

HSC Minimum Standards

If you are sitting your HSC exams in or after 2020 you will need to meet a [minimum standard of literacy and numeracy](#) to receive your Higher School Certificate.

- Literacy and numeracy skills are key for success in everyday life. Achieving the HSC minimum standard means you will have a [level of skills](#) necessary for success after school.
- Students show they have met the HSC minimum standard by passing [online tests](#) of basic reading, writing and numeracy skills needed for everyday tasks. The minimum standard online tests are not based on NAPLAN.
- Students master basic skills at different stages so there are multiple opportunities available for students to [understand what to expect](#) and pass the minimum standard online tests, from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12.
- Some students will be eligible for [disability provisions for the minimum standard tests, or an exemption](#) from the HSC minimum standard requirement.

Important changes to the HSC minimum standard

[Year 9 NAPLAN tests will no longer be available as an early way for students to demonstrate the standard](#). This change has been made to ensure NAPLAN remains focussed on its diagnostic purpose and to reduce unnecessary stress on young people.

[PLEASE REFER TO THE LINK BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-minimum-standard>