

Summary of Visual Arts 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 Visual Arts are outlined below.

Outline of HSC examination specifications

Written examination (50 marks)

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

Section/Part	Marks
<i>Section I</i> There are three short-answer questions. Each question may consist of parts. One question/part to be worth 10–15 marks.	25
<i>Section II</i> There will be six questions: two questions on each of practice, the conceptual framework and frames. Students attempt one question, with an expected length of response of around eight examination writing booklet pages (approximately 1000 words).	25
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Body of Work (50 marks)

Changes from current examination specifications

Section I will consist of three short-answer questions (instead of the current one question with three parts). Section II will contain six questions (instead of the current nine) from which students will attempt one question. The expected length for the response 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.