Permission to deliver the VPC: Administrative Requirements

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| SCHOOL/PROVIDER DETAILS | |
| School/Provider name: |  |
| School/Provider type*:* | **Select** |
| Submission number: |  |
| Permission type:  Year # in permissions Process: | **Select**  **Select** |
| Type/s of permission sought | **Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC)** |
| Contact name/s and position: |  |
| Contact telephone number/s: |  |
| Contact email address/es: |  |
| Principal name: |  |
| Principal telephone number/s: |  |
| Principal email address/es: |  |

Any education and training provider applying to become a senior or foundation secondary provider must seek permission from the VCAA to deliver the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), including the VCE Vocational Major (VM), and/or the Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC).

As part of the permissions process, schools/providers must give evidence to demonstrate their capacity to manage the administrative requirements associated with the delivery of the relevant course.

For providers applying to deliver a *foundation secondary* course, the administrative requirements requested in this form have been mapped to the **minimum standards for registration** and the conditions set by the VCAA under the **Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017,** Schedule 8.

Minimum standards for registration to provide an accredited foundation secondary course

**The sections in this form relate to the following minimum standards for registration to provide a accredited foundation secondary course, as set out in the Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017, Schedule 8:**

Standard 2: Student learning goals

1. A senior secondary education provider that provides, or proposes to provide, an accredited senior secondary course must—
2. deliver the course to the standards established by the awarding body for the qualification; and
3. ensure that a student who satisfactorily completes all of the course requirements will be entitled to be awarded the registered qualification.
4. A foundation secondary education provider that provides, or proposes to provide, an accredited foundation secondary course must—
   1. deliver the course to the standards established by the awarding body for the qualification; and
   2. ensure that a student who satisfactorily completes all of the course requirements will be entitled to be awarded the registered qualification.

(*Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017,* Schedule 8.2)

Standard 4: Student records and results

(1) A senior secondary or a foundation secondary education provider must have policies and procedures in place:

1. to maintain accurate student records and ensure the integrity of student assessments; and
2. if the provider is:
3. not the awarding body, to enable compliance with the requirements of the awarding body of the course with regard to the assessment program and the timely provision of student enrolments and results.
4. also, the awarding body, to deal with the assessment program and the timely provision of student enrolments and results; and

(2) A senior secondary education provider or a foundation secondary education provider must:

1. prepare and maintain records of student assessments; and
2. comply with appropriate requests to provide copies of the student’s records to the student or a person authorised by the student to receive the records.

(3) A senior secondary education provider or a foundation secondary education provider must have processes in place that comply with the requirements of the awarding body for the course for:

1. the accurate and timely issuing of qualifications; and
2. for the retention, archiving and retrieval of sufficient information about student enrolments and results to enable the re-issue of statement and certificates if required.

*(Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017, Schedule 8.4)*

Standard 5: Teaching and learning

A senior secondary education provider or a foundation secondary education provider must have:

1. processes to ensure the consistent application of assessment criteria and practices; and
2. processes to oversee the conduct of assessments of the course including processes to conduct investigations and hearings and, if necessary, amend or cancel assessments.

*(Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017, Schedule 8.5)*

Before completing this application, please NOTE:

* Government schools must contact the [School Registration Unit at the Department of Education](mailto:school.registration@education.vic.gov.au)
* Catholic schools must contact the [Victorian Catholic Education Authority (VCEA)](mailto:seniorsecondary@vcea.catholic.edu.au)
* Independent schools and Non-school Senior Secondary Providers must submit evidence for permission to deliver the VCE and/or the VPC as part of their registration process to the [Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority](https://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/schools/Pages/registration-of-schools.aspx) (VRQA).

Advice on completing this application.

