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[as amended by all amendments that commenced on or before 25 February 1998]

PART 1—PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This regulation may be cited as the *Education (Senior Secondary School Studies) Regulation 1989*.

Definitions

2. In this regulation—

“**assessing school**” means a school at which senior secondary education is offered and the students are assessed for either or both of the following—

- (a) board subjects under procedures decided by the board;
- (b) board registered subjects for which work programs have been approved by the board.

“**completion**”, of year 12 by a full-time student, means the student attends school in year 12 until and including—

- (a) if the first Monday of the December student vacation in the year is not more than 9 days before Christmas day—the Friday of the fifth last week before the vacation starts; or
- (b) if the first Monday of the December student vacation is more than 9 days before Christmas day—the Friday of the fourth last week before the vacation starts.

“**December student vacation**”, in a year, means the student vacation to be observed in a State school starting in December in the year, but not including an additional holiday, under the *Education (General*

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*Provisions) Act 1989.*¹

“level of achievement”, for a board subject, board registered subject or strand of a board registered subject, means any of the following—

- very high achievement
- high achievement
- sound achievement
- limited achievement
- very limited achievement.

“principal” means the person in charge of a school.

“Vocational Education, Training and Employment Commission” see *Vocational Education, Training and Employment Act 1991*, section 6.

PART 3—AWARD OF CERTIFICATES, EXAMINATIONS, ACHIEVEMENT LIST

Principal of assessing school to give assessment results to board

4.(1) The principal of an assessing school must give the board the results of assessments of the school’s students for—

- (a) board subjects if the assessments were made under procedures

¹ The *Education (General Provisions) Regulation 1989*, section 17 provides as follows—

‘Student vacations

‘17. Student vacations to be observed in a State school shall be those days as approved from time to time by the Minister and published on calendars in the Education Office gazette.’

The *Education (General Provisions) Regulation 1989*, section 18(b) provides for additional holidays that must be observed in State schools including ‘holidays granted by the Governor-General, the Governor, the Premier, the Minister for Education, and other Ministers’.

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decided by the board; and

- (b) board registered subjects if the work programs were approved by the board; and
- (c) recorded subjects.

(2) The results must be given to the board at the time, and in the way, decided by the board.

Senior certificates to be awarded to students completing year 12 in full-time schooling

5.(1) The board must award a senior certificate to a student who completes year 12 in full-time schooling at an assessing school.

(2) However, the board must not award a senior certificate to a student if the principal of the assessing school attended by the student advises the board the student's attendance has been insufficient to allow the student to substantially cover the subjects enrolled for, and to be assessed adequately on the subjects, unless the board—

- (a) reviews the principal's advice; and
- (b) is satisfied the student has substantially covered the subjects enrolled for and has been adequately assessed.

(3) The senior certificate must be based on the following assessments given to the board under section 4—

- (a) for a board subject or board registered subject—assessments of the student by the assessing school at which the student completes year 12;
- (b) for a recorded subject—assessments of the student by the school through which the student undertakes the schooling or the educational institution responsible for assessment of the subject.

(4) For each board subject or board registered subject, the certificate must state—

- (a) the number of semester units studied by the student in years 11 and 12; and
- (b) if the subject has vocational education components—the

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components; and

- (c) the level of achievement reached by the student in the subject; and
- (d) for each board registered subject in which separate strands of the subject are assessed—the level of achievement reached by the student in each strand.

(5) For each recorded subject, the certificate must state—

- (a) the name of the subject; and
- (b) information about the assessment of the student for the subject by the relevant school or institution, that the board decides is necessary.

Senior certificates may be awarded to students completing year 12 other than in full-time schooling

6.(1) The board may award a senior certificate to a student who completes senior secondary education other than by full-time schooling.

(2) The certificate must be based on assessments by educational institutions—

- (a) that assess students for board subjects under procedures decided by the board; and
- (b) through which the student undertakes the schooling.

(3) For each board subject or board registered subject, the certificate must state—

- (a) the number of semester units studied by the student; and
- (b) if the subject has vocational education components—the components; and
- (c) the level of achievement reached by the student in the subject; and
- (d) for each board registered subject in which separate strands of the subject are assessed—the level of achievement reached by the student in each strand.

(4) For each recorded subject, the certificate must state—

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- (a) the name of the subject; and
- (b) information about the assessment of the student for the subject by the relevant school or institution, that the board decides is necessary.

Senior certificates to be awarded to certain students completing external senior examinations

7.(1) The board must make an external examination available each year for the following—

- (a) students undertaking senior secondary education other than by full-time schooling;
- (b) students undertaking senior secondary education by full-time schooling if the board is satisfied the student may, under a by-law,² be a candidate for the examination.

(2) The board must award senior certificates to the students based on their results in the examination.

(3) The certificate must state the level of achievement reached by a student in each subject for which the student has been examined.

