

Official Notices

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IMPORTANT

The information below is the Board's official advice to schools of the decisions it has taken, and should be acted upon as such. Please ensure the *Official Notices* are circulated to all teaching staff.

The decision or advice contained in each notice is effective immediately (that is, on and from the date of publication of this edition of *Official Notices*) unless another date is specified in the notice, in which case the effective date is the date so specified.

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Revised Construction Curriculum Framework

**BOS
47/04**

Following advice to schools in June 2004, the Board wishes to confirm that the Construction Curriculum Framework 2004 replaces the Construction Curriculum Framework 1999 from Year 11, 2005.

The optional Construction HSC examination will be based on the revised Construction Curriculum Framework from 2006 onwards. The optional 2005 examination will be the final examination based on the 1999 curriculum framework.

Effective: Immediately, for the beginning of Year 11, 2005

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Revised Entertainment Industry Curriculum Framework

**BOS
48/04**

Following advice to schools in May 2004, the Board wishes to confirm that the Entertainment Industry Curriculum Framework 2004 replaces the Entertainment Industry Curriculum Framework 2002 from Year 11, 2005.

The optional Entertainment Industry HSC examination will be based on the revised Entertainment Industry Curriculum Framework from 2006 onwards. The optional 2005 examination will be the final examination based on the 2002 curriculum framework.

Effective: Immediately, for the beginning of Year 11, 2005

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Common Units of Competency in VET Industry Curriculum Frameworks

**BOS
49/04**

Training Packages are an integrated set of nationally endorsed competency standards, assessment guidelines and Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) qualifications for a specific industry, industry sector or enterprise. Training Packages in one industry can import units of competency from other industry areas. ANTA encourages this approach to avoid duplication of units across Training Packages and to provide a greater focus on the transferability of skills across different work contexts. In addition the qualification packaging rules often allow for a small number of units of competency from any Training Package to contribute to qualifications.

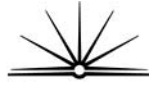
As advised in Official Notice BOS 71/99 General Exclusion – HSC Vocational Education and Training (VET) Courses, students undertaking more than one Industry Curriculum Framework can only claim HSC credit for common unit/s of competency once. For example, if a student is studying both Primary Industries and Construction they can claim HSC credit for the unit of competency RTC2704A Provide Basic First Aid in one Framework only. Students undertaking more than one Framework may need to undertake alternative units of competency in one or more of the courses to satisfy indicative hour requirements for HSC credit.

Information regarding common units of competency is contained in Part A of the syllabus for each Industry Curriculum Framework.

The following table outlines the Industry Curriculum Frameworks that share common units of competency.

Business Services	Entertainment Industry Construction Tourism
Entertainment Industry	Business Services Construction Hospitality Metal and Engineering Retail
Construction	Business Services Entertainment Industry Primary Industries
Hospitality	Entertainment Industry Tourism
Information Technology	Nil
Metal and Engineering	Entertainment Industry
Primary Industries	Construction
Retail	Entertainment Industry
Tourism	Business Services Hospitality

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Linking a School to a Board Endorsed VET Course for 2005

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50/04

Overview

The Board of Studies offers a range of Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses for the Higher School Certificate. These include the Industry Curriculum Framework courses and a wide variety of Content Endorsed Courses delivered by TAFE.

Where a school or group of schools identifies a need for a VET course that cannot be met from the available range of courses, a locally designed VET course can be proposed for Board endorsement (see Official Notice BOS 23/04).

Once a VET course is endorsed, the course details are entered on Schools Online and linked to the school(s) that applied for the course. In some cases a school that was not party to the course application will later wish to enrol students in an endorsed VET course. In these cases, the school must apply to the Board to be linked to the course.

Linking a school to a course means that it appears on Schools Online as a Board Endorsed course for that school, allowing student entries to be made. As the endorsement of VET courses is for one cohort only, these links must be renewed annually if a new cohort is to be enrolled.

Which Courses Need to be Linked?

Schools are not required to be individually linked to:

- Industry Curriculum Framework courses (regardless of where delivered)
- Accounting (Board Developed Course delivered by TAFE)
- Content Endorsed Courses delivered by TAFE as listed on the website
www.det.nsw.edu.au/vetinschools/tvet

Course numbers for these are available on Schools Online for all schools offering the HSC.

