- Candidates' personalised timetables for WACE practical examinations for Aviation, Dance, Drama, English as an Additional Language or Dialect (overseas schools), Music and Physical Education Studies

18 September

Received by schools/providers

- Candidates' personalised timetables for WACE practical examinations for Aboriginal and Intercultural Studies, Aboriginal Languages of WA and Languages [including English as an Additional Language or Dialect (overseas schools)]

26 September

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Design portfolio submissions
- Materials Design and Technology folio submissions
- Media Production and Analysis practical submissions
- Music portfolios
- Visual Arts production submissions

28 September

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Requests for changes to Year 12 student enrolments in course units that do not have practical examinations (a fee per course unit applies). Note: changes to enrolments in course units for Year 12 year students that have a practical examination closed on 3 August.

Last date for upload into SIRS

- Changes to enrolments in course units for Year 10–11 students

29 September

- **Start of the WACE practical examinations**

29 September to 7 October (Saturday, Sunday and the public holiday included)

- WACE practical examinations for Aviation, Dance, Drama, Music and Physical Education Studies

29 September to 9 October (Saturday, Sunday and the public holiday included)

- WACE practical examinations for English as an Additional Language or Dialect (overseas schools)

Term 4

15 October

Received by schools/providers

- Information about collecting achievement data for Year 12 students (and non-Year 12 students sitting one or more WACE examinations) for course units, VET qualifications, VET units of competency and endorsed programs

Available to schools in SIRS

- Curriculum Council feedback on proposed grade distributions for course units (does not apply to VET industry specific courses) studied in Year 12

17 October

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Completed small group moderation partnership declaration forms

20 October

- WACE practical examinations for Chinese: Second Language and Indonesian: Second Language

20 October and 21 October

- WACE practical examination for Japanese: Second Language

20 October to 28 October (Saturday and Sunday included)

- WACE practical examinations for English as an Additional Language or Dialect (Western Australian schools), French, German and Italian

22 October

Start of student interviews for Curriculum Council VET awards and Workplace Learning course awards

23 October

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Completed application forms from students currently in Year 11 to be eligible to study English as an Additional Language or Dialect in Year 12 in 2013

26 October

- Last date for schools/providers to inform students in writing of their grades (and school marks for Stage 2 and Stage 3 units) for all course units studied in Year 12

28 October

- **Finish of WACE practical examinations**

1 November

Year 12 students usually need to remain enrolled until this date to complete the requirements of the structured educational program which is required for a grade to be assigned for a course unit.

- **Start of WACE written examinations**

1 November

Last date for upload into SIRS

- Year 12 achievement data in all course units completed during the year
- Year 12 achievement data in VET qualifications
- Year 12 achievement data in VET units of competency
- Year 12 achievement data in endorsed programs
- Achievements for non-Year 12 students enrolled to sit one or more WACE course examinations

9 November

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Student appeals against school assessments in course units studied in Year 12

9 November

Received by schools/providers

- Information about collecting achievement data for Year 10–11 students for course units, VET qualifications, VET units of competency and endorsed programs

20 November

Received by schools/providers

- Year 12 assessment register for checking of course units, VET units of competency, VET qualifications and endorsed programs
- Year 12 student achievement declaration form
- Year 12 VET and/or endorsed programs achievement declaration form

23 November

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Completed Year 12 student achievement declaration form
- Completed Year 12 VET and/or endorsed programs achievement declaration form

Last date for upload into SIRS

- Changes to Year 12 student achievement data. After this date, this SIRS facility will be locked and it will not be possible to upload further changes.
- Final registration and demographic information for Year 12 students (including total number of community service hours completed). After this date, this SIRS facility will be locked and it will not be possible to upload further changes.

28 November

- **Finish of WACE written examinations**

28 November

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Completed sickness/misadventure application forms

3 December

Year 11 students usually need to remain enrolled until this date to complete the requirements of the structured educational program which is required for a grade to be assigned for a course unit.

- Last date for schools/providers to inform students in writing of their grades in all course units studied in Year 11

7 December

Due date for upload into SIRS

- Year 10–11 achievement data for course units, VET qualifications, VET units of competency and endorsed programs
- Final registration and demographic information for Year 8–11 students

11 December

Last date for receipt by Curriculum Council

- Student appeals against school assessments in course units studied in Year 11

19 December

Last date for upload into SIRS

- Changes to Year 10–11 achievement data. After this date, this SIRS facility will be locked and it will not be possible to upload further changes.
- Final registration and demographic information for Year 8–11 students. After this date, this SIRS facility will be locked and it will not be possible to upload further changes.

End of December

Curriculum Council issues the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE), course reports and statements of results for Year 12 students