Order of overall achievement list

8.(1) The board shall compile, and make available for the use of appropriate authorities, an indicator of comparative overall achievement of students in board subjects.

(1A) The indicator shall be determined in the manner specified from time to time by the board.

² The *Education (Senior Secondary School Studies) By-law 1989*, section 5(1) provides that a student undertaking year 12 studies by full-time schooling may be a candidate at the appropriate examination if the board is satisfied as follows—

- ‘(a) the student has transferred from 1 school to another and is unable at the other school to complete previously commenced studies in any 1 or more subjects; or
- (b) the student for good and sufficient reason is unable to undertake the study of any 1 or more subjects at that school.’

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(2) The board may provide a copy of the complete achievement list information to appropriate authorities subject to such conditions (if any) as it thinks fit and subject to the payment of the prescribed fee.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation, “**appropriate authorities**” shall include tertiary institutions and tertiary admissions centres, whether in Queensland or elsewhere.

PART 4—MEMBERSHIP OF MODERATION AND SUBJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Moderation committee

9.(1) The moderation committee appointed in accordance with section 34 of the Act shall consist of the director of the board, the chairpersons of 5 State review panels (which 5 panels shall be selected as representative of the range of subjects or groups of subjects studied in Queensland secondary schools) 2 chairpersons of subject advisory committees and such other persons as are considered necessary by the board.

(2) Unless otherwise determined by the board, the director shall, on appointment, be designated and shall be chairperson of the committee.

Subject advisory committee

10.(1) A subject advisory committee shall be appointed for each subject or for each group of subjects in accordance with section 36 of the Act.

(2) Each committee shall consist of—

- (a) 1 nominee of the board who shall, on appointment, be designated and shall be chairperson; and
- (b) the chairperson of the State review panel for the subject or one of the groups of subjects as the case may be; and
- (c) 6 nominees all of whom shall be leading practitioners of the respective subject or groups of subjects as the case may be,

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selected from practising teachers in Queensland secondary schools, 4 of whom shall be nominated by the chief executive from teachers in State secondary schools, and the remaining 2 shall be approved by the board from teachers in non-State secondary schools selected from persons whose names have been submitted to the board by non-State school organisations; and

- (d) 1 person nominated under subsection (3) who, at the time of appointment, is a parent of—
 - (i) a student attending year 11 or 12 at a State educational institution or other school in Queensland; or
 - (ii) a person expected to attend year 11 or 12 at a State educational institution or other school in Queensland during the term of appointment; or
 - (iii) a person who attended year 11 or 12 at a State educational institution or other school in Queensland and whose last day of attendance was not earlier than 2 years before the day of appointment; and
- (e) 4 representatives of institutions of higher education to be nominated by the Higher Education Forum; and
- (f) 1 person who is an officer of the department involved in curriculum research or development to be nominated by the chief executive; and
- (g) 1 nominee of the learned society or association of persons recognised by the board as having expertise in the subject or groups of subjects for which a subject advisory committee is appointed and whose nomination is approved by the board; and
- (h) 1 person nominated by an industry association recognised by the board as having expertise in the subject or group of subjects for which the committee is appointed and whose nomination is approved by the board; and
- (i) other persons appointed by the board because the board considers the persons have expertise in the subject or group of subjects for which the committee is appointed or would otherwise contribute to the committee's work.

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(3) The chairperson of the board must arrange for meetings of representatives of the following entities to nominate persons for subject advisory committees—

- (a) Queensland Council of Parents and Citizens' Associations Incorporated;
- (b) Federation of Parents and Friends Associations of Catholic Schools, Queensland;
- (c) Independent Parents and Friends Council of Queensland.

(4) The meeting may be by telephone, closed circuit television or another form of communication.

(5) Also, before the board recognises an industry association as mentioned in subsection (2)(h), the board must consult with the Vocational Education, Training and Employment Commission.

PART 5—ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD AND COMMITTEES

Quorum of the board

11. For the purpose of section 19 of the Act, a quorum of members of the board required to constitute a meeting of the board shall be one-half, or if one-half is not a whole number, the whole number next higher than one-half of the total number of members for the time being of the board.

Quorum at committee meetings

12. The number of members of a moderation committee or a subject advisory committee required to constitute a quorum at a meeting of the committee shall be one-half, or if one-half is not a whole number, the whole number next higher than one-half of the total number of members for the time being of the committee.

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Term of appointment of committee members

13.(1) The term of appointment of members of the moderation committee shall be 4 years.

(2) The term of appointment of members of a subject advisory committee shall be 4 years.

(3) However, the instrument appointing a member of a subject advisory committee may provide the member is appointed for a stated period of less than 4 years.

Casual vacancies on committees

14.(1) The board may, upon the occurrence of a casual vacancy in the membership of the moderation committee or a subject advisory committee appoint a person to fill the vacancy.

