

HSC minimum standard

Fact sheet

You need reading, writing and maths skills to be successful in everyday life after school. That's why you're required to show a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive the Higher School Certificate (HSC) from 2020.

To check you have the basics right, you need to sit short **online tests of reading, writing and maths for everyday life**.

You get four chances a year to pass each of the tests in from Years 10 and 11 and six chances a year in Year 12 until up to five years after successfully completing your first HSC course. Your school will help you decide when you are ready to take each test.

If you pass the online tests of basic reading, writing and numeracy skills you will show you've met the HSC minimum standard.



How is the standard set?

The standard is set at level 3 of the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF), which means students will have the basic reading, writing and maths skills needed for everyday tasks and future learning after school. It includes skills for tasks such as:

- ✓ Following safety instructions in equipment manuals
- ✓ Understanding a mobile phone plan
- ✓ Writing a job application
- ✓ Creating a personal weekly budget.

The HSC minimum standard is part of a plan to ensure students have essential literacy and numeracy skills.

Timetable



I will complete the HSC in 2019

You do not need to meet the HSC minimum standard or pass the online tests to receive the HSC.



I will complete the HSC in 2020

You need to meet the HSC minimum standard to receive the HSC. To show you meet the standard you need to:

- pass the online reading test or have achieved Band 8 or above in reading in Year 9 NAPLAN in 2017 **AND**
- pass the online writing test or have achieved Band 8 or above in writing in Year 9 NAPLAN in 2017 **AND**
- pass the online numeracy test or have achieved Band 8 or above in numeracy in Year 9 NAPLAN in 2017.



I will complete the HSC in 2021 or later

You need to meet the HSC minimum standard to receive the HSC. To show you meet the standard you need to:

- pass the online reading test **AND**
- pass the online writing test **AND**
- pass the online numeracy test.

Students with disabilities

Some students with disabilities will be eligible for extra provisions for the minimum standard online tests, or be exempt from meeting the HSC minimum standard in order to receive their HSC.

Stay up to date

NSW Education Standards Authority

 educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard

 @NewsAtNESA

