

# Assessment Certification Examination (ACE) Rules

## Overview of clarifications

### The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) has clarified Assessment Certification Examination (ACE) Rules for schools and students.

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

NESA is releasing the clarified ACE Rules a year in advance, so schools and sectors have time to prepare.

### Clarified ACE Rules are on the NSW Curriculum website

The NSW Curriculum website is the single source of truth for the clarified ACE Rules. The website makes it easier for schools to navigate the rules and better understand their obligations.

NESA welcomes online feedback on the functionality of the website.

### Clarifications to ACE Rules

NESA has clarified ACE Rules to make it easier for schools to understand their obligations. The clarifications include:

- removing ambiguous, outdated or duplicated material
- strengthening the enforceability of a rule (for example, using 'must' versus 'may' to distinguish between enforceable content and discretionary powers)
- framing rules around the roles and responsibilities of schools and NESA
- moving most non-enforceable, advisory content to NESA's website, and providing links to other ACE Rules and webpages.

### ACE Rules for the 2023 and 2024 HSC

The current ACE Rules on [ACE Online](#) remain in place until October 2024. This means schools must comply with [ACE Online](#) rules for the HSC in 2023 and 2024.

Once the clarified rules are mandated in October 2024, [ACE Online](#) will be decommissioned and the mandated ACE Rules will continue to be hosted on the NSW Curriculum website.

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.

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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>