



Application for permission to enrol in a WACE language course in 2021

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Introduction

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority) requires all students intending to enrol in a Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) language course to complete an application for permission to enrol.

The objective of the language enrolment process is to ensure that students with a linguistic advantage in a language are not assessed against students who do not have the same advantage. Students deemed to have a greater linguistic competency than required by the course are not permitted to enrol in that course.

The criteria for enrolment have been designed to assess the degree to which a student has had previous experience in, and exposure to, the language they wish to study.

Research into language acquisition has shown that people who learn a language during their 'critical period,' that is, between birth and around 10 years of age, have an advantage over those who learn the language outside of this period. It has also shown that children who are immersed in a language, for example, through growing up with the language at home, or spending time in a country where the language is a medium of communication and/or through attending a school where the language is the medium of instruction, have an advantage over other learners.

The WACE language courses

In Western Australia, there are differentiated senior secondary language courses that meet the specific language learning needs of a particular group of students. Within each of these groups, there are differences in proficiency in using the language and its cultural systems.

Target audience for language courses

The descriptions below of the target audience for each language course are intended to provide you with general guidance to ensure you are enrolled in the appropriate course.

Second language courses

These courses are aimed at students for whom the language for which they are applying is a second (or subsequent) language.

These students:

- have typically learnt everything they know about the language and its culture through classroom teaching in an Australian school or similar environment, where English is the language of school instruction
- have typically studied the language for 200–400 hours at the commencement of Year 11
- may have experienced some short stays or exchanges (less than two years in total) in a country where the language is a medium of communication
- do not use the language for communication outside the language classroom
- are not exposed to the language outside the language classroom. That is, students are not spoken to in the language by members of their immediate or extended family, or community members and friends.

Background language courses

These courses are aimed at students who have prior exposure to the language for which they are applying that provides a linguistic and cultural advantage.

These students:

- have had formal education (one to five years in total) in a school where the language is the medium of instruction, and/or
- have spent some time for holidays, family visits or exchange purposes (two to five years in total) in a country where the language is a medium of communication, and/or
- use the language for communication outside the language classroom, and/or
- are exposed to the language outside the language classroom and may have a connection to that culture.

First language courses

These courses are aimed at students who have a linguistic and cultural background in the language for which they are applying.

These students:

- have had formal education in the language for an extended period (five years or more at any time from Pre-primary, or the equivalent onwards) in a school where the language is the medium of communication and/or school instruction, and/or
- were born in a country where the language is the medium of communication or have lived in the country for five years or more, and/or
- use the language for communication outside the language classroom, and/or
- are exposed to the language outside the language classroom and have a connection to that culture.

For the purpose of this application, speakers of dialects and variants of a language are considered to be speakers of the standard language:

- China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei and Christmas Island are considered **Chinese-speaking** countries/places
- Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Christmas Island and Cocos Island are considered **Indonesian-speaking** countries/places
- speakers of Indonesian and speakers of Malay are considered to be speakers of both languages
- all Francophone countries are considered **French-speaking**
- Germany, Austria and Switzerland are considered **German-speaking** countries
- Italy and Switzerland are considered **Italian-speaking** countries.

Criteria for permission to enrol in a WACE language course

There are three criteria against which your application for enrolment will be assessed:

- Education
- Residency and/or time spent in-country
- Use of the language for communication outside the language classroom.

PATHWAY	CRITERIA FOR PERMISSION TO ENROL IN A WACE LANGUAGE COURSE		
	Education	Residency and/or time spent in-country	Use of the language for communication outside the language classroom
Second language courses	Less than one (1) year in total of formal education (from Pre-primary) in schools where the language is a language of instruction	Less than two (2) years in total of residency and time spent in a country where the language is a medium of communication	Use of the language for communication outside the language classroom with a speaker/s of the language is not permitted
Background language courses	One (1) to five (5) years in total of formal education (from Pre-primary) in schools where the language is a language of instruction	Two (2) to five (5) years in total of residency and time spent in a country where the language is a medium of communication	Use of the language for communication outside the language classroom with a speaker/s of the language is permitted
First language courses	More than five (5) years in total of formal education (from Pre-primary) in schools where the language is a language of instruction	More than five (5) years in total of residency and time spent in a country where the language is a medium of communication	Use of the language for communication outside the language classroom with a speaker/s of the language is permitted

Note: 1 In the Education criterion, the reference to a 'year' is an academic or school year.

