



ATAR course examination, 2026

MATERIALS DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Practical (portfolio) examination

Schools must submit their candidates' practical (portfolio) examination submissions to the designated venue between **8.30 am** and **4.00 pm** on **Tuesday, 22 September 2026**.

Materials required for this examination

A candidate's practical (portfolio) examination submission **must**:

- be on a USB drive
- use the A5 clear plastic document wallet, with WASN label attached in the right-hand front corner, both provided by the Authority, to enclose the USB drive
- have the candidate's WASN label attached to the USB drive or have the candidate's WASN written in permanent marker on the USB drive
- include a folder on the USB named with the candidate's WASN and context. That folder must contain only **one** portable document format (PDF) file (**not** Microsoft® Word or PowerPoint®), saved as [WASN]-context.pdf
- have only **one** practical (portfolio) examination submission per USB drive for each candidate
- have the candidate's WASN on the first/cover page of the PDF file when opened on the USB drive
- have a contents page after the first page
- have all pages numbered sequentially
- have the WASN on each page in the bottom right-hand corner
- have the WASN on pages that are scanned
- be no more than **40 pages**
- have the correct orientation of each page when viewed on screen for ease of marking
- use black text and at least 11-point font size for all writing and annotations with minimal use of italics
- be presented on a white or light-coloured background
- comprise original drawings and/or composites using scanned images, photographs or digital copies
- have 300 dpi resolution images for best quality
- have three-dimensional objects photographed or otherwise represented to clearly demonstrate the details and contribution to the design.

Important note to candidates

It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that each item submitted is labelled securely with their WASN. A candidate's name, names of persons associated with the candidate's school and the school name must **not** appear on any item, nor should the work contain evidence of previous marking.

Any ATAR course practical (portfolio) examination submitted to the Authority without a completed *Declaration of authenticity* will result in a referral to the Breach of Examination Rules committee.

Structure of the examination

The Materials Design and Technology ATAR course examination consists of a written component and a practical (portfolio) component.

Criteria for marking the practical (portfolio) examination submission

Criteria	Marks available	Percentage of practical examination
Statement of intent	5	100
Evidence of research	5	
Development of concepts and ideas	14	
Production documents	13	
Visual evidence of production	3	
Evaluation	5	
Total		100

Instructions to candidates

1. You must ensure that the main development of your work takes place in school time.
2. Under no circumstances can any other person work directly on any part of your ATAR course practical (portfolio) examination submission.
3. This work is not to be submitted by you for any other ATAR course.
4. You must follow the requirements for this examination published in the *Materials Design and Technology ATAR course practical (portfolio) examination requirements 2026* document.