

Assessment Schedule for HSC VET Courses

Formal Assessment

Assessment in VET courses is competency based. This means that you need to demonstrate that you have gained, and can apply the specific knowledge and skills for the unit of competency to be deemed competent in that unit. Evidence of competence will be collected in a variety of ways e.g. written tasks, practical demonstration, portfolio or assignment. (see following table)

You may be deemed 'Competent' if performance in all required assessment activities is satisfactory OR 'Not Yet Competent' if you are still developing skills and/or your performance is at an unsatisfactory level. There is no pass or fail. This means that a course mark is not allocated. For this reason, the assessment schedule for HSC VET courses is in a different format to other Board Developed Courses.

Formal Assessment will be scheduled only when you have developed the necessary skills, and underpinning knowledge to demonstrate competency.

Your trainer will keep a record of units of competency achieved. You may request to see this record at any time to determine your progress. Alternately you will be supplied with a competency log for maintaining a record of units achieved. You are entitled to seek advice about options for further training and assessment for competencies 'not yet achieved'. You will also receive a report from the school each semester indicating competencies achieved to date.

The achievement of units of competency, will lead to a Certificate at AQF level I, II or III or a Statement of Attainment (SOA) towards the AQF qualification. A transcript will be issued by the NSW Board of Studies on behalf of Public Schools NSW – Wagga Wagga, Registered Training Organisation (RTO) 90333 for successful completion.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is available by submitting evidence of skills and knowledge relevant to the unit/s of competency for assessment by your trainer.

Credit Transfer will be given for units of competency previously achieved with another RTO. Refer to RTO Student Guide for further information and process

Work placement is a mandatory HSC component. A minimum of 70 hours must be completed during a 240 hour course. Note that:

- you will not be permitted to participate in a work placement if you are not deemed 'work ready' by your trainer.
- an 'N' determination will be issued if work placement is not satisfactorily completed. This means that the course will not count towards your HSC pattern of study. However, you will still receive a Statement of Attainment which indicates the units of competency achieved towards the qualification.
- the scheduled date for work placement is shown in the assessment summary

The Optional HSC Examination is:

- independent of the competency based assessment requirements for the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) VET qualification
- optional for students completing the 240 hour course and is intended for Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) purposes only.
- The satisfactory completion of the course will still appear on your HSC if the optional exam is not undertaken.

If you intend to use your VET course towards the calculation of the ATAR, the school must submit an estimated mark of your likely performance in the HSC. This will only be used in the case of an illness/misadventure appeal. You will be asked to complete a trial examination to practice appropriate written tasks under examination conditions to determine the estimated mark.