

# Requirements of NSW 'Education Act 1990' in relation to the HSC

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The following information is from the [Education Act 1990 No 8](#). In the legislation, 'the Authority' refers to NESA. The numbers '95' and '12' refer to the corresponding sections of the legislation. More specific information is provided in Attachment 2: 2019 HSC checklist & reminders.

## 95 Higher School Certificate

1. Higher School Certificates are to be granted by the Authority to students:
  - (a) who have been granted a Record of School Achievement or who have attained such other qualifications as the Authority considers satisfactory, and
  - (b) who:
    - (i) have attended a government school, or
    - (ii) have attended a registered non-government school to which a current certificate of accreditation for presentation of candidates for the Higher School Certificate applies, or
    - (iii) have attended a school outside New South Wales recognised by the Authority or a TAFE establishment, and
  - (c) who have participated, to the Authority's satisfaction, in courses of study which have been determined under this Act as appropriate to be undertaken by candidates for the Higher School Certificate, and
  - (d) who have been accepted by the Authority as having satisfactorily completed those courses of study, and
  - (e) who have, to the Authority's satisfaction, undertaken the requisite examinations or other forms of assessment, and
  - (f) who have complied with any requirements prescribed by the regulations or any requirements imposed by the Minister or the Authority.
2. The requisite examination or other assessment must include a public examination conducted on a State-wide basis.
3. The Authority may refuse to grant a Higher School Certificate to a student whose attendance or application at school has been of such an unsatisfactory character that the grant of the certificate would not, in the opinion of the Authority, be justified.

## 12 Curriculum for Higher School Certificate candidates

1. The curriculum during Year 11 and Year 12 for students who are candidates for the Higher School Certificate must meet the following requirements:
  - (a) courses of study of a general description determined by the Minister on the recommendation of the Authority are to be provided for each student in each Year,
  - (b) those courses of study are to include a course of study in English,
  - (c) those courses of study are to comply with a pattern of study determined by the Minister on the recommendation of the Authority,
  - (d) those courses of study are to be taught in accordance with a syllabus developed or endorsed by the Authority and approved by the Minister.