

Life Skills

Overview of clarifications

This information sheet helps schools understand the clarifications in this group of ACE Rules, but schools must view the rules on the NSW Curriculum website.

The clarifications to **Life Skills** include:

Stage 5 and Stage 6 Life Skills

NESA has clarified the ACE Rules for Stage 5 and 6 courses based on Life Skills outcomes and content. The rules clarify student eligibility, course entries in Schools Online, reporting student achievement, and credentialling.

Continuing in Life Skills courses

NESA has clarified the requirement for a student to continue in a Life Skills course once they have entered the course.

Exceptional circumstances for Stage 6 Life Skills courses

NESA has clarified the exceptional circumstances that may allow schools to enrol students in Stage 6 Life Skills courses after the school year has commenced.

Exclusions and course documentation for Stage 6 Life Skills courses

NESA has clarified the exclusions for Life Skills courses in Stage 6. NESA has also clarified the ACE Rules that require schools to refer to the Life Skills syllabus, as well as Assessment and Reporting information.

NESA has published clarified ACE Rules on the NSW Curriculum website.

<https://curriculum.nsw.edu.au/ace-rules>

The clarified rules will be mandated from 14 October 2024, but schools must use the current rules until then. Schools must not implement the clarified rules before this date.

The clarified rules will apply to students commencing HSC courses from October 2024, sitting HSC exams in 2025, and receiving the RoSA from October 2024.

The current ACE Rules remain in effect for the 2023 and 2024 HSC. The current rules can be found at:

<https://ace.nesa.nsw.edu.au>

To find the right contact for enquiries about ACE Rules, visit the ACE Rules contact page:

<https://curriculum.nsw.edu.au/ace-rules/contact>