

School Developed Board Endorsed Courses

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School Developed Courses

A School Developed Board Endorsed Course is designed by an individual school or group of schools to meet the local needs of a group of students. These courses are endorsed by NESAs Officers in relevant key learning areas.

School Developed Board Endorsed Courses should explore areas of the curriculum not specifically addressed by a NESAs course. NESAs does not usually endorse a course that substantially duplicates an existing Board Developed or Content Endorsed course. Where there is duplication, a decision is made as to whether an exclusion will apply.

NESAs does not endorse proposals for courses in the KLAs of English, Mathematics and Science.

Proposed courses must be a minimum of 100 hours indicative time. School Developed Board Endorsed Courses studied in Stage 5 may be credentialled as 100-hour or 200-hour courses on the Record of School Achievement.

See School Developed Board Endorsed Courses – Guidelines for Course Proposals for further information.

Endorsement period

School Developed Board Endorsed Courses are endorsed for a maximum period of four years. A new course proposal must be submitted before the endorsement period of a course expires.

Group proposal for a School Developed Board Endorsed Course

Groups of schools or campuses of a multi-site school or college can prepare a group proposal for a School Developed Board Endorsed Course. These submissions should be made under the leadership of a single school, a group of schools or a school system.

VET courses in Stage 5

Schools may also access Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses in Stage 5. See VET in Years 9 and 10 (Stage 5) and ACE 2005 VET Board Endorsed Courses for further information.

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VET in Stage 5

Students in Years 9 and 10 may access VET courses through two curriculum pathways:

- Stage 5 Board Endorsed Courses
- early commencement of Stage 6 VET courses.

Applications and credentialling for the Record of School Achievement

To be credentialled on the Record of School Achievement, VET courses for Stage 5 students must be endorsed by the Board Endorsement Panel.

Endorsement period

VET Board Endorsed Courses are only endorsed for one cohort. A new course proposal must be submitted before a course's endorsement period expires.

For further information see VET in Years 9 and 10 (Stage 5).

School Developed Board Endorsed Years 7–10 Languages courses

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As a general rule, the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) will only endorse School Developed Courses for implementation in Years 9–10. However, if a school wishes to deliver the 100-hours mandatory Language study in Years 7–8 in a language where there is no Board Developed Course, eg in Auslan, Braille or a community language, the school may present a case for NESA endorsement of a course in the language in question.

Endorsement may be given in cases where:

- (1) the course is needed to meet the mandatory 100-hours requirement, *and*
- (2) the course meets appropriate NESA standards comparable to those applying to Board Endorsed Courses in Years 9–10.

Developing a course in a language where there is no Board Developed Course

Schools wishing to develop a course in a language where there is no Board Developed Course for Years 7–10 should contact the Board Inspector, Languages for advice. A NESA Language Syllabus Framework can be made available for the purpose of developing a School Developed Board Endorsed Course for Years 7–10.