* A response to each question must be provided before this application is returned to the [VCAA](mailto:VCAA%20Permissions%20%3cvcaa.permissions@education.vic.gov.au%3e).
* Each dot point within the grey guideline box at the top of each section should be addressed.
* The response to each question must be ***contextualised*** to your school/provider’s approach.
* Please refer to the current version of the VCAA’s[VPC Administrative Handbook](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/vpc-handbook/Pages/index.aspx) when completing this form.
* If relevant information is contained within a policy or other document such as a student handbook or Administrative Policy, *copy and paste relevant sections into the application* Checklist – please ensure *all* relevant sections are complete prior to submitting:

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|  | 1. [**Attendance policy and processes**](#Attendance)   Question A  Question B |
|  | 1. [**Management of eligibility for the award**](#Eligibility)   Question A  Question B |
|  | 1. [**Satisfactory completion of units**](#satisfactorycompletion)   Question A  Question B |
|  | 1. [**Integrity of records and results**](#integrityrecordsresults)   Question A |
|  | 1. [**School-based assessment**](#Bookmark1)   Question A  Question B  Question C |
|  | 1. [**Management of authentication**](#authentication)   Question A |
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|  | 1. [**Special provision processes**](#specialprovision)   Question A |

1. Administrative roles

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| What the VCAA is assessing: | Schools/providers must have role descriptions which articulate the specialised requirements for staff members involved in managing the administrative oversight of the VPC. Provision of professional learning for these staff members is also essential. |
| **Relates to the minimum standards** | * Student learning outcomes * Student records and results |
| **Compliance is measured against** | * The[VPC Administrative Handbook](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/vpc-handbook/Pages/index.aspx),particularly the section ‘administrative information:schools and providers’ |
| **Other resources** | * [VASS webpages](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/schooladministration/vass/Pages/Index.aspx) on the VCAA website * [Professional learning page](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/news-and-events/professional-learning/Pages/index.aspx) on the VCAA website |

1. Identify member/s of staff involved in the administrative oversight of the VPC and outline their role descriptions:

Principals of schools/providers are the formal authorities for many important procedural and managerial requirements in the VPC. Member/s of staff should be allocated responsibilities overseeing the provision of the VPC policies and processes, such as: VASS, Special provision, Attendance, Eligibility, Satisfactory completion, Student’s records and results, Investigation of breaches, oversight of VET.

Schools/Providers need to consider the following in their role descriptions:

* communicating with teachers regarding the rules and requirements of the VPC
* developing staff understanding of the school’s/provider’s processes and procedures as they relate to the VPC
* ensuring communication from the VCAA is distributed to relevant staff
* Administration of VASS
* Oversight of student attendance, eligibility and enrolment, student records and results, satisfactory completion and special provision
* Oversight of VET (if applicable)
* being the contact person for students, parents and guardians in relation to VPC matters
* ensuring staff have access to relevant professional learning.

And, if applicable:

* communication and administrative oversight when multiple campuses are delivering VPC studies
* agreements with external partners where these form part of the delivery of any part of the VPC,

1. What professional development and learning opportunities will be made available to VPC staff?
2. Disseminating information to staff and students

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| What the VCAA is assessing: | Schools/providers must ensure staff and students have access to accurate administrative and curriculum information in a timely manner. Procedures should be in place to ensure official VCAA correspondence is promptly distributed and available to appropriate staff and students.  This is essential for schools/providers to be able to deliver the course to the standards established by the awarding body (the VCAA). |
| **Relates to the minimum standards** | * Student learning outcomes |
| **Compliance is measured against** | * The[VPC Administrative Handbook](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/vpc-handbook/Pages/index.aspx) |
| **Other resources** | * [VCAA Notices to Schools](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/schooladministration/notices/Pages/index.aspx) and [VCAA Bulletins](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/news-and-events/bulletins-and-updates/bulletin/Pages/index.aspx) |

1. How will the school/provider ensure that their members of staff have access to the school’s/provider’s policy advice and information from the VCAA in a timely manner?