2 In the Residency criterion, the reference to a 'year' is to a period of twelve months.

A student who provides incorrect or misleading information in support of his/her application for permission to enrol has breached examination rules and may be withdrawn from the course or have his/her results in the course removed from official School Curriculum and Standards Authority records.

Applying for permission to enrol in a WACE language course in 2021

If intending to enrol in a Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) language course in 2021 you are required to complete the application **from page 7 to page 14** of this document.

To support you in completing your application go to <http://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/languages/> where you will find:

- a checklist
- advice on completing the required statutory declaration.

Information to be provided by you and your school

Your application must include a copy of each of the following:

- your complete Year 10 Semester 1 report (for all subjects). If the Year 10 report is not available, then the Year 9 reports for Semester 1 and Semester 2 must be provided
- a copy of the enrolment form that your parents or guardian/s completed when they enrolled you at your current school
- a copy of the MCEETYA or National Data collection form (if the school enrolment form does not show details about the language/s spoken at home by you and your parents or guardian/s).

The Authority may request further information to clarify aspects of your application.

Additional information to be provided for residency, travel and schooling

If you have resided in, and/or travelled to and/or attended school in a country or place where the language in which you wish to enrol is used for communication and/or school instruction and/or is studied as a second language, your application must include a copy of each of the following:

- the passport page showing your name, place of birth and nationality
- the passport page authenticating the date of entry into Australia as a resident if you were not born in Australia
- recent reports from the school/s that you have attended outside Australia (where applicable).

You may be asked to provide an *International Movement Records* (IMR) document to clarify aspects of your residency and travel **with** your application, if you have frequently travelled to countries as described above. This document is available from the Department of Home Affairs website.

Submission of your application

When your application is ready for submission, check it to ensure all required sections are completed by you and your parents or guardian/s and **all required** documents are attached, then provide it to your school for completion of Section 2 and Section 5 and submission to the Authority.

You must allow sufficient time for your school to complete Section 2 and Section 5 and submit it to the Authority by:

