Revitalising senior assessment and tertiary entrance
January 2016 update
Queensland Government commitment

• New senior assessment and tertiary entrance systems to be introduced for students starting Year 11 in 2018 (i.e. Year 9 in 2016):
  – combining school-based assessment developed and marked by teachers with external assessment developed and marked by the QCAA
  – introducing new processes to strengthen the quality and comparability of school-based assessment
  – moving from the Overall Position (OP) to an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

• The Queensland Government will soon finalise the shape of the new system drawing on advice from a Ministerial Taskforce comprised of key stakeholders.
## Implementation timeline and key activities

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Syllabus development and engagement

• Authority syllabuses will be redeveloped in 2016 for publication in 2017.

• Syllabuses will define how internal (school-based assessments) will be combined with external assessment to produce a subject result.

• Learning Area Reference Groups will be established to provide direction and feedback across a suite of syllabuses.

• Subject Expert Writing Teams will be employed to develop syllabuses.

• Nominations for Reference Groups and Writing Teams are now open and close on 1 February 2016.

• Teachers will have three opportunities throughout 2016 to provide feedback on syllabuses as they are developed.
Strengthening school-based assessment

Accreditation of reviewers
Structured, professionally-recognised and certified training pathways designed to enhance the capacity of reviewers and teachers to implement assessment and moderation processes.

Endorsement of assessment
A process to ensure that school-devised assessment instruments meet the requirements of the current syllabus, and provide opportunities for students to demonstrate the syllabus objectives and standards before they are used in schools.

Calibration of judgments
A process of fine-tuning reviewer and teacher judgments to support consistent application of standards.
## Trialling external assessment

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- Support materials including guidelines for developing a unit of work, details of assessment techniques, and sample items will be provided to schools.
- Teachers will be invited to nominate as markers.
- Online marking will enable markers to access scripts anywhere in Queensland.
- Results and evaluations will be returned to schools in July.
Getting involved

- Review panels provide quality assurance of school-based assessments.
  www.qca.qld.edu.au/senior/moderation-hub/panels

- Learning Area Reference Groups provide direction and feedback on syllabus redevelopment (nominations close 1 Feb 2016)

- Subject Expert Writing Teams develop syllabuses and associated support materials (nominations close 1 Feb 2016)

- Markers review student work as part of the external assessment trials. Nomination details will be available online soon.

- For updates and information on the new senior assessment and tertiary entrance system
  www.qca.qld.edu.au/27090.html