

EXPLAINING ASSESSMENT TCE AND ATAR. WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

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TASC: Tasmanian Assessment, Standards and Certification
<http://www.tasc.tas.gov.au>

TASC is responsible for the development of appropriate standards, the accreditation of courses, and the assessment and certification of student achievement in senior secondary schooling across all educational sectors in Tasmania.

TCE: Tasmanian Certificate of Education

Five standards need to be achieved:

- Participation and achievement standard
- Everyday adult **reading and writing** in English standard
- Everyday adult **mathematics** standard
- Everyday adult use of **computers and the internet**
- Develop and review future career and education plans standard

TCE Standards

Participation and achievement standard

- 120 Credit Points overall (typically 60 points per year)
- At least 80 of the Credit Points must be at Level 2 or higher – these are known as Complexity Points

TCE Standards

Everyday adult standards:
reading and writing in English,
mathematics, and
use of **computers and the internet**

- Students usually meet these standards through their chosen subjects
- **OR** they may complete an Essential Skills course
- **OR** they may complete an Everyday Adult Standards Skills 'Safety-Net' Test

TCE Standards

Develop and review future career and education plans standard

- Home Group – ‘Connected and On Track’

Subjects

TASC

- Level pre
- Level 1
- Level 2 (sometimes referred to as foundation subjects)
- Level 3/4 (pre-tertiary subjects that contribute to a Tertiary Entrance Score)

Vocational Courses

- Certificate I and II

[TCE Course Planner](#)

How Subjects Are Assessed

- Criterion based *
- Standards: A, B, C, t, z *
- Award requirements *
- Internal and external assessment *

- Weighting and timing of tasks
- Final ratings
- Moderation

* Further info at [TASC courses](#)

Tertiary Pathway

- Students choose **four** subjects per year plus Home Group and Enrichment
- 5 Line timetable, includes a study line
- Extra subject support is offered through scheduled tutorials
- In grade 11 we usually suggest students study **two or three** pre-tertiary subjects
 - Choose pre-tertiary subjects based on strengths, interest, alignment with future pathway
 - May need to choose a combination of foundation subjects at Level 2 as stepping stones to prepare for success at Level 3/4 in Year 12

ATAR- Australian Tertiary Admission Rank

- To be eligible for an ATAR, a student must satisfactorily complete a minimum of four pre-tertiary subjects, preferably five – with at least **three being completed in Year 12**. Students must also gain their TCE.
- A maximum of five pre-tertiary subjects will be used to calculate their Tasmanian Tertiary Entrance Score.
- The Tasmanian Tertiary Entrance Score is calculated by adding the **best three** subject scores from pre-tertiary subjects satisfactorily completed in Year 12, together with the **next two best** scores from either year.
- TE scores are then converted to ATAR

Pre-tertiary Student Pathway Example 1

Year 11	English 3	CA	9.2	
	Maths General 3	HA	16.3	
	Art Production Foundation 2 – Mixed Media			
	Business Studies 2			
Year 12	Art Production 3 - Photography	HA	17.4	
	Accounting 3	HA	18.0	
	Economics 3	CA	10.2	
	Computer Science 3	CA	13.0	
		TE Score	74.9	ATAR 83.1

Pre-tertiary Student Pathway Example 2

Year 11

Maths Methods 4	CA	14.8	
Physical Sciences 3	EA	20.9	
English 3	CA	10.2	
Food and Nutrition 3	EA	19.5	

Year 12

Physics 4	SA	11.6	
Chemistry 4	HA	21.4	
Biology 3	EA	21.3	
Maths Specialised 4	HA	22.0	

TE Score 105.1 ATAR 97.65

Vocational Student Pathway Example

Year 11

Business Studies 2
Design and Production Wood 2
Workplace Maths 2
Music Studies 2

Year 12

Certificate I Construction (two lines)
Design and Production Metal 2
Work Readiness 2

Questions?

Explaining Assessment PowerPoint is available
on the Elizabeth College Website

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Key Dates

Preliminary Enrolments Aug/Sep



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