

Vocational Education and Training (VET)

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 **Vocational Education and Training (VET)** include:

VET curriculum requirements

RoSA and HSC

NESA has strengthened the rules for counting VET courses towards the RoSA and HSC. The clarified rules include alignment to the syllabus/course description, indicative hours and student completions.

School responsibilities

NESA has clarified the rules for delivering VET courses, including a school's obligations when engaging a registered training organisation (RTO).

VET BEC endorsements

NESA has clarified the responsibilities of school systems/sectors proposing VET Board Endorsed Courses (VET BECs) for endorsement.

VET entries and exclusions

Entering student VET data

NESA has clarified the type of VET data that must be entered in Schools Online, and the due date. The clarified rules also include the requirements to enter students into HSC VET exams in Schools Online.

Change of Stage 6 VET course

NESA has clarified the rules for students changing VET courses in Stage 6. These rules include a principal's discretion to make course change decisions, and the cut-off date for course changes.

240-hour VET courses

NESA has clarified the requirements for students who commenced a 240-hour VET course but only complete the first 120 hours of the course, including the minimum hours of mandatory work placement.

VET course exclusions

NESA has clarified the roles and responsibilities of schools and RTOs for entering students into VET courses.

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>

HSC VET exams

NESA has clarified the rules for students sitting HSC VET exams, including the location of the exam and the information principals must provide students when repeating exams.

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Entering VET units of competency and outcomes in Schools Online

School and RTO responsibilities

NESA has clarified the rules for RTOs when determining VET unit of competency outcomes. The rules also include the process for entering competencies and submitting unit of competency outcomes in Schools Online.

VET assessment requirements

Duty of care

The clarified ACE rules outline the duty of care responsibilities when schools engage a RTO to deliver VET courses.

Formal assessment programs for Stage 6 VET courses

NESA has clarified the rules for formal assessment programs. The clarified rules identify and explain the key components of the assessment program that schools must provide students at the start of a course.

VET credentialling

Inclusion of VET BEC courses on HSC credential

Students who satisfactorily complete requirements for a Stage 6 VET Board Endorsed Course (VET BEC) will have the course name and HSC credit value reported on their HSC credential, without a mark.

Other course documentation

NESA has clarified the documentation students receive when they successfully or partially complete requirements for an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) VET qualification.

Other VET rules

NESA is reviewing the ACE rules for VET course completions, credit transfer, and recognition of prior learning (RPL). NESA will progressively publish these in 2023-2024 and update the ACE Record of Changes webpage.