

2022 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAM TIMETABLE

Wednesday 12 October to Friday 4 November

Important information about your written exams timetable

This document provides important information about your written HSC exams. NESAs has already distributed details about oral exams for languages, performance exams and submitted works to schools. Find out more at educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/key-dates-exam-timetables.

Your personal exam timetable

Your personal exam timetable is available from studentsonline.nesa.nsw.edu.au. This timetable lists your written exams and where you will sit for them (usually at your school). It also lists any other exams you are entered for, including oral exams for languages, performance exams and submitted works. Details of your performance exams or projects such as title of work or category (supplied by your school) are also available via *Students Online*. If you are undertaking oral or performance exams, we will post the time and venue on *Students Online* later this year. If there are errors or omissions in the exams you are entered for, contact your school immediately to supply us with the correct information. Take special care if you are entered for a VET course that has an HSC exam. If the exam does not appear on your personal timetable, you have not been entered for it. You must be entered separately for the exam if you expect to sit for it.

Preparing for your exams

When preparing for your exams, find out what to expect in the exam room and the exam paper, including where to write your answers. For each course you are studying, know the rules and requirements, and what to expect in each exam.

Information about the HSC exams

Make sure you have read and understand the *2022 Higher School Certificate Rules and Procedures* guide. You should have received a guide from your school and can also access it here: educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/rules-and-processes.

There are serious consequences for:

- cheating in an exam
- disobeying NESAs rules for exam conduct
- not making a serious attempt across a range of questions in each exam.

Any of these offences may result in reduced marks, course cancellation or loss of your HSC.

The exam starting time in the timetable is when reading time begins. Arrive at your exam venue well before the time specified. Further information about your HSC exams is available on *Students Online*.

Disability provisions

If you have a disability that affects reading exam questions or responding to them under exam conditions, your school can submit an application for provisions to help you. If you have not already done so, speak to your school if you think this applies to you.

Exam equipment list

You should write in black pen. Make sure you bring spare pens to each exam. You may also bring a ruler, highlighters, pencils (should be at least 2B) and a sharpener, and a bottle of water in a clear bottle. You can wear your watch to your exams, but once you sit down you will have to take it off and place it in clear view on your desk. Programmable watches, including smart watches, will not be allowed in the exam room.

The following list shows the exams for which you are to bring specific equipment, as there may be some exam questions that require the use of this equipment. If an item is listed as optional, it means that there will be no exam questions for which the item is essential. But you may bring and use it if you wish.

All equipment you bring is subject to inspection on entry. Make sure any equipment you are allowed to bring, such as a calculator, is in good working order because an appeal under misadventure provisions for equipment failure will not be upheld.

What you *cannot* bring into your exam room

- ✗ A mobile phone. Mobile phones are not permitted in an exam room under any circumstances
- ✗ A programmable watch, eg a smart watch
- ✗ Any electronic device (except a calculator where permitted). This includes mobile phones or other communication devices, organisers, tablets (eg iPads), music players or electronic dictionaries
- ✗ Paper or any printed or written material. You can ask your presiding officer for working paper
- ✗ Print dictionaries, except where permitted in language exams
- ✗ Correction fluid

You are *not* allowed to borrow equipment during exams.

Equipment for specific HSC exams

This list details specific equipment that students are expected to bring for particular exams. Only those exams that require specific equipment are listed.

See the list of [NSW Education Standards Authority \(NESA\)-approved calculators](#).

Agriculture

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Automotive (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Biology

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Business Services (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Business Studies

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Chemistry

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Construction (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Earth and Environmental Science

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ pair of compasses
- ✓ protractor
- ✓ set squares

Economics

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Electrotechnology (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Engineering Studies

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ pair of compasses
- ✓ protractor
- ✓ set squares
- ✓ circle templates
- ✓ isometric/ellipse templates

Entertainment Industry (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Financial Services (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Geography

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ pair of dividers
- ✓ pair of compasses
- ✓ protractor
- ✓ coloured pencils and/or coloured felt pens
- ✓ (optional) handheld magnifying glass
- ✓ (optional) piece of string or thread for measuring
- ✓ ruler

Hospitality (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Human Services (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Industrial Technology

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ pair of compasses
- ✓ protractor
- ✓ set squares

Information and Digital Technology (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Information Processes and Technology

Please note that calculators are NOT permitted.

Investigating Science

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Languages

✓ Unannotated monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries may be used in Latin exams as well as all Beginners, Continuers, [Language] in Context, [Language] and Literature and Extension courses in Modern languages. No dictionaries may be used in Classical Greek or Classical Hebrew exams. Digital dictionaries are not permitted.

Mathematics Standard 1, Mathematics Standard 2

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ ruler

Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ ruler

Physics

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ pair of compasses
- ✓ protractor
- ✓ set squares

Primary Industries (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Retail Services (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Science Extension

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ desktop or laptop computer with the NESA lockdown browser pre-installed
- ✓ headphones (wired) to listen to audio stimulus for questions
- ✓ physical keyboard (wired or wireless)
- ✓ pointing device such as a mouse for navigation

Your presiding officer can provide you with blank working paper.

For more information, see [Science Extension online exam](#).

Software Design and Development

Please note that calculators are NOT permitted.

Tourism, Travel and Events (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator