



Key information for the Mathematics Life Skills Stage 6 Syllabus (2017)

- Schools and teachers use syllabuses to develop educational programs for students. The [Mathematics Life Skills Stage 6 Syllabus \(2017\)](#) allows students to study 10 subtopics over 240 hours of course time. Students in Mathematics Life Skills are not required to address or achieve all the Mathematics Life Skills outcomes.
- Mathematics Life Skills cannot be studied alongside any other Stage 6 Mathematics course.
- The Mathematics Life Skills Stage 6 Syllabus (2017) has subject specific terms in a glossary that are important to know. The glossary can be found within the [Mathematics Life Skills Stage 6 Syllabus](#) on page 63.

Life Skills eligibility

- Stage 6 Life Skills courses are designed for students with an intellectual disability or imputed intellectual disability who cannot access related general education courses. Principals decide on course access through the [collaborative curriculum planning process](#) with the student, their parents/carers and teachers, considering individual needs for each subject. These courses are not suitable for students who could engage with general course outcomes through appropriate adjustments and support.

Assessment

- Students must demonstrate achievement of one or more Life Skills outcomes. Schools are required to provide additional support or adjustments to teaching, learning and assessment activities for some students with special education needs.
- Assessments can be flexible, using various options (e.g., written, spoken, visual, assistive technologies) and may be implemented in different learning environments.
- Formal assessment of Life Skills outcomes is not required. More information about assessment can be found at [Assessment and reporting](#).
- Stage 6 Life Skills courses do not have external examinations.

Support materials

The Mathematics Curriculum Team provide resources to support NSW teachers in the delivery of the [Mathematics Life Skills Stage 6 Syllabus \(2017\)](#). Support materials available include:

- The [Mathematics Resources 11-12 webpage](#) contains sample units of learning for the Mathematics Life Skills Stage 6 syllabus (2017).
- Resources can also be found on the [Mathematics Statewide Staffroom SharePoint page](#) where there is a channel for [Mathematics Life Skills](#). Here you will find sample units of learning and activities.

Further advice to support students with a disability can be found on the [Students with disability](#) webpage. The [Inclusive Practice Hub](#) provides resources for schools to support students with disability and additional needs.

NESA also has a range of support materials including:

- NESA's [Model for Programming Life Skills Outcomes and Content, Planning, programming and assessing 7-12](#) webpage and video series on [Life Skills: Advice on Planning, Programming and Assessment](#).
- Support materials for the [Mathematics Life Skills Stage 6 Syllabus](#) including a syllabus guide, outcomes worksheets, parent guide, sample scope and sequences and sample units.

Professional learning

Professional learning for supporting students with disability includes:

- Self-paced school facilitator-led professional learning - [Supporting students with disability in the curriculum](#).
- [Curriculum planning for every student in every classroom](#) MyPL course.

The Mathematics curriculum 7-12 team provides professional learning materials through the [Mathematics Statewide Staffroom](#). The recordings and resources are housed in the [Professional learning channel](#).

The team also offers a range of live online and face to face professional learning events throughout the year. To view any upcoming events, go to the [Mathematics professional learning](#) page.

Join the [Inclusive education –disability Statewide Staffroom](#) for additional support in delivering Life Skills syllabuses.

General HSC information

- The [NSW Education Standards Authority \(NESA\)](#) oversees the Higher School Certificate (HSC).
- The [NESA Life Skills](#) webpage provides further information about Life Skills eligibility, course options, planning and programming, assessment and reporting and credentials.
- The [ACE rules](#) outline important information related to Life Skills including eligibility, assessment, HSC requirements, course completion and credentialling.

Contact us

If you would like further information or support, please email mathematics7-12@det.nsw.edu.au or reach out to our team via the [Mathematics Statewide Staffroom](#)