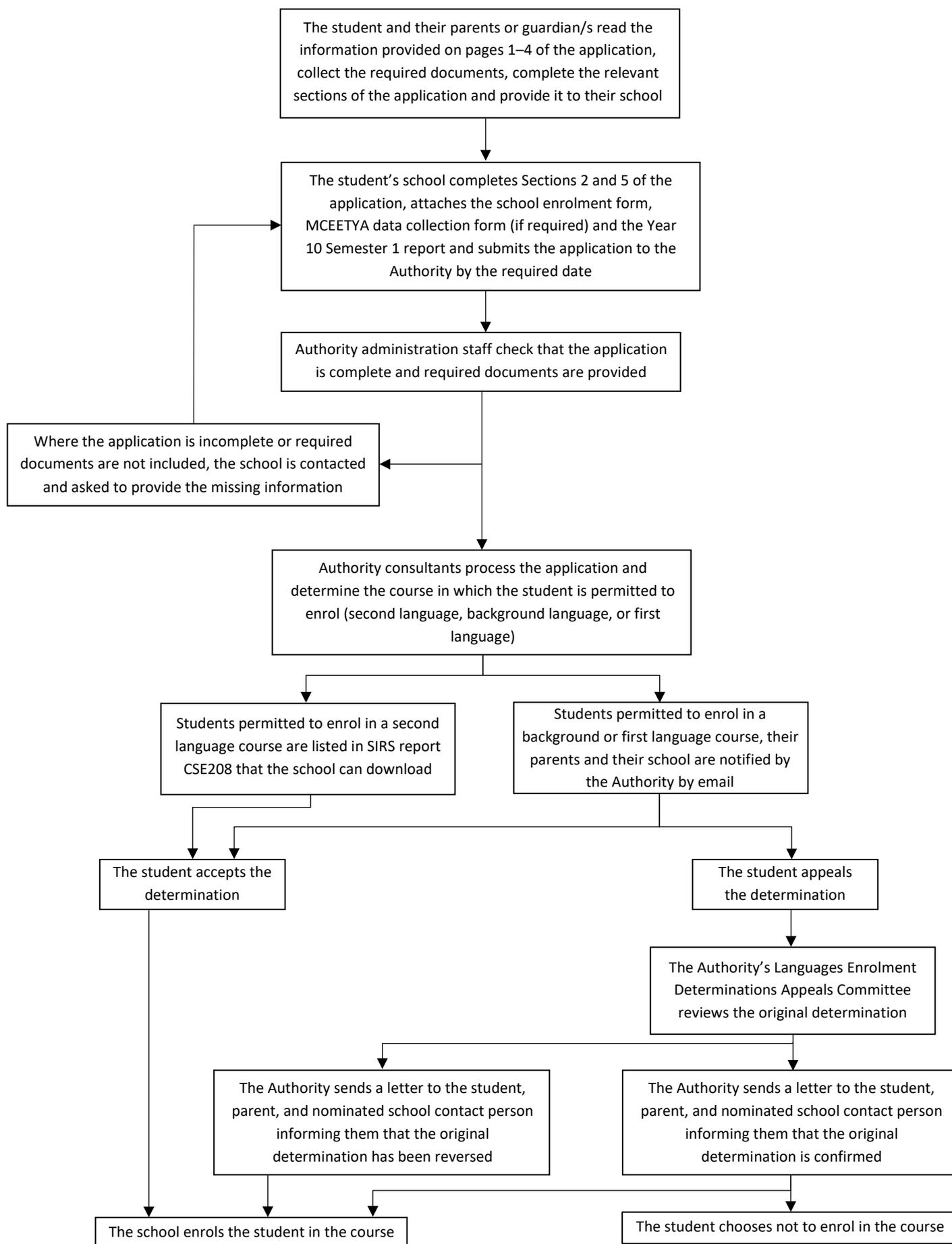
- **Wednesday, 29 July 2020**, or earlier where the school starts the 2021 school year in Term 4, 2020
- **Friday, 28 August 2020**, or earlier where the school starts the 2021 school year in Term 1, 2021.

Applications must be sent to: **Administrative Assistant, Languages Enrolment
PO Box 816, Cannington WA 6987**

or emailed to: languagesenrolment@scsa.wa.edu.au

Incomplete applications and applications submitted without the required documents will be returned to the school for completion and re-submission.

Application process for permission to enrol in a WACE language course



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Section 3: Information related to enrolment criteria

The information you provide will be assessed against three criteria:

- Education
- Residency and time spent in-country
- Use of the language for communication outside the language classroom.

3.1 Education criterion

Second language	Less than one (1) year* in total of formal education (from Pre-primary) in schools where the language is a language of instruction
Background language	One (1) to five (5) years* in total of formal education (from Pre-primary) in schools where the language is a language of instruction
First language	More than five (5) years* in total of formal education (from Pre-primary) in schools where the language is a language of instruction

* In the Education criterion, the reference to a 'year' is an academic or school year

3.1.1 In the table below, provide details for each year that you attended Pre-primary (or the equivalent), primary and secondary school. Each cell in this table needs to be completed.