All other VET courses need to be individually linked to each school before students can be entered. These include:

- locally designed courses delivered by TAFE
- Board Endorsed VET Courses delivered by schools
- Board Endorsed VET Courses delivered by private training providers
- all VET courses offered to students in Stage 5 (isolated students etc)
- the Retail Extension Board Endorsed Course (regardless of where delivered).

How to Link a School to a Course

A form is provided for the purpose of linking a school to a currently endorsed VET course. This form needs to be completed and signed by the principal. It is on the Board's website with the Board Endorsed VET Course guidelines and application forms at:

www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/manuals/index.html#vetboardendorsedcourses

Schools receive written confirmation of course-linking from the Office of the Board of Studies, with a copy to the relevant school system/sector authority for information.

Timeline

Link forms must be submitted by 17 December 2004 in order to have the course available when Schools Online opens for entries at the start of Term 1, 2005. Forms received after this date will be accepted, but students cannot be entered for the course concerned until the application has been processed.

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VET Retail Extension Course

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51/04

Schools that offer the Retail Industry Curriculum Framework will be aware that an extension course is available. This course is classified as a Board Endorsed Course which counts as an additional unit towards the Preliminary or HSC pattern of study.

The industry requires students to be school-based trainees or to have significant experience in a retail workplace in order to undertake the extension course. By undertaking the 240-hour Retail Framework course plus the extension course, students may achieve a Certificate II in Retail Operations.

As with all Board Endorsed VET Courses, it has previously been necessary for schools to apply annually to be linked to the Retail extension course. The endorsement period is being extended from one to two years, effective immediately.

This means that schools endorsed for the Retail extension course 2004 will have this endorsement extended to cover 2005 without further application to the Board. Schools can check whether the course is currently available to them by looking at their 'Board Endorsed Courses' on Schools Online.

Schools that are not currently endorsed for the Retail extension course will need to apply to the Board if they wish to enter students in 2005. The LINK form for this purpose is available on the Board's website at: www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/manuals/index.html#vetboardendorsedcourses

The LINK form must be submitted to the Board via the vocational education consultant in your school system/sector, who can also provide further information if required.

Effective: Immediately

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Stage 6 Arabic Beginners Syllabus

**BOS
52/04**

The Board wishes to advise that revision of the *Stage 6 Arabic Beginners Syllabus* will be delayed. The Board will maintain the current syllabus until further notice. Information about the revision of Stage 6 Arabic Beginners will be provided in the near future.

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Suspension of Stage 6 Korean Beginners Syllabus

**BOS
53/04**

The Board wishes to advise that the *Stage 6 Korean Beginners Syllabus* will be suspended from 2007. Students entering Year 11 in 2005 will be able to sit for Korean Beginners for the Higher School Certificate in 2006, but thereafter the course will not be available as a Board Developed Course. The 2006 HSC Korean Beginners examination will be the last HSC examination for the course. Should the interest in and demand for a Beginners Korean course at the Higher School Certificate level increase, the Board will give consideration to reactivating the course and to revising the syllabus.

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UAI Eligibility Requirements from 2006 HSC

**BOS
54/04**

The Committee of Chairs of Academic Boards/Senates of Universities in NSW and the ACT has advised the Board that the following eligibility requirements for a Universities Admission Index (UAI) will come into effect for the 2006 HSC.

From and including the 2006 HSC, to be eligible for a UAI a student must satisfactorily complete at least ten units of UAI courses, that is, Board Developed Courses for which there is an examination conducted by the Board of Studies NSW that has a graded assessment.

These UAI courses must include at least:

- eight units from Category A courses
- two units of English
- three Board Developed Courses of two units or more
- four subjects.

The new requirement of at least eight units of Category A courses will ensure that all students who receive a UAI for the 2006 HSC and thereafter will have their UAI based on 10 units.

The Committee of Chairs has also advised that, from 2006, the following UAI courses will be classified as Category B courses:

- Industrial Technology
- Accounting
- Business Services Examination
- Construction Examination
- Entertainment Examination
- Hospitality Examination
- Information Technology Examination
- Metal and Engineering Examination
- Primary Industries Examination
- Retail Operations Examination
- Tourism Examination.

All other eligible Board Developed Courses will be Category A courses.

Effective: From and including the 2006 Higher School Certificate

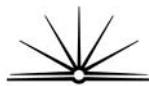
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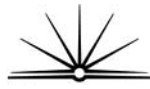
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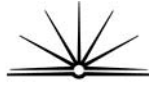
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