

HSC minimum standard

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 **HSC minimum standard** include:

Minimum standard test attempts

NESA has clarified when students can attempt the minimum standard tests, the maximum number of attempts in each domain, and the waiting period between test attempts.

Exempt students

NESA has clarified the exemptions for students studying Stage 6 Life Skills courses.

Alternative evidence

NESA has clarified the exceptional circumstances where a student may demonstrate the HSC minimum standard using alternative evidence.

Administration of the HSC minimum standard tests

NESA has clarified the rules for the HSC minimum standard tests for schools, students, and post-school leavers. These rules include scheduling and entering students for tests, the equipment permitted during the test, and the requirements for supervising the tests.

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>