



Key information for the History Extension Stage 6 syllabus (2017)

- Schools and teachers use syllabuses to develop educational programs for students. The [History Extension Stage 6 syllabus \(2017\)](#) requires students to study: 'Constructing History', including key questions and case studies. One case study is to be chosen from a selection of 21 (minimum 40 hours) and History Project (maximum 20 hours).
- Schools are required to develop an assessment program for each Year 12 course. School-based assessment requirements are outlined at [Assessment and reporting in History Extension Stage 6](#).
- The History Extension Stage 6 Syllabus (2017) syllabus has subject specific terms in a glossary that are important to know. The glossary can be found within the [History Extension Stage 6 syllabus \(2017\)](#) on page 42.
- The History Extension Stage 6 Syllabus (2017) will be taught and examined for the final time in 2026. The [History Extension 11-12 Syllabus \(2024\)](#) will be taught for the first time from T4 2026

HSC examinations

- The History Extension HSC requires completion of 2 hours of writing plus 10 minutes reading time. The written examination consisting of two sections totalling 50 marks. Details on the HSC History Extension HSC examination can be found at [Assessment and reporting in History Extension Stage 6](#).
- Past HSC papers by NESA, are a useful resource to help students to become familiar with the examination format and structure. Past papers for history extension can be found at [HSC exam papers](#).
- HSC standards materials by NESA, provide a collection of resources of sample responses typical of work at the boundaries between HSC bands. The [History Extension Stage 6 HSC standards materials](#) can be found on the NESA webpages.

Support materials

The HSIE curriculum team provides resources to support NSW teachers in the implementation of the History Extension syllabus and can be located on the [Planning, programming and assessing History Extension](#).

Resources can also be found on the [HSIE SharePoint](#) page.

NESA also has a range of [History Extensions Stage 6](#) support materials including: sample units, scope and sequences, assessment schedules and sample formal assessment tasks.

Professional learning

A range of 'on demand' [professional learning resources](#) to support the implementation of HSIE Stage 6 syllabus are available.

The HSIE curriculum team also offer a range of live online and face to face professional learning events throughout the year. Upcoming events are posted in the [professional learning channel of the HSIE Statewide Staffroom](#).

General HSC information

- The [NSW Education Standards Authority \(NESA\)](#) oversees the Higher School Certificate (HSC), offering resources for students on exam preparation, course selection, and academic integrity.
- The [NESA HSC glossary](#) provides teachers with guidance on how to use key terms consistently, ensuring students understand their meanings and apply them appropriately across various subjects for effective exam preparation.
- The NESA [HSC assessment moderation](#) process ensures fairness by adjusting school assessment marks based on exam results, making them comparable across schools.
- The [ACE rules](#) outline HSC school-based assessment integrity, task development, marking, appeals, and record-keeping. They cover malpractice policies, illness/misadventure procedures, task notifications, ranking, and restrictions on reporting final marks, ensuring compliance with NESA's assessment standards.
- HSC monitoring advice, Section 1.6 outlines HSC record-keeping requirements, including teaching programs, assessment documentation, interventions and work samples. Visit [Stage 6 – monitoring implementation and support](#) for more information.
- School-based assessment for the HSC contributes to a student's final mark and is designed to evaluate students' understanding and skills based on syllabus outcomes.

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