

Summary of Design and Technology HSC examination specifications and assessment requirements from 2010

In December 2008, the Board of Studies approved changes to the examination specifications and assessment requirements for a number of courses. These changes will be implemented for the 2010 HSC cohort. Details of the Board's decisions are available on the Board's website at <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/>

The HSC examination specifications and assessment requirements for Design and Technology are outlined below.

Outline of HSC examination specifications

Written examination (40 marks)

A written examination of one hour and 30 minutes plus 5 minutes reading time.

Section/Part	Marks
<i>Section I</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Objective response questions	10
<i>Section II</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Short-answer questions	15
<i>Section III</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">One structured extended response question, with an expected length of response of around four examination writing booklet pages (approximately 600 words).	15
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Major Design Project (60 marks)

Each student completes a Major Design Project, marked out of 60.

Changes from current examination specifications

Section III of the written examination will have one compulsory question rather than a choice of one from three as at present. The expected length for the extended responses is included as a guide. It is presented as the approximate number of examination writing booklet pages (based on average-sized handwriting), and/or an approximate number of words. Students will not be penalised for responses of excess length: they may write less than or more than what is expected, and their responses will be marked on their merits.

Outline of internal assessment requirements

There will be three to five assessment tasks. There are no changes to the components and weightings.