(2) However, the person appointed shall have qualifications similar to those of the person's predecessor and shall be appointed for the balance of the term for which the person's predecessor was appointed.

Manner of exercising power of a committee

15.(1) The moderation committee and a subject advisory committee shall exercise a power or authority or perform a duty or function by majority vote of their respective members present and voting at the meeting at which such exercise or performance is to occur.

(2) A member who abstains from voting shall be deemed to have voted for the negative.

(3) The chairperson of the moderation committee or a subject advisory committee shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote.

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2 Date to which amendments incorporated

This is the reprint date mentioned in the Reprints Act 1992, section 5(c). Accordingly, this reprint includes all amendments that commenced operation on or before 25 February 1998. Future amendments of the Education (Senior Secondary School Studies) Regulation 1989 may be made in accordance with this reprint under the Reprints Act 1992, section 49.

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3 Key

Key to abbreviations in list of legislation and annotations

AIA	=	Acts Interpretation Act 1954	(prev)	=	previously
amd	=	amended	proc	=	proclamation
ch	=	chapter	prov	=	provision
def	=	definition	pt	=	part
div	=	division	pubd	=	published
exp	=	expires/expired	R[X]	=	Reprint No.[X]
gaz	=	gazette	RA	=	Reprints Act 1992
hdg	=	heading	reloc	=	relocated
ins	=	inserted	renum	=	renumbered
lap	=	lapsed	rep	=	repealed
notfd	=	notified	s	=	section
om	=	omitted	sch	=	schedule
o in c	=	order in council	sdiv	=	subdivision
p	=	page	SIA	=	Statutory Instruments Act 1992
para	=	paragraph	SL	=	subordinate legislation
prec	=	preceding	sub	=	substituted
pres	=	present	unnum	=	unnumbered
prev	=	previous			

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commenced 6 February 1989 (see s 1(2))

exp 2 February 1999 (see SIA s 54)

as amended by—

Education (Senior Secondary School Studies) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1996 SL No. 57

notfd gaz 29 March 1996 pp 1468–9

commenced on date of notification

Education (Senior Secondary School Studies) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1997 SL No. 27

notfd gaz 14 February 1997 pp 631–2

ss 1–2 commenced on date of notification

remaining provisions commenced 14 February 1997 (see s 2)

Education (Senior Secondary School Studies) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 1997 SL No. 275

notfd gaz 29 August 1997 pp 1987–9

commenced on date of notification

Education (Senior Secondary School Studies) Amendment Regulation (No. 3) 1997 SL No. 463

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ss 1–2 commenced on date of notification

remaining provisions commenced 1 January 1998 (see s 2)

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PART 1—PRELIMINARY

pt hdg sub 1996 SL No. 57 s 3

Short title

s 1 sub 1996 SL No. 57 s 3

Definitions

s 2 sub 1996 SL No. 57 s 3; 1997 SL No. 27 s 4

def “**State educational institution**” ins 1997 SL No. 275 s 3

om 1997 SL No. 463 s 4

Arrangement

s 3 om 1996 SL No. 57 s 3

PART 2—MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD

pt hdg om 1997 SL No. 27 s 5

Principal of assessing school to give assessment results to board

s 4 prev s 4 om 1996 SL No. 57 s 3
pres s 4 ins 1997 SL No. 27 s 6

Senior certificates to be awarded to students completing year 12 in full-time schooling

s 5 prev s 5 om 1997 SL No. 27 s 5
pres s 5 ins 1997 SL No. 27 s 6

Senior certificates may be awarded to students completing year 12 other than in full-time schooling

s 6 amd 1996 SL No. 57 s 4
sub 1997 SL No. 27 s 6

Senior certificates to be awarded to certain students completing external senior examinations

s 7 amd 1996 SL No. 57 s 5
sub 1997 SL No. 27 s 6

Order of overall achievement list

s 8 amd 1996 SL No. 57 s 6

Moderation committee

s 9 amd 1997 SL No. 27 s 7

Subject advisory committee

s 10 amd 1996 SL No. 57 s 7; 1997 SL No. 27 s 8; 1997 SL No. 275 s 4

Term of appointment of committee members

s 13 amd 1996 SL No. 57 s 8; 1997 SL No. 27 s 9

PART 6—MISCELLANEOUS

pt hdg ins 1996 SL No. 57 s 9
exp 10 April 1997 (see s 17)

Education Legislation Amendment Act 1995, s 9—commencement

s 16 ins 1996 SL No. 59 s 9
exp 10 April 1997 (see s 17)

Subject advisory committees to be abolished and members to go out of office

s 16A ins 1997 SL No. 27 s 10
exp 10 April 1997 (see s 17)

Expiry of part

s 17 ins 1996 SL No. 57 s 9
exp 10 April 1997 (see s 17)