

The accreditation period for VCE Accounting has been extended and expires 31 December 2024.

VCE Accounting

2019–2024

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 reading time and 2 hours writing time.

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

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

Content

The *VCE Accounting Study Design 2019–2024* 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, and the content found in the section ‘Characteristics of the study’ in the study design (pages 8–12), are examinable.

Students will not be required to use information and communications technology (ICT) in the examination.

Students will not be required to undertake calculations relating to financial indicators in the examination; however, the underpinning knowledge, interpretation and analysis associated with these indicators are examinable.

Students will not be required to prepare graphical representations in the examination; however, the interpretation and analysis of graphical representations are examinable.

Format

The examination will be in the form of a question book with a separate answer book.

The examination will consist of a series of short-answer and extended-response questions, including questions with multiple parts.

The examination may include questions that refer to visual and/or written material, including scenarios.

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

Answers are to be recorded in the spaces provided in the 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 Accounting examination:

- *VCE Accounting Study Design 2019–2024*
- *VCE Accounting – Advice for teachers 2019–2024*
- *VCAA Bulletin*

Advice

During the 2019–2024 accreditation period for VCE Accounting, 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, and the content found in the section ‘Characteristics of the study’ in the study design (pages 8–12).

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, other instructional information within questions and corresponding mark allocations to guide their responses.

A separate document containing a sample examination has been published on the VCE Accounting ‘Examination specifications, past examinations and examination reports’ 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 examinations.