

2025 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAM TIMETABLE

Thursday 16 October to Friday 7 November

Important information about your written exam timetable

This document provides important information about your written HSC exams. NESA has already distributed details about oral exams for languages, performance exams and submitted works to schools. Find out more at: nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/key-dates/hsc

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. More information can be found at: nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/hsc/student-guide/preparing-for-exams

Information about the HSC exams

Make sure you have read and understand the *2025 Higher School Certificate Rules and Procedures* guide. You should have received a guide from your school and can also access it at: nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/hsc/rules-and-procedures/2025-guide

There are serious consequences for:

- cheating in an exam
- disobeying NESA's 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

It is expected that you come prepared to the exam room with the required approved equipment in working order:

- ✓ black pens to write with (recommended) – ensure to bring spare pens to each exam
- ✓ ruler
- ✓ highlighters
- ✓ pencils (at least 2B)
- ✓ sharpener
- ✓ water in a clear label-free bottle.

You can wear a watch, but it should be taken off and placed in clear view on your desk once you sit down for your exam. Please note that programmable watches (eg. Smart watches) are not permitted in the exam room.

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.
- ✗ Other electronic devices (except a calculator or wired headphones where permitted). This includes any other communication devices, organisers, tablets (eg. iPads), wireless earphones/headphones (eg AirPods), electronic dictionaries, and music players.
- ✗ 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

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, however you may bring and use it

if you wish. Only those exams that require specific equipment are listed. See the list of [approved calculators](#) for the HSC examinations.

Agriculture

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ Pencil

Automotive (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Biology

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ Pencil

Business Services (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Business Studies

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Chemistry

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ Pencil

Construction (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Earth and Environmental Science

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ Pair of compasses
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Protractor
- ✓ Set squares

Economics

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Electrotechnology (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Engineering Studies

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ Pair of compasses
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Protractor
- ✓ Set squares
- ✓ Circle templates
- ✓ Isometric/ellipse templates

Enterprise Computing

- ✓ A supported device (desktop or laptop) with the NESA lockdown browser pre-installed
- ✓ Full battery life to last the entire exam (for laptops)

- ✓ Wired headphones (no Bluetooth allowed) to listen to audio stimulus for questions
- ✓ A wired or wireless physical keyboard
- ✓ A mouse

For more information see [Online HSC exams](#).

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
- ✓ Ruler
- ✓ (Optional) a handheld magnifying glass
- ✓ (Optional) a piece of string or thread for measuring

Hospitality (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Human Services (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Industrial Technology

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ Pair of compasses
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Protractor
- ✓ Set squares

Information and Digital Technology (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Investigating Science

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ Pencil

Languages

- ✓ Unannotated monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries are permitted in the HSC external examination for all Modern languages courses and Latin. This includes Beginners, Continuers, Extension, [Language] in Context and [Language] and Literature courses. Bilingual print dictionaries of any language combination are permitted.

Dictionaries are not permitted in Classical Greek or Classical Hebrew exams.

Specialist dictionaries such as grammar dictionaries, dictionaries of idioms or syllabary dictionaries are not permitted.

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
- ✓ Pencil

Primary Industries (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Retail Services (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Science Extension

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ A supported device (desktop or laptop) with the NESA lockdown browser pre-installed
- ✓ Full battery life to last the entire exam (for laptops)
- ✓ Wired headphones (no Bluetooth allowed) to listen to audio stimulus for questions
- ✓ A wired or wireless physical keyboard
- ✓ A mouse

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

Software Engineering

- ✓ A supported device (desktop or laptop) with the NESA lockdown browser pre-installed
- ✓ Full battery life to last the entire exam (for laptops)
- ✓ Wired headphones (no Bluetooth allowed) to listen to audio stimulus for questions
- ✓ A wired or wireless physical keyboard
- ✓ A mouse

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Tourism, Travel and Events (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

