

Student matters

Sufficiency of coverage and adequacy of assessment for students to receive results on a Senior Statement

Purpose

To provide principals of senior schools with information concerning the provision of students' results to the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA), based on the revised *Education (QSA) Regulation 2002*.

Background

Under previous state legislation, if a principal of a senior school decided that a student had not substantially covered an enrolled area of learning in a senior subject, and had not been adequately assessed, the principal could decide not to award a result in that subject. The previous legislation required the principal to notify the student and the QSA of such a decision so that the student could appeal the decision to the QSA. This is no longer the case.

Issues

Following revision of the *Education (QSA) Regulation 2002*, principals of senior schools are no longer required to specifically inform the QSA if they decide to withhold a result. The non-submission of a result on SDCS for an enrolled subject will suffice. Of course, the student concerned should be informed of such an outcome so that any appeal can be made directly to the school.

It is a legislative requirement that accurate results are reported for contributing studies for all students in the senior phase of learning. This includes any result for a student who exits an Authority or Authority-registered subject after completing at least one semester. Students may not be awarded semester units in which there is insufficient coverage or inadequate assessment. When a result is awarded, the number of semesters credited to a student's course of study is at the principal's discretion, and appeals of that nature may be made directly to the school as well.

Comparisons of SDCS information between submissions 2 and 3, for informing the July and October student provisional statements respectively, indicate a number of discrepancies in semester units credited and deleted for enrolments in Authority and Authority-registered subjects. Principals are reminded of their accountability in providing accurate information in student learning accounts. To assist principals in this regard, QSA will continue to monitor successive SDCS uploads in terms of semester units credited or deleted for enrolments in Authority and Authority-registered subjects.

What you need to do

Principals are requested to carefully check the accuracy of student data provided on SDCS and to amend previous information that may be incorrect in subsequent uploads of SDCS to this office.

If, through insufficient coverage and inadequate assessment, semesters of credit for any student are reduced for a level of achievement awarded, SDCS should be amended accordingly and the result entered on the relevant Form R6 (for Authority subjects) or R12 (for Authority-registered subjects).

If a student enrolled in an Authority or Authority-registered subject has not demonstrated sufficient coverage or adequate assessment to have a level of achievement recorded at all, the student should be informed of this prior to the finishing day for Year 12. The student details for that subject should be removed from SDCS before submissions 4 and 5 to this office. No result

for the student should appear on the Forms R6 or R12 in that subject. Consequently, the student will not be assigned a Subject Achievement Indicator (SAI) if it is an Authority subject and will not receive a result for that subject (Authority or Authority-registered) recorded on their Senior Statement.

Attachments and web links

Further information for dealing with students' insufficient coverage or inadequate assessment may be found at <www.qsa.qld.edu.au> under Assessment > Senior assessment > Special consideration.

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