

## Summary of HSC examination specifications for the Vocational Education and Training Frameworks with streams 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 for Hospitality, Retail Services, and Tourism and Events are outlined below.

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

A written examination of two 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>	15
<i>Section II</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Short-answer questions</li></ul>	35
<i>Section III</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>One extended response question with an expected response of around four examination writing booklet pages (approximately 600 words).</li></ul>	15
<i>Section IV</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>One structured extended response question with an expected response of around four pages (approximately 600 words) in total, on each of the streams.</li><li>Students answer the question on the stream they have studied.</li></ul>	15
	<b>80</b>

### Changes from current examination specifications

The extended response questions in the current Section III have been placed in two separate sections. In Section III, students answer a compulsory 15-mark extended response question. The question on the stream has been moved to a new Section IV, and has been replaced by a 15-mark structured extended response question.

In Sections III and IV, 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.