

# Students need reading, writing and numeracy for everyday life after school



This is why students are being supported to meet a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive the HSC from 2020.

## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR STUDENTS

- ✔ To show they meet the HSC minimum standard, students need to achieve Level 3 or 4 in short **online tests of skills for everyday life**.
- ✔ Schools will help students to decide **when they are ready** to take each test.
- ✔ Students get **two chances a year** to sit each of the tests from Year 10 up to five years after starting their first HSC course.

**Students do not need to sit the reading, writing or numeracy test(s) if they achieved Band 8 or above in the respective 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN test(s).**

Students do not need to meet the HSC minimum standard to:

- study HSC courses
- sit HSC exams
- receive HSC assessment and exam results
- receive an ATAR
- receive a Record of School Achievement.

Only students who meet the HSC minimum standard will receive an HSC testamur.

## TIMETABLE

### 2019 HSC

Students **do not** need to meet the HSC minimum standard to receive the HSC.

### 2020 HSC

Students need to meet the HSC minimum standard to receive the HSC.

To show they meet the standard students need to achieve Level 3 or 4 in the online reading, writing and numeracy tests or have achieved Band 8 or above in the respective Year 9 NAPLAN in 2017.

### 2021 HSC

Students need to meet the HSC minimum standard to receive the HSC.

To show they meet the standard students need to achieve Level 3 or 4 in the online reading, writing and numeracy tests

## SKILLS FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

Together with the NSW Literacy and Numeracy Strategy, the HSC minimum standard is part of an effort to **improve the literacy and numeracy outcomes for students**.

The HSC minimum standard is set at Level 3 of the Australian Core Skills Framework.

This means that students who demonstrate the standard have the reading, writing and numeracy skills needed for **everyday tasks, work and further study**.

## PROVISIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

Provisions for the minimum standard tests are available for some students with disability. Some students with a disability studying Life Skills courses may be exempt from meeting the minimum standard to receive their Higher School Certificate testamur.

**FIND  
OUT  
MORE**

NSW Education Standards Authority

 [educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard)

 @NewsAtNESA

