



ATAR course examination, 2026

DESIGN

Practical (portfolio) examination

Schools are required to submit their candidates' ATAR course Practical (portfolio) examination submissions by **4 pm on Tuesday, 22 September 2026**.

Materials required for this examination

To be submitted by the candidate

An ATAR course practical (portfolio) examination submission that must:

- an A5 clear plastic document wallet (provided by the Authority)
- an identification label with the candidate's WASN affixed to the top right-hand corner of the flap of the wallet
- a digital copy of the Design practical (portfolio) saved with the file name 12345678(WASN)_portfolio.pdf
- a digital copy of the completed References/acknowledgements form saved as 12345678(WASN)_references.pdf

Important note to candidates

It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that each item submitted is labelled securely with their WA student number. 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 Design 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
Application of an iterative Double Diamond design process	6	100
Development of a comprehensive original design brief	4	
Application of relevant legal, ethical, environmental and/or safety design responsibilities	4	
Development of visual ideas through creative experimentation	8	
Refinement of visual ideas through critical design thinking	8	
Selection and use of media, materials and/or techniques	5	
Effectiveness of the design proposal	7	
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. A digital copy of the Design practical (portfolio) saved with the file name 12345678(WASN)_portfolio.pdf
4. This work is not to be submitted by you for any other ATAR course.
5. You must follow the requirements for this examination published in the *Design ATAR course Practical (portfolio) examination requirements 2026* document.