

# Memo

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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Senior secondary

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## 2015 QCS Test marker applications

### Purpose

To invite teachers to apply to mark student responses to the Writing Task (WT) subtest or Short Response (SR) subtest of the 2015 Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test.

### Background

Each year, the QCAA recruits markers to add to the existing pool of QCS Test markers.

To be eligible to mark the QCS Test, new applicants need to attend a recruitment session and successfully complete the recruitment test.

The 2015 QCS Test marking operation will be held in Brisbane from Saturday 19 September to Friday 25 September.

The primary objective of the marking operation is to grade student responses validly and reliably according to a prepared marking guide/scheme. Markers gain valuable professional experience that assists them in preparing students for the test.

### Information

Teachers are encouraged to apply. The QCAA will continue its commitment to employing markers from around the state.

New applicants must:

- be a registered (or previously registered) teacher
- demonstrate an understanding of assessment using criteria and standards
- be able to apply a prescriptive marking model
- demonstrate an ability to follow instructions
- teach or live in Queensland.

QCS Test markers work as casual employees and are paid for training and marking.

Training at the marking operation contributes to continuing professional development points.

# Recruitment sessions

New applicants are to attend one recruitment session in their preferred subtest. Sessions will be held at the QCAA office (Level 7, 154 Melbourne Street, South Brisbane).

Recruitment sessions may be held in regional areas. The decision to run regional sessions will be determined by the level of interest indicated.

| Subtest        | Date                | Time               |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Writing Task   | Friday 10 April*    | 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm |
|                | Monday 13 April*    | 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm |
|                | Thursday 16 April*  | 9:30 am – 1:30 pm  |
|                | Monday 27 April     | 9:30 am – 1:30 pm  |
|                | Thursday 30 April   | 4:15 pm – 8:15 pm  |
|                | Tuesday 5 May       | 4:15 pm – 8:15 pm  |
| Short Response | Wednesday 8 April*  | 9:30 am – 1:30 pm  |
|                | Wednesday 15 April* | 4:15 pm – 8:15 pm  |
|                | Friday 17 April*    | 9:30 am – 1:30 pm  |
|                | Tuesday 28 April    | 4:15 pm – 8:15 pm  |
|                | Wednesday 6 May     | 4:15 pm – 8:15 pm  |
|                | Friday 8 May        | 9:30 am – 1:30 pm  |

\*Easter school holidays

## How to apply

Online applications via <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/MAO/login.jsp> will be open from Monday 9 February to Friday 13 March 2015.

Applicants who live within 100 km of South Brisbane should:

- apply online and select their preferred recruitment session.

Applicants who live more than 100 km from South Brisbane should:

- if able to travel to Brisbane to attend a session, apply online and select their preferred recruitment session
- if unable to attend a Brisbane session, indicate their interest by Wednesday 18 February by emailing their name, school, region and preferred subtest to [qcsmarkerinfo@qcaa.qld.edu.au](mailto:qcsmarkerinfo@qcaa.qld.edu.au). The QCAA will contact these applicants by Wednesday 25 February advising them whether a recruitment session will be held in their area. If one is to be held, further information about applying online will be provided.

## What you need to do

Please encourage your teachers to apply by forwarding this memo to them, and by discussing this opportunity at meetings.

## Finding out more

For more information visit the QCS Test marker information page (<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/2326.html>), email Tracey Allan at [qcsmarkerinfo@qcaa.qld.edu.au](mailto:qcsmarkerinfo@qcaa.qld.edu.au), or phone (07) 3864 0367.

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