

## Summary of Food 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 Food Technology are outlined below.

### ***Outline of HSC examination specifications***

A written examination of three hours plus 5 minutes reading time.

<b>Section/Part</b>	<b>Marks</b>
<i>Section I</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Objective response questions</li></ul>	20
<i>Section II</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Short-answer questions</li></ul>	55
<i>Section III</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>There are two questions on each option. Students answer the questions on the option they have studied.</li><li>One question on each option will consist of short-answer parts to the value of 10 marks.</li><li>The other question on each option will be a 15-mark extended response question, with an expected length of response of around four examination writing booklet pages (approximately 600 words).</li></ul>	25
	<b>100</b>

### Changes from current examination specifications

In Section I, the mark value of the objective response items is increased from 10 marks to 20 marks.

The examination paper structure is simplified by placing all questions on the options in the same section (Section III). 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.

Student choice of different questions on the core and of different questions on each of the options is removed.

### ***Outline of internal assessment requirements***

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