

## Stage 6 Life Skills courses

ACE 7001

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Stage 6 Life Skills courses provide options for students with disability who are unable to access regular course outcomes, particularly students with an intellectual disability

The Stage 6 Life Skills courses can be undertaken in combination with other Board Developed and/or Board Endorsed Courses to meet the requirements for the award of the Higher School Certificate.

Stage 6 Life Skills courses have Board Developed status. Each Stage 6 Life Skills course comprises a 2-unit 120-hour Preliminary course and a 2-unit 120-hour HSC course, with the exception of Studies of Religion I Life Skills, which is a 1-unit course (60 hours).

Schools may wish to design a Life Skills course as a School Developed Board Endorsed Course to meet the local needs of their students in areas where there is no Board Developed syllabus.

### **Exclusions**

As with the study of all Board Developed Courses, exclusions apply to the study of Life Skills courses such that students may not study more than one 240-hour course in the same subject. For example, a student cannot include both English (Standard) and English Life Skills in the pattern of study for the award of the Higher School Certificate.

## **Exclusions: eligibility to enter Higher School Certificate courses**

**ACE 8010**

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In general, students may not count more than one 240-hour Board Developed Course in the one subject in their pattern of study for the Higher School Certificate (eg English Advanced and English Standard, Music 1 and Music 2).

Exclusions for each HSC course are identified in the HSC Course Descriptions on the NESA website.

## Exclusions for Higher School Certificate courses: Languages, Mathematics, Studies of Religion

ACE 8011

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HSC course	Exclusion(s)
<b>Languages</b> Croatian, Macedonian, Serbian	Only one of these languages can be counted in a student's pattern of study.
<b>Languages</b> Malay, Indonesian	Only one of these languages can be counted in a student's pattern of study. Note: a background speaker of Malay who wishes to study Indonesian must enrol in the Indonesian and Literature course.
<b>Mathematics Standard</b>	Can be studied with no other Mathematics course.
<b>Studies of Religion I, Studies of Religion II</b>	Only one of these courses can be counted in a pattern of study.

## Exclusions for HSC Content Endorsed Courses (CECs)

ACE 8012

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<b>Course</b>	<b>Exclusions</b>
Ceramics	Works developed for assessment in Ceramics are not to be used either in full or in part for assessment in any other subject.
Computing Applications	Board Developed Information Processes and Technology, and Software Design and Development
Photography, Video and Imaging	Works developed for assessment in Photography, Video and Digital Imaging are not to be used either in full or in part for assessment in any other subject.
Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Studies	Students studying Board Developed PDHPE must not study CEC modules which duplicate PDHPE modules.
Visual Design	Works developed for assessment in Visual Design are not to be used either in full or in part for assessment in any other subject.

## Exclusions for HSC project work

ACE 8013

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**Changes to ACE rules and procedures are occurring to reflect the Stronger HSC Standards reforms.**

**NESA strongly encourages all ACE users to review the [Summary of Changes](#) that may impact the below.**

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A number of subjects include a requirement for the development of project work for either internal or external assessment.

Projects developed for assessment in one subject are not to be used either in full or in part for assessment in any other subject.

## **Exclusions: accumulating HSC courses**

**ACE 8014**

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Students who are accumulating courses for the HSC should be aware that where exclusions apply (for example, exclusions relating to English Advanced and English Standard, Mathematics and Mathematics Standard, Malay and Indonesian) and where two or more mutually exclusive courses are completed, only the most recent satisfactorily completed course will count towards HSC eligibility.

## **Exclusions for VET courses**

### **ACE 8015**

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Where there is significant overlap between a VET course and other VET or general education courses NESA has an exclusion between the courses. Exclusions are applied at a course stream or focus area level rather than at the unit of competency level.

Details of exclusions applying to VET courses are available from NESA's website.

## **Exclusions applying to VET Industry Curriculum Frameworks**

**ACE 8016**

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Details of exclusions applying to Industry Curriculum Frameworks are found on the NESA website.



## **Exclusions for VET HSC courses**

**ACE 8017**

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Where there is significant overlap between a VET course and other VET, general education or Life Skills courses NESA has an exclusion between the courses. Exclusions are applied at a course stream or focus area level rather than at the unit of competency level.

## **Exclusions for Board Endorsed VET courses**

**ACE 8018**

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Details of exclusions applying to Board Endorsed VET courses can be found in the **VET Course Description Board Endorsed Courses** on the NESA website.