



ENDORSED PROGRAMS

The Western Australian Certificate of Education



Other Learning for Senior Secondary Students

An endorsed program is a significant learning program that has been developed by a school, community organisation or private provider, and endorsed by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (Authority) for students in Years 10, 11 and 12.

These programs offer a range of activities not covered by traditional school courses or vocational education and training.

They include extra-curricular learning and workplace learning.

WACE Recognition

Achievement of endorsed programs can contribute to the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) requirements and will be reported on the student's Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement (WASSA).

Flexible Delivery

Endorsed programs can be delivered in or out of school by schools or private providers such as community organisations, training institutions, universities or workplaces.

Evidence of Learning

Some programs provide a statement of attainment, qualification, academic transcript, certificate or award as evidence of learning.

Other programs require the student to create a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate what the student has learnt.



Examples of Endorsed Programs

- Workplace Learning
- Community Service
- Cadets WA (e.g. Air Force, Army, Navy, Police Rangers, Emergency Services and Bush Rangers)
- Surf Life Saving WA certificates and awards
- Music and Speech and Drama examinations (e.g. Australian Music Examinations Board, Trinity College London)
- Information Technology programs (e.g. Cisco, Certiport)
- Service clubs (e.g. Leos, Interact)
- Diver certificates (e.g. PADI, Scuba Schools International)
- Awards WA Inc.
- Off-campus enrichment programs (e.g. international maths or science competitions, intercultural exchange programs, Premier's ANZAC tour)
- University enabling programs

To view the complete list of endorsed programs, go to <https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/syllabus-and-support-materials/endorsed-programs>.

Selecting Programs

Schools may offer students endorsed programs selected from the list on the Authority website.

Detailed information about each endorsed program is also provided on the website.

Schools can also advise the Authority of student achievement in endorsed programs undertaken outside of school. It may be possible for this achievement to contribute to the student's WACE and be reported on their WASSA.

While most programs can be undertaken by any Year 10, 11 or 12 student, some have been endorsed for a specific group of students, school or education network.

Students participating in endorsed programs outside of school should discuss this with their school.

Application for Endorsement

Schools and private providers can apply to the Authority for endorsement of programs they have developed.

To be eligible for endorsement, a program must:

- involve a series of lessons, classes and/or activities with a common goal or set of learning outcomes
- provide opportunities for students to present evidence of achievement
- not duplicate existing WACE courses.

The application forms can be accessed from the Authority website at <https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/syllabus-and-support-materials/endorsed-programs>.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have a query or need assistance in completing an application for endorsement, phone (08) 9273 6751 or email endorsed@scsa.wa.edu.au