NSW Education Standards Authority

2023 Rural and Remote Marking Program

Higher School Certificate Marking Information Booklet

Applications available from 9 March 2023 to 23 March 2023

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 (HSC). 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 the standard marker application process.

If you choose to apply via *Markers Online*, outside of the RRMP, most subjects are marked in the onscreen, remotely. There are some subjects marked in Sydney, via pen and paper mode. Refer to the Fact Sheets available on Markers Online about other marking opportunities and marking venue information.

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 - Practical[1]. Successful applicants <u>must</u> participate in briefing and practice marking generally held remotely online via Microsoft Teams before commencing external onscreen marking. These sessions will be over multiple days, evenings and Saturdays. Details will be confirmed in your appointment letter available before the end of Term 3.

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

External 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. Markers must seek approval from their Senior Marker for alternative marking hours.

Visual Arts Practical: successful applicants for Visual Arts Practical are required to attend both corporate and itinerant marking. Corporate briefing sessions are held for approximately a week at the Sydney marking centre and then itinerant marking follows for approximately two weeks at various metropolitan and regional locations. Details and itineraries will be provided at marking. Markers must attend both corporate and itinerant marking sessions to participate in marking.

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 only cover casual relief of briefing sessions that are scheduled during school hours.

Applicants from NSW DoE schools should discuss the level of support available with their principal and/or the DoE.

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

Important Dates

- **9 March 2023 –** HSC marking and RRMP applications open
- **23 March 2023** – HSC marking and RRMP applications close
- **Beginning of Term 2, 2023** – All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application from either DoE or CSNSW
- **End of Term 2, 2023 –** Successful applicants receive an email to confirm their appointment and tentative dates for marking, from NESA
- **End of Term 3, 2023** – Successful applicants receive a letter, via *Markers Online*, confirming specific appointment details, from NESA
- **October and November 2023** - Marking takes place

Eligibility for Selection

Applicants should have recent teaching experience in the subject (within the last three years) teaching Year 12 students. The RRMP is recommended for teachers with none or limited previous marking experience to create opportunities for new markers from regional areas. Retired teachers and principals are not eligible to apply.

NESA aims to fairly share appointments between applicants from CSNSW and DoE. NESA may also offer marking to one teacher per school if we have multiple applicants for the same subject and may give preference to a Head Teacher.

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 preferencewill 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 forthe 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)** – NESA 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, 9 March 2023** and must be submitted by **5.00pm, Thursday, 23 March 2023.**

Enquiries

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Subjects Available 2023

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

Food Technology	Remote/onscreen
Geography	Remote/onscreen
History Extension	Remote/onscreen
Hospitality	Remote/onscreen
Industrial Technology (Written)	Remote/onscreen
Information Processes and Technology	Remote/onscreen
Investigating Science	Remote/onscreen
Legal Studies	Remote/onscreen
Mathematics - Advanced	Remote/onscreen
Mathematics Extension 1	Remote/onscreen
Mathematics Extension 2	Remote/onscreen
Mathematics Standard 1 and 2	Remote/onscreen
Modern History (Core)	Remote/onscreen
Modern History (Options)	Remote/onscreen
Music (Written)	Remote/onscreen
PDHPE (Section 1)	Remote/onscreen
PDHPE (Section 2)	Remote/onscreen
Physics	Remote/onscreen
Primary Industries	Remote/onscreen
Science Extension	Remote/onscreen
Society and Culture (Written)	Remote/onscreen
Software Design and Development	Remote/onscreen
Studies of Religion	Remote/onscreen
Textiles and Design (Written)	Remote/onscreen
Visual Arts (Written)	Remote/onscreen
Visual Arts (Practical - marking both Corporate and Itinerant) *(see note on p2 related to Visual Arts Practical marking locations).*	SYDNEY & Itinerant locations