

School Curriculum and Standards Authority –communications to schools relating to the WACE reforms

26 Nov 12	Letter from Chair and CEO	Update on WA Curriculum and Assessment Outline, Kindergarten and Pre-primary Guidelines, F-10 Australian Curriculum and WA Year 11 and 12 Curriculum	2012/36084
January 13	eCircular, edition 1	Background to the decision for revising the WACE in 2016 A review of the WACE requirements and the structure of senior secondary courses identified key issues that need to be addressed to ensure the WACE kept pace with the needs and aspirations of students and the community.	
January 13	eCircular, edition 1	Key changes to the WACE in 2016 The differences between the WACE requirements for 2013 and 2016 are highlighted in a table.	
January 13	eCircular, edition 1	WACE structure for years 11 and 12 Students will have the opportunity to select courses at General and/or ATAR level.	
January 13	eCircular, edition 1	Expanded course advisory committees The membership of the course advisory committees for English, Mathematics, Biology, Earth and Environmental Science, Physics, Chemistry, Modern History, Ancient History and Geography will be expanded to support the work required to adapt the senior secondary Australian Curriculum to suit the Western Australian requirements.	
January 13	eCircular, edition 1	Consultation and publication of WACE courses for implementation in 2015-16 During 2013–14, current syllabuses will be reviewed for all WACE courses for implementation in 2015–16. For most courses, changes are expected to be minimal.	
January 13	eCircular, edition 1	Presentations to principals The Authority is providing metropolitan and regional	

		information sessions for secondary principals. Video or teleconference sessions will be held for remote and overseas schools.	
January 13	eCircular, edition 1	Online engagement and further information The School Curriculum and Standards Authority has provided an online forum for teachers, parents and students to discuss the changes to the WACE in 2016 and to ask questions.	
21 Jan 13	Government Media Statement	Joint statement – Premier and Minister Collier Major reforms to raise bar on literacy and numeracy (The WACE reforms announcement)	2013/2403
February 13	eCircular, edition 2	Expanded membership for course advisory committees 2013-2014 Teachers are invited to nominate for expanded course advisory committees, which will support the work required to adapt the senior secondary Australian Curriculum to suit the Western Australian requirements.	
February 13	eCircular, edition 2	WACE 2016 update and online forum Teachers, school leaders and other stakeholders are invited to participate in an online forum about the changes to the WACE in 2016.	
1 Feb13	CEO Presentation to school principals	WACE 2015-16 reforms - Metro	2013/2389
4 Feb13	CEO Presentation to school principals	WACE 2015-16 reforms Bunbury/Busselton	2013/2389
5 Feb13	CEO Presentation to school principals	WACE 2015-16 reforms – Northam	2013/2389
6 Feb13	CEO Presentation to school principals	WACE 2015-16 reforms – Kalgoorlie	2013/2389
7 Feb 13	CEO Presentation to school	WACE 2015-16 reforms – Geraldton	2013/2389

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8 Feb 13	CEO Presentation to school principals	WACE 2015-16 reforms – Albany	2013/2389
12 Feb 13	CEO Presentation to school principals	WACE 2015-16 reforms – Broome	2013/2389
13 Feb 13	Letter from Chair and CEO	Update on NAPLAN testing, Kindergarten and Pre-primary, Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline, and WACE reforms	2013/4926v2
13 Feb 13	CEO Presentation to school principals	WACE 2015-16 reforms - Pilbara	2013/2389
15 Feb 13	CEO – teleconference with remote schools	WACE 2015-16 reforms – remote schools	2013/4738
28 Feb 13	CEO – teleconference with overseas schools	WACE 2015-16 – overseas schools	2013/4736
May 13	eCircular, edition 5	Teacher briefings for WACE 2016 ATAR draft courses The Authority is holding teacher briefings to present the WACE 2016 senior secondary draft ATAR course syllabuses for English, mathematics, science and history.	
29 Nov 13	Letter from Chair and CEO	WACE Reforms - OLNA	2013/468889
Dec 13	eCircular, edition 13	WACE 2015-16 update sent to principals A summary of the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE), to be implemented in 2015 and 2016, has been emailed to all secondary school principals.	
Dec 13	eCircular, edition 13	Register for WACE 2015-16 and Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline briefings Principals and deputy principals are invited to register for briefings on the WACE 2015–16 revisions and the Western	

		Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline.	
Dec 13	eCircular, edition 13	Two WACE Manuals to guide schools in transition to WACE 2015-16 The Authority will publish two WACE Manuals over the next few months to assist schools during the transition to the revised WACE requirements in 2015–16.	
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Jan 14	eCircular, edition 1	Register now for WACE 2015-16 and Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline (K-10) briefings Principals and deputy principals are reminded they can register for briefings on the WACE 2015–16 revisions and the Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline.	
Feb 14	eCircular, edition 2	Register now for WACE 2015–16 and Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline (K–10) briefings Only a few days remain for principals and deputy principals to register for briefings on the WACE 2015–16 revisions and the	

		Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline.	
Feb 14	eCircular, edition 2	Transition arrangements for students completing the WACE in 2016 The Authority has established transition arrangements for students enrolled in WACE courses in 2014 and 2015 but who may complete their schooling under the WACE requirements for 2016 and beyond.	
17 Feb 14	CEO Presentation to school principals	WACE 2015-16 - Metro	2014/9925
18 Feb 14	CEO Presentation to school principals	WACE 2015-16 - Metro	2014/9925
21 Feb 14	CEO Presentation to school principals	WACE 2015-16 - Northam	2014/9925
24 Feb 14	CEO Presentation to school principals	WACE 2015-16 – Bunbury	2014/9925
26 Feb /14	CEO Presentation to school principals	WACE 2015-16 – Kalgoorlie	2014/9925
28 Feb 14	CEO Presentation to school principals	WACE 2015-16 – Geraldton	2014/9925
Mar 14	eCircular, edition 3	WACE 2015–16 literacy and numeracy requirement video for students The Authority has produced a brief video about the literacy and numeracy requirement for the WACE for 2016 and beyond and specifically, the importance of the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment.	

4 Mar 14	CEO Presentation to school principals	WACE 2015-16 – Albany	2014/9925
10 Mar 14	CEO Presentation to school principals	WACE 2015-16 – Narrogin	2014/9925
12 Mar 14	CEO Presentation to school principals	WACE 2015-16 - Karratha	2014/9925
14/ Mar 14	CEO Presentation to school principals	WACE 2015-16 - Broome	2014/9925
17 Mar 14	CEO Presentation to school principals	WACE 2015-16 - Esperance	2014/9925
31 Mar 14	Letter from Chair and CEO	WACE 2015-16 Materials release	2014/11022
Apr 14	eCircular, edition 4	<p>Changes to the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) from 2015 materials</p> <p>Authority Chair Patrick Garnett and CEO Allan Blagaich have written to principals and teachers to advise them of information on the website about the changes to the WACE starting in 2015.</p>	
Apr 14	eCircular, edition 5	<p>Codes for the new WACE courses, 2015-2016</p> <p>Codes for the new WACE courses are available.</p>	
Apr 14	eCircular, edition 5	<p>Feedback invited on draft WACE Manual 2015–16</p> <p>The draft 2015-2016 WACE Manual is available online and we need your feedback</p>	
Apr 14	eCircular, edition 5	WACE 2015–2016 webinars for heads of learning areas	

		It's time for school heads of learning area to sign up for Authority webinars that will address key questions about what will happen in their learning areas in 2015 and 2016.	
17 Apr 14	Letter from CEO	WACE 2015-16 Year 10 Materials	2014/14401
May 14	eCircular, edition 6	WACE 2015–2016 webinars for heads of learning areas: a reminder WACE course heads of learning areas A reminder that WACE 2015-16 webinars are available to heads of learning areas.	
May 14	eCircular, edition 6	Feedback invited on draft WACE Manual 2015–16 A reminder that the Authority continues to seek feedback on the draft WACE Manual 2015-16	
May 14	eCircular, edition 6	Information session for Language teachers The Authority will offer an information session to explain the new enrolment process for WACE Language courses that will apply in 2015.	
May 14	eCircular, edition 6	Name change for Language courses from 2015 From 2015, the names and codes for certain Language courses will change.	
May 14	eCircular, edition 6	New enrolment process for WACE Language courses in 2015	

		A new enrolment process, which will apply to all Language courses, both General and ATAR, will replace the current second language eligibility process in 2014 for 2015 enrolments.	
May 14	eCircular, edition 6	Updated course codes for VET industry specific courses, 2015-2016 VET industry specific courses are no longer referred to as a subset of General courses. VET industry specific courses are now a WACE course type.	
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June 14	eCircular, edition 8	Changes to list of prescribed sports for 2016 Physical Education Studies WACE practical examination Schools are advised of the removal of seven sports from the practical examination list for the WACE 2016 examinations.	
Jul 14	eCircular, edition 9	Minor edits to 2015/16 syllabuses Minor edits have been made to syllabuses for Accounting and Finance General Year 11, Business Management and Enterprise ATAR Year 12, Chemistry Year 11 and Year 12 ATAR and General, Integrated Science ATAR Year 12, Italian Second Language ATAR Year 11, Mathematics Applications Year 12, Mathematics Essential Year 11, Mathematics Foundation Year 11, Physical Education Studies ATAR Year	

		12, Preliminary Visual Arts.	
Jul 14	eCircular, edition 9	SIRS reporting of VET integrated into WACE 2015-16 course units 2015 and beyond From 2015 the Authority does not require schools to notify the agency on whether VET units of competency have been integrated into WACE 2015-16 course units. VET units of competency may, however, continue to be integrated into existing WACE course units.	
21 Jul 14	Letter from Chair and CEO	SCSA Term 3 update – Kindergarten guidelines, Australian Curriculum, Curriculum Resources and WACE 2015-16	2014/25759
Aug 14	eCircular, edition 10	Minor edits to 2015/16 syllabuses Minor edits have been made to syllabuses for: Drama ATAR Year 12, Japanese Second Language ATAR and General for Year 11 and Year 12, Marine and Maritime Studies General Year 11 and General Year 12, Mathematics Applications ATAR Year 12.	
7 Aug 14	Letter from Chair and CEO	WACE – eligibility for Year 11 and 12 Foundation and Preliminary courses	2014/21856