Month/year (MM/YYYY)	Year level	Official name of the main school/ place of learning you attended (include the name of the country if your school was outside Australia)	Language/s of instruction at your school	Language/s studied	Hours per week
	10				
	9				
	8				
	7				
	6				
	5				
	4				
	3				
	2				
	1				
	Pre-primary				

3.1.2 Attach a copy of your complete Year 10 Semester 1 school report.



3.1.3 Attach a copy of your most recent report from the school attended outside Australia.



3.2 Residency and/or time spent in-country criterion

Second language	Less than two (2) years* in total of residency and time spent in a country where the language is a medium of communication
Background language	Two (2) to five (5) years* in total of residency and time spent in a country where the language is a medium of communication
First language	More than five (5) years* in total of residency and time spent in a country where the language is a medium of communication

* In the Residency criterion, the reference to a 'year' is to a period of twelve months

3.2.1 Complete all cells in Column 2 providing details of countries where you have lived.

Complete the relevant cells in Column 3, and the corresponding cells in Columns 4 and 5 to indicate visits to, or in-country experiences in, countries where the language for which you are applying is a medium of communication.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Calendar year	My country or place of residence	My visit or in-country experience (name of country/place)	Purpose of my visit or in-country experience (e.g. visit family, holiday, exchange)	Duration of my visit or in-country experience (e.g. 11/1/09 to 3/4/09)
2020				
2019				
2018				
2017				
2016				
2015				
2014				
2013				
2012				
2011				
2010				
2009				
2008				
2007				
2006				
2005				
2004				
2003				

3.2.2 Attach a copy of the passport page showing your name, place of birth and nationality.



3.2.3 Attach a copy of the passport page authenticating the date of entry into Australia as a resident if you were not born in Australia.



3.2.4 Attach a copy of your *International Movement Records* document (if required).



3.3 Use of the language for communication outside the language classroom criterion

Second language	Use of the language* for communication outside the language classroom with a speaker/s of the language is not permitted
Background language	Use of the language* for communication outside the language classroom with a speaker/s of the language is permitted
First language	Use of the language* for communication outside the language classroom with a speaker/s of the language is permitted

** For the purpose of this application, speakers of dialects and variants of a language are considered to be speakers of the standard language*

3.3.1 Provide the following information:

1. The first language/s that you learned to speak _____

2. Other languages that you:

- speak, but did not learn at school _____
- read, but did not learn at school _____
- write, but did not learn at school _____

3. The language/s your parents or guardian/s speak at home with each other:

(1) _____ (2) _____

4. The language/s your parents or guardian/s speak at home with you:

(1) _____ (2) _____

5. The language/s you speak at home with your parents or guardian/s:

(1) _____ (2) _____

6. The language/s you speak out of school with your siblings and friends:

(1) _____ (2) _____

If you have listed the language for which you are applying in any of the statements above, please describe how often the language is used.

Section 4: Student declaration and parent/guardian acknowledgement

4.1 Statutory declaration by the student (this is a legal document)

- You must:
 - complete and sign the statutory declaration below in blue or black pen
 - initial and date any errors or changes (do not use correction fluid or tape).
- The declaration must be signed by an authorised witness, such as a bank manager, chemist, doctor or teacher.

A list of authorised witnesses is available at <http://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/languages/>.

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, _____
[Name of person making the declaration]

of _____

[Current address of person making the declaration]

sincerely declare as follows:

that the information I have provided in the *Application for permission to enrol in a WACE language course 2021* relating to:

Section 1: Student information

Section 3: Information related to enrolment criteria

is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

This declaration is true and I know that it is an offence to make a declaration knowing that it is false in a material particular.

This declaration is made under the *Oaths, Affidavits and Statutory Declarations Act 2005*.

At _____
[Place]

on _____
[Date]

by _____
[Signature of person making the declaration]

in the presence of _____
[Signature of authorised witness]

[Name of authorised witness and qualification as such a witness]

Section 5: Teacher and Principal declarations *(To be completed on receipt of the application)*

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Declaration by the language teacher of this applicant

Based on the information in this application and in my professional judgement:

- There is no evidence that this student has a linguistic advantage over second language learners of the language for which they are applying.
- There is evidence that this student has a linguistic advantage over **second** language learners of the language for which they are applying.
- There is evidence that this student has a linguistic advantage over **background** language learners of the language for which they are applying.

Name of the teacher _____

Teacher's signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Declaration by the Principal of the main school of this applicant

I certify that the information in this application has been checked and is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name of the Principal _____

Principal's signature _____ Date ____/____/____

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