

Redesigning the secondary–tertiary interface: Proposed new architecture

Senior assessment

for students in Years 11 & 12

- School-based assessment retained and revitalised
- Moderation model revamped
- External assessment introduced
- Subject Results produced as stand-alone indicators of attainment

Tertiary entrance

for Years 12 completers

- Universities and tertiary providers decide on method for using Subject Results to select Year 12 completers for entry

Output of
secondary
school



Subject Results



Input to
tertiary
selection

What is to be

- Prescribed and endorsed assessment types, conditions and marking schemes for three School Assessments in each subject
- New marking schemes with two-stage process for marking School Assessments
- One External Assessment in each subject to contribute 50 per cent to the Subject Result
- Results confirmed following each School Assessment
- Subject Results produced by adding marks from three School Assessments and one External Assessment
- Subject Results reported from 1 to 60 (maximum)

What is no longer

- Levels of Achievement (from VHA to VLA)
- Grades (A–E) for each criterion in each assessment
- Overall grade (A–E) for each criterion
- Standards matrices in each subject
- Consensus moderation using review panels
- Folios of student work for verification
- Queensland Core Skills testing for students
- Subject Achievement Indicators from teachers and schools
- Scaling to Queensland Core Skills Test group parameters
- Calculation of the Overall Position and Field Positions
- Calculation of an ATAR using Overall Achievement Indicators

What is to be

- Subject Results used as the basis for selecting students along with other criteria set by the universities and other providers
- Separation of responsibilities for senior certification and tertiary selection:
 - Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority is responsible for the certification of student attainment of Year 12 completers
 - Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre is responsible for comparing and ranking applicants, and any scaling processes

What is no longer

- Overall Position
- Field Positions
- Queensland Core Skills grades
- Queensland Core Skills percentiles
- QTAC Selection Rank for OP-ineligible students