

Official Notices

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**Changes to Format of
HSC Examination in
Rural Technology
2 Unit**

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86/96

The Board wishes to advise that, as from the 1997 HSC examination, Section III – Farm Graphics will consist of three compulsory questions. The format of this section will be as follows:

Section III – Farm Graphics (20 marks)

- Question 3 (8 marks) Workshop Drawings
Question 4 (6 marks) Sheetmetal Developments
Question 5 (6 marks) Isometric Drawings

In addition, a formula sheet will be included to assist students in the examination. The formula sheet will be the same as that in the Engineering Science examination paper.

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**Attention: 2 Unit Drama
Teachers and Students —
1997 HSC**

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87/96

Students undertaking:

Individual Project: Critical Analysis (Director's production preparation)

and

Individual Project: Design (Set; costume; lighting; poster, program, advertising and promotional copy).

Students who choose the text *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams as the basis of their work for the Individual Project should consider scenes 1–6 as equating to Act I of the play and scenes 7–11 as equating to Act II. Editions of *A Streetcar Named Desire* usually divide the play into 11 scenes with no Act divisions.

Content Area 5 Topic 12 Dario Fo

The Board of Studies has been advised that since the preparation of the prescribed texts lists, single copies of the plays set for this Topic Area have gone out of print and there is little stock of the collected plays editions of Dario Fo available. Schools are advised to choose another Topic Area from Content Area 5 if they are unable to obtain the prescribed texts for Topic Area 12.

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**1997 Higher School
Certificate/School Certificate
Reference Test Furniture and
Accommodation Review**

BOS
88/96

A 1997 Higher School Certificate/School Certificate Reference Test Furniture and Accommodation Review has been dispatched to all secondary schools in the week ending 25 October 1996. These forms should be completed and returned to the Office of the Board of Studies no later than 29 November 1996.

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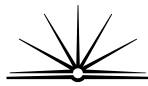
**Changes to Board Credentialling
of Joint Secondary Schools
TAFE Courses**

BOS
89/96

Students undertaking Joint Secondary Schools TAFE (JSSTAFE) courses as Preliminary or HSC courses are entitled to have these courses credentialled as units of study on their Records of Achievement. As the JSSTAFE program has expanded, there has been a proliferation of course titles and numbers generated each year in order to manage the credentialling process. To assist schools entering students for JSSTAFE courses, the following changes will be made to credentialling procedures from 1997:

- (i) The Preliminary/HSC Record of Achievement will report only the primary descriptor of the JSSTAFE course title, eg the 1 Unit course 'Horticulture – Soil Principles' will be credentialled as 'Horticulture 1 Unit'. This reporting is consistent with the degree of detail provided for other Higher School Certificate courses credentialled by the Board.
- (ii) Students undertaking JSSTAFE courses will continue to receive additional documentation from TAFE, which provides more detailed information regarding the TAFE subjects studied and results obtained.
- (iii) For each primary descriptor used for JSSTAFE courses, the Board has allocated four numbers for student entry purposes. These numbers relate to the unit value and duration of the courses, eg

41940	Horticulture	1 Unit	1 Year	(60 hrs)
41941	Horticulture	2 Units	1 Year	(120 hrs)
41942	Horticulture	1 Unit	2 Years	(120 hrs)
41943	Horticulture	2 Units	2 Years	(240 hrs)



As secondary descriptors will no longer appear on the Board's credentials, the new course entry numbers can be retained from year to year, eg any one-year Horticulture 1 Unit course can in future be entered using the number 41940. A full list of the new entry numbers will be issued with the 1997 Preliminary and HSC entry forms next year.

(iv) Schools submitting proposals for locally designed JSSTAFE courses are requested to select a primary descriptor from the Board's list, which is as follows:

Accounting	Marketing
Aircraft Maintenance	Marine Industry
Animal Care	Metals
Art	Mining
Automotive	Music Industry
Basic Aeronautical	Nursing
Bookkeeping	Office Studies
Building and Construction	Painting and Decorating
Ceramics	Photography
Child Care	Plastering
Commercial Cookery	Plumbing
Computer(CAD)	Printing
Computing	Purchasing
Conservation	Radio Broadcasting
Customs Agency	Refrigeration
Design	Retail
Electrical	Rural Studies
Electronics	Science Laboratory Techniques
Engineering	Shopfitting
Fitness	Signwriting
Food Studies	Small Business
Furnishing	Tiling
Hairdressing	Tourism
Health Industry	Vehicle Industry
Horse Industry	Video Production
Horticulture	Warehousing
Hospitality	Welfare
Insurance	Woodmachining
Manufacturing	Wool Industry

(v) In any case where a student is entering for two JSSTAFE courses that have the same course number and are in the same calendar year, the student's entry should instead use the number that corresponds with the total number of units being undertaken. For example, a student undertaking 2 one-year Horticulture 1 Unit courses should be entered with the number applicable for the one-year Horticulture 2 Unit course, rather than entering the 1 Unit number twice.

(vi) The new course numbers have been included in the publication *Ideas for Courses 1997*, and will be applied to all locally designed JSSTAFE courses endorsed by the Board for 1997.

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Assessors of HSC Examination Papers — Expression of Interest

BOS 90/96

The Office of the Board of Studies is seeking expressions of interest from experienced teachers to assess the draft versions of the 1997 HSC examination papers. Please note that this is NOT an application for HSC marking.

Assessors play an important role in the development of the HSC examination papers each year. The assessor's task, as an experienced teacher of the course, is to 'work' the final draft of the paper, and to evaluate and comment on the paper.

The assessor is concerned principally with the correctness of the content of the paper, and whether it will effectively assess the students' achievements of syllabus objectives and outcomes. The HSC Examination Committees finalise the papers after considering the assessors' comments.

Assessors are paid an honorarium to assess all the materials prepared for a course, and also an allowance to cover incidental expenses for each occasion their attendance at the Board is required. In addition, where necessary, relief is paid to government and non-government schools.

Assessors are required to meet the following criteria*:

- (i) have relevant tertiary qualifications in the nominated course;
- (ii) be a practising teacher with recent experience in teaching the course to Year 12 in a NSW secondary school(s);
- (iii) not be teaching/tutoring the course to Year 12 in the year of the examination;
- (iv) not have a near relative presenting for the HSC in the nominated course.

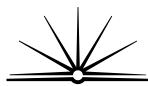
Note: While assessors may be from outside the metropolitan area, the travel allowance paid to assessors does not cover non-metropolitan travel. Non-metropolitan assessors must be available at times suitable to the Office of the Board of Studies (usually during normal business hours) and be prepared to meet any additional travel costs.

An application form may be photocopied from the master provided in these Official Notices (see following page). Expressions of interest should be returned by Thursday 19 December 1996.

* Teachers who do not meet all the criteria are still invited to apply, as their circumstances may change, and/or they may be considered for other tasks (eg assessing specimen papers for new syllabuses).

Attention: Experienced teachers of HSC courses

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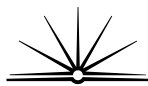
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