

# Memo

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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Senior secondary

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## Publication of revised General, Applied (Essential) and Short Course syllabuses

### Purpose

To provide an update on the revised General, Applied (Essential) and Short Course syllabuses for implementation starting with Year 11 students under standard delivery conditions from 2025.

Please note that the information in this memo does not relate to the redeveloped Applied syllabuses, which are to be implemented for the first time in 2024, as referred to in Memo [060/23](#), 'Applied syllabuses 2024 v1.1', 3 October 2023.

### Background

In December 2023, the QCAA Board approved the suite of revised General, Applied (Essential) and Short Course syllabuses for implementation starting with Year 11 students under standard delivery conditions from 2025. These syllabuses were revised in response to consultation with more than 8,000 stakeholders.

### Information

#### Publication of revised General, Applied (Essential) and Short Course syllabuses

The revised General, Applied (Essential) and Short Course syllabuses have been published to the QCAA website for familiarisation and planning purposes. PDFs of these syllabuses can be accessed on the QCAA website: [qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/senior/subjects-from-2024](https://qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/senior/subjects-from-2024). These syllabuses will be added to the Syllabuses application (app) on the QCAA Portal later in 2024.

#### Access to alternative sequences

For access to the alternative sequences 2025 v1.0, please contact the Senior Curriculum Unit at [scu@qcaa.qld.edu.au](mailto:scu@qcaa.qld.edu.au).

#### Implementation of revised syllabuses

##### General and Applied (Essential)

Standard delivery — The General and Applied (Essential) syllabuses will be implemented for the first time with students in 2025–2026 subject offerings. These students commence their study of the subject with Unit 1 and Unit 2 in 2025 and complete their study of the subject with Units 3 and 4 in 2026.

Compressed delivery — Schools delivering compressed curriculum, i.e. completing Units 1–4 in one year:

- continue to implement the 2019 syllabuses with students in 2025 subject offerings
- implement the revised syllabuses with students in 2026 subject offerings.

## Short Courses

The 2018 Short Course syllabuses will be retired at the end of 2024. The 2025 revised Short Course syllabuses must be implemented from 2025.

## General (Extension) syllabuses

Students must complete Unit 1 and Unit 2 of the General syllabus before commencing their study of the associated General (Extension) syllabus. As such, the revised General (Extension) syllabuses will be implemented for the first time in 2026.

## Implementation summary — syllabus taught in 2025

The following table summarises the information provided above for the different syllabus types. It lists the syllabus that must be taught in 2025 based on the year that the student cohort will complete the course.

**General, Applied (Essential) and Short Course syllabus taught in 2025 based on completion year**

Syllabus type	Completion year 2025	Completion year 2026
<b>General</b>	2019 syllabus	2025 syllabus
<b>General (AS)</b>	2019 syllabus	2025 syllabus
<b>General (Extension)</b>	2019 syllabus	n/a
<b>Applied (Essential)</b>	2019 syllabus	2025 syllabus
<b>Short Course</b>	2025 syllabus	2025 syllabus

## Syllabus implementation support for revised General, Applied (Essential) and Short Course syllabuses

Syllabus implementation support services (e.g. webinars, information sessions and professional development events) and syllabus implementation support products (e.g. templates, samples, factsheets and guides) will be developed and made available on the QCAA website and in the Syllabuses app on the QCAA Portal across 2024. More information will follow about the 2024 program of syllabus implementation support.

## Literacy and Numeracy Short Courses syllabuses

In October 2023, a targeted review process commenced on the Literacy and Numeracy Short Courses syllabuses. These syllabuses will be released for public consultation, finalised and published for familiarisation and planning throughout Semester 1, 2024.

## Senior External Examination syllabuses

Revised Senior External Examination syllabuses will be published for familiarisation and planning towards the end of Semester 1, 2024.

## Refinements to revised General, Applied (Essential) and Short Course syllabuses

It is expected that some of the revised syllabuses will undergo some refinement during Semester 1, 2024. These refinements may include adjustments to the presentation of information (e.g. the presentation of formulas in syllabuses) and language of the instrument-specific marking guides (ISMGs) and instrument-specific standards (ISSs) for clarity.

These refinements will not affect a school's general planning towards the implementation of these syllabuses.

## What you need to do

- Familiarise yourselves with the revised General, Applied (Essential) and Short Course syllabuses in preparation for implementation for the first time under standard delivery conditions in 2025.
- Monitor [QCAA memos](#) for more information about these syllabuses.

## Finding out more

For general information about the revised syllabuses, please email the Senior Curriculum Unit at [scu@qcaa.qld.edu.au](mailto:scu@qcaa.qld.edu.au) or phone (07) 3864 0506.

For subject-specific information about the revised syllabuses, please contact the relevant [Learning Area Unit](#).

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