

## Accumulation of the Higher School Certificate: Preliminary and HSC courses

ACE 8036

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There is no time restriction on the accumulation of **Preliminary** courses.

Students may accumulate HSC courses towards the **Higher School Certificate** over a **five-year period**.

The five-year period:

- commences in the first year the student satisfactorily completes an HSC course
- applies regardless of whether the student defers studies for one or more years during the five-year period. Accumulation of HSC courses cannot extend over more than five years
- is a 'rolling period' so that students wishing to go beyond the five years will have the earliest year's presentation deleted.

**Stage 6 VET or Content Endorsed Courses** that are included in a student's HSC pattern of study must comply with the five-year accumulation rule for HSC courses.

For students **repeating a course** within the five-year accumulation period, the latest attempt will void the previous results in that course in regard to Higher School Certificate eligibility. For students **changing to another course** in the same subject area eg HSC English Advanced and HSC Extension 1 to HSC English Standard, the latest attempt will void the previous results in that course in regard to Higher School Certificate eligibility.

### Credentiailling

Students who are accumulating courses may access a Student eRecord showing each calendar year of study. The Student eRecord will record all the Stage 5, Stage 6 Preliminary and Stage 6 HSC courses (including VET and Life Skills courses) satisfactorily completed. HSC courses will be reported over a five-year accumulation period, including repeat attempts.

An HSC Record of Achievement will be awarded to all students who complete the Higher School Certificate as part of the HSC credentiailling.

Candidates studying by self-tuition will receive a Result Notice for each calendar year of study. Result Notices will record all the Preliminary courses satisfactorily completed, and HSC courses satisfactorily completed over the five-year accumulation period, including repeat attempts.

On completion of the accumulation, all pattern of study requirements must have been met for both the Preliminary and HSC study patterns.

Students who choose to accumulate must be aware that some courses, including Board Endorsed Courses, may be discontinued during the period of accumulation. In such cases, students may need to commence alternative courses to fulfil Higher School Certificate requirements.

Students who have completed the requirements for the award of the Higher School Certificate may continue to accumulate units beyond the minimum pattern of study.

In general, students may not count more than one 240-hour Board Developed Course in the one subject for the award of the Higher School Certificate.

## **Accumulation of HSC Extension courses**

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A student may accumulate an Extension course by presenting the 2-unit HSC course in one year and the related Extension course in a subsequent year within the five-year accumulation period.

Extension courses within the VET Curriculum Frameworks may only be undertaken as Preliminary and/or HSC courses by students who are enrolled in, or have completed, the corresponding 240-hour course.

While NESAs will make every effort to give reasonable notice of changes to courses, students who choose to accumulate Extension courses must be prepared to accommodate such changes.

## **Accumulation of HSC Extension courses: repeating courses**

**ACE 8038**

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A candidate may repeat one or more HSC courses but must do so within the five-year accumulation period.

All satisfactorily completed attempts at HSC courses will be reported on the Record of School Achievement or the Transcript of Study, and the Student eRecord, until the student is eligible for the HSC.

In the case of Extension courses, students may repeat either or both of the Extension course and the related 2-unit course.

## **Repeating and/or accumulating in HSC Mathematics and HSC English Extension courses**

**ACE 8040**

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Whether or not a student has accumulated or repeated Extension 1 and/or Extension 2, no more than four units each of Mathematics and English may be counted for Higher School Certificate eligibility.

The University Admissions Centre's policy is that a student's latest successfully completed course(s) will be considered in the calculation of an ATAR.

## **Repeating an HSC submitted work**

**ACE 8041**

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Students who repeat a course where a submitted work or project is required may not resubmit a work or project that was submitted and marked in a previous year without NESAs special permission.

## **Repeating an HSC VET course and/or VET HSC Examination**

**ACE 8042**

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Students may repeat VET courses.

Students who have completed a 240-hour Industry Curriculum Framework course with or without the examination may enter for the examination in a subsequent year.

## Repeating an HSC course requiring a submitted work

ACE 9019

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Students who repeat a course where a submitted work or project is required cannot re-submit a work or project entered and marked in a previous year, without the **special permission of NESA**.