The Western Australian Certificate of Education
for students completing endorsed programs
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 for students in years 10, 11 and 12. These programs offer a range of exciting activities not covered by traditional school courses or vocational education and training.

WACE recognition
Endorsed programs include informal and extra-curricular learning, workplace learning and university studies. Achievement of endorsed programs can contribute to the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) breadth and depth requirement.

Flexible delivery
Endorsed programs can be delivered in or out of school time by community organisations, universities, training organisations, schools and workplaces.

Evidence of learning
Some programs provide a statement of attainment, qualification, academic transcript, certificate or award as evidence of learning. Others require students to draw together a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate what they have learnt.

Examples of endorsed programs
• Cadets WA (Air Force, Army, Navy, Police Rangers, Emergency Services and Bush Rangers)
• Surf Life Saving WA certificates and awards
• Music and Speech and Drama examinations (Australian Music Examinations Board, Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, Trinity College London and St Cecilia’s)
• Information Technology programs (Cisco)
• Service Clubs (Leos, Interact)
• Yachting Australia Small Boat Sailing programs
• Diver certificates (Open Water)
• Duke of Edinburgh’s Award
• Off-campus Enrichment Programs
• Community Arts Performance
• University programs (selected units from WA universities)
• Workplace learning programs

To view the complete list of endorsed programs, go to http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/internet/Senior_Secondary/Endorsed_Programs.

Selecting programs
Schools may offer students endorsed programs selected from the Authority’s current published list. It is also possible for schools to advise the Authority of student achievement in endorsed programs undertaken outside of school.

While most programs can be undertaken by any student, some have been endorsed for a specific student, school or network group.

Detailed information about each endorsed program is available on the Authority website.

Students participating in endorsed programs outside of school should discuss this with their school. It may be possible for this achievement to be recognised in their WACE.

Application for endorsement
Schools, community organisations and private providers can apply to the Authority for endorsement of programs they have developed for young people.

To be eligible for endorsement, a program must:
• involve a series of lessons, classes 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.


Authority officers are available to assist with the application process. Please ring (08) 9273 6746 for assistance in completing an application for endorsement.