2025 HSC Written Exam Timetable • Week 1

	Monday 13 October	Tuesday 14 October	Wednesday 15 October	Thursday 16 October	Friday 17 October
	No exams	No exams	No exams	HSC Day 1	HSC Day 2
AM				English Advanced Paper 1 – Texts and Human Experiences 9.50 am – 11.30 am English Standard Paper 1 – Texts and Human Experiences 9.50 am – 11.30 am English Studies 9.50 am – 12.30 pm English EAL/D Paper 1 – Module A and Focus on Writing 9.50 am – 11.30 am	English Advanced Paper 2 – Modules 9.25 am – 11.30 am English Standard Paper 2 – Modules 9.25 am – 11.30 am English EAL/D Paper 2 – Module B and Module C 9.25 am – 10.30 am Listening Paper 10.40 am – 11.10 am*
PM				Classical Hebrew Continuers 1.55 pm – 5.00 pm Classical Greek Extension 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm German Beginners 2.00 pm – 4.40 pm German Continuers 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm Japanese Beginners 2.00 pm – 4.40 pm Japanese Extension 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm Japanese in Context 2.00 pm – 4.40 pm Armenian Continuers † 2.00 pm – 4.10 pm Croatian Continuers † 2.00 pm – 4.10 pm Dutch Continuers † 2.00 pm – 4.10 pm Filipino Continuers † 2.00 pm – 4.10 pm Hindi Continuers † 2.00 pm – 4.10 pm Hungarian Continuers † 2.00 pm – 4.10 pm Khmer Continuers † 2.00 pm – 4.10 pm Macedonian Continuers † 2.00 pm – 4.10 pm Persian Continuers † 2.00 pm – 4.10 pm Polish Continuers † 2.00 pm – 4.10 pm Portuguese Continuers † 2.00 pm – 4.10 pm Punjabi Continuers † 2.00 pm – 4.10 pm Russian Continuers † 2.00 pm – 4.10 pm Serbian Continuers † 2.00 pm – 4.10 pm Swedish Continuers † 2.00 pm – 4.10 pm Tamil Continuers † 2.00 pm – 4.10 pm Turkish Continuers † 2.00 pm – 4.10 pm	Music 1 Aural Skills 1.55 pm – 3.00 pm* Music 2 Musicology and Aural Skills 3.25 pm – 5.00 pm*

* Approximate finishing time

† Collaborative Curriculum and Assessment Framework for Languages (CCAFL)

2025 HSC Written Exam Timetable • Week 2

	Monday 20 October	Tuesday 21 October	Wednesday 22 October	Thursday 23 October	Friday 24 October
	HSC Day 3	HSC Day 4	HSC Day 5	HSC Day 6	HSC Day 7
AM	Studies of Religion I 9.25 am – 11.00 am Studies of Religion II 9.25 am – 12.30 pm Vietnamese Continuers 9.30 am – 12.30 pm	Modern History 9.25 am – 12.30 pm	Mathematics Advanced 9.20 am – 12.30 pm Mathematics Standard 1 9.20 am – 11.30 am Mathematics Standard 2 9.20 am – 12 noon	Ancient History 9.25 am – 12.30 pm Arabic Continuers 9.30 am – 12.30 pm Chinese and Literature 9.30 am – 12.30 pm Modern Hebrew Continuers 9.30 am – 12.30 pm	Biology 9.25 am – 12.30 pm
PM	Latin Extension 1.50 pm – 4.00 pm Design and Technology 1.55 pm – 3.30 pm Chinese Extension 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm German Extension 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Aboriginal Studies 1.55 pm – 5.00 pm Classical Greek Continuers 1.55 pm – 5.00 pm Investigating Science 1.55 pm – 5.00 pm Classical Hebrew Extension 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm Japanese Continuers 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	Mathematics Extension 2 1.50 pm – 5.00 pm	Hospitality (VET) 1.55 pm – 4.00 pm <i>Kitchen Operations and Cookery</i> <i>Food and Beverage</i> Latin Continuers 1.55 pm – 5.00 pm Chinese Beginners 2.00 pm – 4.40 pm	History Extension 1.50 pm – 4.00 pm Primary Industries (VET) 1.55 pm – 4.00 pm Tourism, Travel and Events (VET) 1.55 pm – 4.00 pm Chinese Continuers 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm Chinese in Context 2.00 pm – 4.40 pm

