

2021 Rural and Remote Marking Program

Higher School Certificate Marking Information Booklet

Applications open from 4 March to 18 March 2021

The HSC Rural and Remote Marking Program

The HSC Rural and Remote Marking Program (RRMP) is a joint program run by the Department of Education (DoE), Catholic Schools NSW (CSNSW) and the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

The program is designed to give rural and remote teachers the opportunity to participate in marking the Higher School Certificate. The RRMP is a valuable professional development activity, and allows teachers to gain knowledge, skills and understanding about the marking process. Subjects offered under this program are listed on page 5.

Applying for marking (outside of the RRMP)

Applicants of the RRMP may also wish to apply via [Markers Online](#). This will ensure that if your application for the RRMP is not successful, you can still be considered for marking through this marker application process.

If you choose to apply via *Markers Online*, there are day marking and regional marking opportunities available outside this program. Most subjects are marked in the evening, however, these subjects are based in Sydney.

Funding from the NSW Department of Education will only apply to successful government school teachers appointed under the RRMP.

How marking works

Markers generally mark one question of a student's response, or a group of questions totalling around 10 to 15 marks. Markers are assigned to a small team of markers under the supervision of a Senior Marker. A Supervisor of Marking (SOM) manages each marking operation.

The subjects offered under the RRMP are marked externally onscreen, except for Visual Arts - Practical¹. Successful applicants must participate in briefing and practice marking either at a designated corporate marking centre (in Sydney, Newcastle or Wollongong) or online before they commence external onscreen marking. These sessions will be over multiple days, evenings and Saturdays. Details will be confirmed in your appointment letter should you be

¹ Visual Arts – Practical marking takes place first at Homebush, followed by itinerant marking around the state.

successful under the program.

Markers may mark at any time from 6.00am to midnight, seven days a week, from a secure, private location. Senior Markers will only be available standard corporate marking hours; 4.00pm – 9.00pm weeknights and 8.30am – 4.30pm or 9.00am – 5.00pm on Saturdays to assist their marking team.

Relief and Allowances

Schools wishing to have teachers participate in the RRMP will need to organise the necessary casual relief and be responsible for any associated costs if teachers are required at briefing sessions.

NESA will not cover casual relief of briefing sessions that are attended after school hours.

The NSW DoE will provide grants of \$2000 for each DoE participant to their respective school to cover the costs associated with attending the briefing sessions (ie: accommodation, travel and/or casual relief).

Applicants from CSNSW schools should discuss the level of support available with their principal and/or Diocesan Office.

Important Dates

- **4 March 2021** – HSC marking and RRMP applications open
- **18 March 2021** – HSC marking and RRMP applications close
- **Beginning of Term 2, 2021** – All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application from either DoE or CSNSW
- **End of Term 2, 2021** – Successful applicants receive an email to confirm their appointment and tentative dates for marking, from NESA
- **End of Term 3, 2021** – Successful applicants receive a letter, via *Markers Online*, confirming specific appointment details from NESA
- **October to November 2021** - Marking takes place

Eligibility for Selection

Applicants should have recent teaching experience in the subject (within the last three years) teaching Year 12 students. Applicants with no or limited previous marking experience are eligible to apply under the RRMP. Retired teachers and principals are not eligible to apply.

NESA aims to fairly share appointments between applicants from CSNSW and DoE.

Other criteria applied to applications:

1. **Total number of years teaching the course to Year 12 students** – As a general guide, three years' experience teaching the course at HSC level is regarded as a minimum requirement for appointment as an HSC marker.
2. **Recent experience teaching the course to Year 12 students** – Successful applicants must have recent (within the last 3 years) experience teaching the course and preference will be given to those teaching the course in the current year of marking.

3. **Part-time and casual teachers** – Applicants must provide details in relation to their teaching load (including the number of days/hours per week, teaching blocks).
4. **Availability** – RRMP applicants must be available to attend all briefing and marking sessions.
5. **Conditions of Employment** – The applicant must complete this section of the form for the application to be considered.
6. **Approval from the principal** – The principal is required to give approval to each applicant prior to the applicant submitting the application form. The applicant must seek approval from their principal to support the application so that they will release them from school to participate in the program.
7. **Accessibility Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA)** – NESAs will consider the ARIA ranking when assessing applications; however, applicants must also meet the criteria to be appointed.

Application Form

[Click here](#) to apply for the RRMP via the online form.

Applications are open on **Thursday, 4 March 2021** and must be submitted by **5.00pm, Thursday, 18 March 2021**.

Enquiries

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Please direct enquiries regarding *Markers Online* applications, pay rates, marking centres to:

NSW Education Standards Authority

Marker Support
(02) 9367 8104
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Rural and Remote Marking Program Subjects Available 2021

Subject	Briefing and practice marking venues TBC
Agriculture	Sydney
Ancient History (Core)	Sydney
Ancient History (Options)	Sydney
Biology	Sydney
Biology	Newcastle
Business Studies (Core)	Newcastle
Business Studies (Options)	Sydney
Chemistry	Sydney
Community and Family Studies	Sydney
Design and Technology (Written)	Sydney
Drama (Written)	Sydney
Economics	Sydney
Earth and Environmental Science	Sydney
Engineering Studies	Sydney
Engineering Studies	Newcastle
English Extension 1	Sydney
English Studies, Standard and Advanced Paper 1 Section 1	Sydney
English Studies, Standard and Advanced Paper 1 Section 2	Sydney
English Studies, Paper 1 Sections 3 & 4	Sydney
English Advanced Paper 2 Module A	Wollongong
English Advanced Paper 2 Module B	Newcastle
English Advanced Paper 2 Module C	Sydney
English EAL/D	Sydney
Food Technology	Sydney

Geography	Sydney
History Extension	Sydney
Hospitality	Sydney
Industrial Technology (Written)	Sydney
Information Processes and Technology	Sydney
Investigating Science	Wollongong
Legal Studies	Sydney
Mathematics - Advanced	Sydney
Mathematics Extension 1	Sydney
Mathematics Extension 2	Sydney
Mathematics Standard 1 and 2	Sydney
Modern History (Core)	Sydney
Modern History (Options)	Sydney
Music (Written)	Sydney
PDHPE (Core)	Coffs Harbour
PDHPE (Options)	Sydney
Physics	Sydney
Science Extension	Sydney
Society and Culture (Written)	Sydney
Software Design and Development	Sydney
Studies of Religion	Sydney
Textiles and Design (Written)	Sydney
Visual Arts (Written)	Sydney
Visual Arts (Practical)	Sydney