Schools/providers must explain the processes or structures in place to ensure that staff have access to up-to-date school/provider policy advice and information from the VCAA:

* school/provider policy documents including attendance policy, eligibility for the award of the VPC, satisfactory completion of VPC units, management of authentication, investigation of breaches of school-based assessment rules and special provision
* accredited VPC curriculum designs
* relevant support materials
* relevant VET program booklets (if applicable)
* VPC Administrative Handbook
* VCAA Bulletins/Notices to Schools/Important Administrative dates

1. How will the school/provider ensure that students have access to school policy advice and information from the VCAA in a timely manner?

Schools/providers must explain the processes or structures in place to ensure that students have access to up-to-date school/provider policy advice and information from the VCAA:

* the VCAA’s rules and school/provider responsibilities
* school/provider policy documents including attendance policy, eligibility for the award of the VPC; requirements for satisfactory completion of all the VPC units; investigation of breaches of school-based assessment rules and special provision
* comprehensive VPC course advice
* curriculum and assessment modules; learning goal statements, assessment methods and dates, in each study at the commencement of the year/unit
* relevant *VCAA Bulletin* articles and Notices to Schools
* changes to accredited VPC studies
* student personal details form

1. Attendance policy and processes ([Back to checklist](#Backtochecklist))

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| What the VCAA is assessing | Schools/providers must have an attendance policy.  This is an aspect of delivering the course to the standards established by the awarding body (the VCAA) and ensuring that students who satisfactorily complete all course requirements are entitled to be awarded the registered qualification. |
| **Relates to the minimum standard** | * Student learning outcomes |
| **Compliance is measured against** | * The [VPC Administrative Handbook](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/vpc-handbook/Pages/index.aspx), particularly the section ‘Administrative information: Student enrolment’, in the section ‘Student observance of assessment and attendance rules’. |

1. Outline the school’s/provider’s VPC attendance policy:

The policy must address the following:

* the minimum class time and attendance rules
* what a substantial breach of the attendance rules is
* a set of procedures to cover a student’s absence from school-based assessments
* Special Provision exemptions from VPC attendance rules.

1. What processes or structures will be in place to support the VPC attendance policy?

Processes/structures must address the following:

* processes and support in place to manage students who may potentially substantially breach attendance rules
* processes and support in place to manage students who do substantially breach attendance rules
* how staff are supported to implement the attendance policy
* how students, their parents/guardians, are informed of the attendance policy.

1. Management of eligibility for the award of the VPC

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| What the VCAA is assessing | Schools/providers must ensure that students and teachers are fully aware of the minimum requirements of the VPC so that students who satisfactorily complete all the course requirements are entitled to be awarded the registered qualification. |
| **Relates to the minimum standard** | * Student learning outcomes |
| **Compliance is measured against** | * The [VPC Administrative Handbook](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/vpc-handbook/Pages/index.aspx), particularly the section ‘Eligibility for the award of the VPC’. |

1. Outline how the school/provider will meet the VPC course minimum requirements:

Schools/Providers must provide evidence which demonstrates the following:

* minimum requirements for eligibility of the award of the VPC
* provision of 50 hours scheduled classroom instruction for each unit in all courses being applied for
* rules regarding repeating units within the VPC
* VET unit contributions to the VPC (where relevant)

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1. Satisfactory completion of units [(Back to checklist)](#Backtochecklist)

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| What the VCAA is assessing | Schools/providers must have processes in place to ensure students receive the appropriate unit result within the parameters set by the VCAA.  This is an aspect of delivering the course to the standards established by the awarding body (the VCAA) and ensuring that students who satisfactorily complete all course requirements are entitled to be awarded the registered qualification.  This also has relevance to the minimum standards for Teaching and Learning regarding processes to ensure the consistent application of assessment criteria and practices. |
| **Relates to the minimum standards** | * Student learning outcomes * Teaching and learning |
| **Compliance is measured against** | * The [VPC Administrative Handbook](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/vpc-handbook/Pages/index.aspx), particularly the section ‘Assessment’. |

1. What information and support will the school/provider give to teachers to ensure transparency and equity in awarding an S or N on the completion VPC units?