2025 HSC Written Exam Timetable • Week 3

	Monday 27 October	Tuesday 28 October	Wednesday 29 October	Thursday 30 October	Friday 31 October
	HSC Day 8	HSC Day 9	HSC Day 10	HSC Day 11	HSC Day 12
AM	Legal Studies 9.25 am – 12.30 pm	Construction (VET) 9.25 am – 11.30 am Financial Services (VET) 9.25 am – 11.30 am Indonesian Extension 9.30 am – 11.30 am Korean and Literature 9.30 am – 12.30 pm Korean Continuers 9.30 am – 12.30 pm Korean in Context 9.30 am – 12.10 pm Science Extension 9.50 am – 12 noon	Business Studies 9.25 am – 12.30 pm	Automotive (VET) 9.25 am – 11.30 am Chemistry 9.25 am – 12.30 pm	Personal Development, Health and Physical Education 9.25 am – 12.30 pm Indonesian Continuers 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
PM	Mathematics Extension 1 1.50 pm – 4.00 pm Business Services (VET) 1.55 pm – 4.00 pm	Economics 1.55 pm – 5.00 pm Entertainment Industry (VET) 1.55 pm – 4.00 pm	Software Engineering 1.50 pm – 4.20 pm Human Services (VET) 1.55 pm – 4.00 pm Arabic Extension 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm Modern Greek Beginners 2.00 pm – 4.40 pm Modern Greek Continuers 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	Electrotechnology (VET) 1.55 pm – 4.00 pm Visual Arts Art Criticism and Art History 1.55 pm – 3.30 pm Spanish Extension 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Enterprise Computing 1.50 pm – 4.20 pm Indonesian Beginners 2.00 pm – 4.40 pm Italian Continuers 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm Korean Beginners 2.00 pm – 4.40 pm Modern Greek Extension 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

2025 HSC Written Exam Timetable • Week 4

	Monday 3 November	Tuesday 4 November	Wednesday 5 November	Thursday 6 November	Friday 7 November
	HSC Day 13	HSC Day 14	HSC Day 15	HSC Day 16	HSC Day 17
AM	Geography 9.25 am – 12.35 pm French Extension 9.30 am – 11.30 am	Agriculture 9.25 am – 12.30 pm Textiles and Design 9.25 am – 11.00 am	Engineering Studies 9.25 am – 12.30 pm Society and Culture 9.25 am – 11.30 am	Earth and Environmental Science 9.25 am – 12.30 pm Information and Digital Technology (VET) 9.25 am – 11.30 am Italian Extension 9.30 am – 11.30 am	Physics 9.25 am – 12.30 pm Dance Section I Core Appreciation 9.25 am – 10.30 am Dance Section II Major Study Appreciation 10.40 am – 12 noon
	PM Industrial Technology 1.55 pm – 3.30 pm <i>Automotive Technologies</i> <i>Electronics Technologies</i> <i>Graphics Technologies</i> <i>Metal and Engineering Technologies</i> <i>Multimedia Technologies</i> <i>Timber and Furniture Technologies</i> French Beginners 2.00 pm – 4.40 pm Italian Beginners 2.00 pm – 4.40 pm	English Extension 1 1.50 pm – 4.00 pm Retail Services (VET) 1.55 pm – 4.00 pm Spanish Continuers 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	Drama 1.55 pm – 3.30 pm Spanish Beginners 2.00 pm – 4.40 pm	Community and Family Studies 1.55 pm – 5.00 pm French Continuers 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	Food Technology 1.55 pm – 5.00 pm