HSC exam operations



Overview of clarifications

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

The clarifications to HSC exam operations include:

Presiding Officer eligibility and nomination

NESA has clarified requirements for the eligibility and nomination of Presiding Officers by principals. These rules include requirements relating to job sharing, mandatory Working with Children Checks and additional employment requirements. These rules ensure consistency in HSC exam operations across schools.

Roles and responsibilities

NESA has clarified the roles and responsibilities of schools and students in conducting and completing HSC exams.

HSC exam timetable

The ACE Rules clarify that the published timetable is final, and individual times and dates of exams are not subject to change to accommodate individual circumstances. 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