VCE VET Laboratory Skills

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 will apply. Details of these rules are published annually in the *VCE and VCAL Administrative Handbook*.

There will be 15 minutes of reading time and 1 hour and 30 minutes of writing time.

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

The examination will contribute 34 per cent to the study score.

Content

The VCE VET Laboratory Skills examination will be based on the assessment requirements and the following compulsory units of competency from Units 3 and 4:

* MSL933009 Contribute to the achievement of quality objectives Release 1 30 hours
* MSL973027 Perform techniques that prevent cross-contamination Release 1 40 hours
* MSL973026 Prepare working solutions Release 1 50 hours
* MSL973028 Perform microscopic examination Release 1 40 hours

The weighting of marks on the examination will approximately reflect the proportion of nominal delivery hours for each unit of competency that is examinable for this program. The elective will not be examined.

The examination will focus on an understanding of the performance and knowledge evidence, as described in the elements and performance criteria, and the assessment conditions set out in the assessment requirements document for each unit of competency.

Foundation skills are incorporated in the performance criteria that are required for competent performance.

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 20 multiple-choice questions worth 1 mark each and will be worth a total of 20 marks.

**Section B** will consist of short-answer questions, which may include multiple parts, and will be worth a total of 80 marks.

Questions may include short scenarios and/or a variety of stimulus material. Individual questions may assess more than one unit of competency.

All questions will be compulsory. The total marks for the examination will be 100.

Answers to Section A are to be recorded on the answer sheet provided for multiple-choice questions.

Answers to Section B are to be recorded in the spaces provided in the question and answer book.

Approved materials and equipment

* Normal stationery requirements (pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers)
* One scientific calculator

Relevant references

The following publications should be referred to in relation to the VCE VET Laboratory Skills examination:

* *VCE VET Laboratory Skills Program Booklet*
* *VCE VET Scored Assessment Guide* (published February 2021)
* *VCAA Bulletin*

Advice

A separate document containing sample questions will be published on the VCE VET Laboratory Skills [‘Examination specifications, past examinations and examination reports’](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/assessment/vet-assessment/past-examinations/Pages/VCEVETLaboratorySkills.aspx) page on the VCAA website.

The sample questions relate to the following units of competency:

* MSL973027 Perform techniques that prevent cross-contamination

Past examinations have examples of questions from units of competency that are equivalent to the following:

* MSL933009 Contribute to the achievement of quality objectives
* MSL973026 Prepare working solutions
* MSL973028 Perform microscopic examination