VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies 2024–2028

Written examination – End of year

Examination specifications

Overall conditions

The examination will be sat at a time and date to be set annually by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). [VCAA examination rules](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/assessment/vce-assessment/Pages/ExaminationRules.aspx) will apply.

There will be 15 minutes of reading time and 2 hours of writing time.

The examination will be assessed by a panel appointed by the VCAA.

The examination will contribute 50 per cent to the study score.

Content

The VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies Study Design 2024–2028 is the document for the development of the examination. All outcomes in Units 3 and 4 will be examined.

All of the key knowledge and key skills that underpin the outcomes in Units 3 and 4 are examinable.

Format

The examination will be in the form of a Question and Answer Book.

The examination will consist of two sections:

**Section A** will consist of short-answer and/or extended-answer questions, including questions with multiple parts. Section A will be worth between 75 and 80 marks.

**Section B** will consist of an extended response question, worth between 10 and 15 marks.

The examination may include questions that refer to written and/or visual stimulus material, including one page presented in colour.

All questions will be compulsory. The total marks for the examination will be 90.

Answers are to be recorded in the spaces provided in the Question and Answer Book.

Approved materials and equipment

Pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers

Relevant references

The following publications should be referred to in relation to the VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies examination:

* [*VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies Study Design 2024–2028*](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/outdoor/2024OutdoorEnviroSD.docx)
* [*VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies – Support materials*](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vce/vce-study-designs/outdoor-and-environmentalstudies/Pages/index.aspx)
* VCAA Bulletin

Advice

During the 2024–2028 accreditation period for VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies, examinations will be prepared according to the examination specifications above. Each examination will conform to these specifications and will test a representative sample of the key knowledge and key skills from all outcomes in Units 3 and 4.

Examination questions may relate to one or more areas of study. The weighting of examination questions will reflect approximately the weighting of the outcomes in the study design.

Students should use [command/task words](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/assessment/vce-assessment/Pages/GlossaryofCommandTerms.aspx), other instructional information within questions and corresponding mark allocations to guide their responses.

A separate document containing a sample examination will be published on the VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies ‘[Examination specifications, past examinations and examination reports’](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/assessment/vce-assessment/past-examinations/Pages/Outdoor-and-Environmental-Studies.aspx) page on the VCAA website.

The sample examination provides an indication of the format of the examination, and the types of questions teachers and students can expect until the current accreditation period is over.

The VCAA does not provide answers to sample questions.