The following information must be available to teachers:

* requirements for awarding a satisfactory unit result
* process for redeeming a learning goal and the role of teachers in a learning goal redemption process
* process for reporting lost, stolen or damaged student work

1. How will the information above be provided to students?

The following information must be available to students:

* requirements for awarding a satisfactory unit result
* process for redeeming a learning goal and the arrangements for students in a redemption process
* process for reporting lost, stolen or damaged student work
* expectations regarding care in the use of computers

1. Integrity of records and results [(Back to checklist)](#Backtochecklist)

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| **What the VCAA is assessing** | Schools/Providers must demonstrate that they are able to manage student records and results. This includes the management of VASS (Victorian Assessment Software System), which is the web-based application that allows student personal details, enrolments for VPC and VET and results to be entered and stored on the central VCAA database.  Hardware and browser requirements for VASS are a school/provider responsibility. To operate VASS, it requires a Windows Operating System with Microsoft Windows 10 and Microsoft Edge.  This is an aspect of maintaining student records, preparing and maintaining records of student assessments, managing request provisions, and compliant processes. | |
| **Relates to the minimum standard** | * Student records and results | |
| **Compliance is measured against** | * The [VPC Administrative Handbook](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/vpc-handbook/Pages/index.aspx), particularly the section ‘Administrative information: Schools and providers’ in the section ‘School/provider obligations to the VCAA’ | |
| **Other resources** | | * [Important Administrative Dates and Assessment Schedule](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/Key-dates/Pages/Admin-dates.aspx) | |

1. How will the school/provider ensure the integrity of student’s records and results?

The following must be provided:

* process to ensure accurate student personal details records are maintained
* evidence of technical hardware to support VASS
* audit process to ensure accurate entry of student assessment results
* process to update student results in a learning goal redemption process
* process for managing requests to access student records
* process for administering student eligibility reports
* confidentiality arrangements for the handling of student details and results
* processes to ensure VCAA administrative dates are met.

Schools/Providers may also need to consider the following, if relevant to their context:

* processes to ensure accurate records and results are maintained across multiple campuses
* processes to receive and input student results from RTOs

1. School-based Assessment

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| What the VCAA is assessing | Responses to this section should clearly demonstrate an understanding of the different assessment methods used in reporting student achievement in the VPC.  This includes aspects of ensuring the consistent application of assessment criteria and practices.  They also have relevance to the minimum standards for Student records and results regarding ensuring the integrity of student assessments; management of the assessment program; and timely provision of student results. |
| **Relates to the minimum standards** | * Student records and results * Teaching and learning |
| **Compliance is measured against** | * The [VPC Administrative Handbook](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/vpc-handbook/Pages/index.aspx), particularly the section ‘Assessment’. |
| **Other resources** | * The [[Approaches to Applied Learning](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/VPC/VPCCurriculumDesigns/VPCWRS/Pages/AppliedLearning.aspx) ,](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/VPC/VPCCurriculumDesigns/VPCWRS/Pages/AppliedLearning.aspx) particularly the pillar ‘Assessment practice that promotes success’ |

1. What processes will guide the development and implementation of assessment for VPC studies by the school/provider?

The following must be addressed:

* how assessment criteria are developed
* the role of performance descriptors, rubrics and/or other assessment tools in assessing students against assessment criteria
* how teachers arrive at a shared understanding of the assessment criteria for an assessment task when there are multiple classes
* moderation practices used to ensure assessment criteria for an assessment task have been applied consistently.

1. Management of authentication [(Back to checklist)](#Backtochecklist)

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| What the VCAA is assessing | Schools/Providers must ensure that students and teachers understand what authentication entails and that teachers understand what steps they should take before reporting a possible breach of rules.  This is an aspect of ensuring the consistent application of assessment criteria and practices and processes to oversee the conduct of assessments of the course. |
| **Relates to the minimum standards** | * Student learning outcomes * Teaching and learning |
| **Compliance is measured against** | * The [VPC Administrative Handbook](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/vpc-handbook/Pages/index.aspx), particularly the section ‘Assessment’. |

1. How will the school/provider ensure that teachers and students understand what authentication of student work entails?

