

# Pattern of study

## 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 **Pattern of study** include:

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The clarified pattern of study rules have been written to support schools to make consistent and accurate decisions about pattern of study. The clarified rules include links to related rules that affect decisions about pattern of study, such as course exclusions, accumulating and/or repeating courses.

**Mathematics courses:** NESA has clarified how the unit value of mathematics extension courses contribute to pattern of study requirements.

### Accumulating and/or repeating courses

**Accumulating courses:** NESA has clarified the conditions under which students may accumulate courses to meet pattern of study requirements.

**Student requirements:** NESA has clarified the requirements for students to accumulate and/or repeat courses, including time limits, school responsibilities and potential impacts on credentialling.

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>