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General, Applied (Essential) and Short Course 2025 and General (Extension) 2026 v1.1 syllabuses

Purpose

To announce an update to the General, Applied (Essential) and Short Course 2025 and General (Extension) 2026 syllabuses from v1.0 to v1.1 in the Syllabus application (app) in the QCAA Portal and on the QCAA website.

Background

In December 2023, the QCAA approved a revised suite of General, Applied (Essential) and Short Course 2025 and General (Extension) 2026 syllabuses. These syllabuses were published to the QCAA website in January 2024 as v1.0 for familiarisation and planning purposes.

Note: The revised Literacy and Numeracy Short Course syllabuses and General — Senior External Examination syllabuses were not released in January 2024. These syllabuses are on a different revision schedule.

Information

Release of General, Applied (Essential) and Short Course 2025 and General (Extension) 2026 v1.1 syllabuses

Several amendments have been made to the suite of General, Applied (Essential) and Short Course 2025 and General (Extension) 2026 v1.0 syllabuses in response to feedback provided at the Familiarisation and planning webinars, and the instrument-specific marking guide (ISMG) and instrument-specific standards (ISS) validation process. These syllabuses have now been published as v1.1 on the QCAA website and Syllabuses app.

The syllabuses can be accessed through the QCAA Portal. Schools can view the syllabuses via a temporary 'New syllabuses' tab. All users with access to the Syllabuses app have automatic access to this tab.

Note: Resources for the syllabuses will be progressively added to the Syllabuses app as they become available.

Implementation of General, Applied (Essential) and Short Course 2025 and General (Extension) 2026 v1.1 syllabuses

The General and Applied (Essential) 2025 and General (Extension) 2026 v1.1 syllabuses will be implemented for the first time with the cohort that will complete their course of study of the subject in 2026.

The Short Course 2025 v1.1 syllabuses will be implemented for the first time with the cohort that will complete their course of study of the subject in 2025.

Schools offering compressed curriculums (i.e. completing the course of study in one year) will offer the General and Applied (Essential) syllabuses 2019 in 2025.

Schools offering combined classes will continue to offer the General and Applied (Essential) 2019 syllabuses to students who will complete their course of study of the subject in 2025. Students completing their course of study of the subject in 2026 will study the General and Applied (Essential) 2025 and General (Extension) 2026 v1.1 syllabuses.

What you need to do

Please familiarise yourself with the General, Applied (Essential) and Short Course 2025 and General (Extension) 2026 v1.1 syllabuses to prepare for implementation. For questions about specific syllabuses, or syllabus implementation support, please contact the relevant Learning Area unit.

Finding out more

For general information about the General, Applied (Essential) and Short Course 2025 and General (Extension) 2026 v1.1 syllabuses, please email the Senior Curriculum Unit at scu@qcaa.qld.edu.au.

For more information about the Syllabuses app, please email Client Services at clientservices@qcaa.qld.edu.au, or phone (07) 3864 0299.

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