The school’s/provider’s policy and/or processes must address the following:

* requirements regarding students acknowledging work that is not their own and strategies which students can use to avoid authentication problems
* processes for authenticating work completed outside class
* measures in place to authenticate student’s work who are able to work from home
* processes for ensuring that school-based assessment is unique to the school/provider (e.g., modifying the use of commercially available/publicly available materials or recycled assessment tasks)
* processes for scheduling and rescheduling assessment tasks for individual students or for whole classes
* processes should a student need to apply for an extension or to reschedule an assessment task
* authentication requirements when there are multiple classes of a study
* appropriate steps to take if a teacher suspects a student has submitted unacknowledged work which is not their own before reporting an allegation of a breach of rules
* student responsibilities for ensuring work can be authenticated
* student awareness of the implications should a teacher not be able to authenticate a student’s work
* the process(es) or structures in place which ensure that students are able to locate the relevant documentation in a timely manner and implement authentication processes.

1. Investigation of breaches of School-based Assessment rules

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| What the VCAA is assessing | Schools/Providers must develop their own policy and processes to conduct investigations and hearings into allegations of breaches of rules in School-based Assessment. These must be in line with the guidance provided by the VCAA in the *VPC Administrative Handbook* |
| **Relates to the minimum standard** | * Teaching and learning |
| **Compliance is measured against** | * The [VPC Administrative Handbook](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/vpc-handbook/Pages/index.aspx), particularly the section ‘Assessment’ in the section ‘School-based assessment: Breaches of rules and investigations’. |

1. How will the school/provider ensure that investigation of breaches of School-based Assessment rules are managed consistently?

The school’s/provider’s policy and/or processes must address the following:

* full process for managing investigation of breaches of School-based Assessment rules as it pertains to the teacher/s and student/s
* responsibilities of the teacher/s reporting a possible breach
* communications which will be provided throughout breach investigation pertaining to the teacher/s and student/s
* opportunities available to the student to respond to allegations
* possible penalties and avenues of appeal
* confidentiality arrangements pertaining to teachers and students.

1. How will the school/provider ensure that students are aware of breach investigations and their rights and responsibilities?

* How will students access information on investigation of breaches of school-based assessment rules?

10. Special Provision processes [(Back to checklist)](#Backtochecklist)

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| What the VCAA is assessing | Schools/Providers must ensure they are making available the most appropriate, fair and reasonable arrangements and options for students in defined circumstances to demonstrate their capabilities within the parameters set by the VCAA’s Special Provision policy.  This is an aspect of ensuring the consistent application of assessment criteria and practices and processes to oversee the conduct of assessments of the course. |
| **Relates to the minimum standard** | * Teaching and learning |
| **Compliance is measured against** | * The [VPC Administrative Handbook](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/vpc-handbook/Pages/index.aspx), particularly the section ‘Special Provision’ |
| **Other resources** | * The VCAA [Special Provision](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/special-provision/Pages/Index.aspx) webpages * The VCAA Special Provision section in ‘[About the VPC’](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/VPC/Pages/AboutVPC.aspx) |

1. Outline the policy and processes that will be in place to ensure that special provision processes are managed consistently and with equity of access for all students:

The school’s/provider’s policy and/or processes must address the following:

* full process for managing special provision
* descriptions of the types of Special Provision: classroom learning and School-based Assessment;
* student eligibility for the types of Special Provision
* arrangements to identify students who may be eligible for special provision
* confidentiality arrangements pertaining to staff and students.
* How will teachers access information on special provision?
* How will students access information on special provision?
* How will parents and/or guardians access information on special provision?