VCE Product Design and Technologies 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 1 hour and 30 minutes of writing time.

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

The examination will contribute 30 per cent to the study score.

Content

The *VCE Product Design and Technologies 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, and the concepts found in the section on ‘Cross-study specifications’ in the study design (pages 11–19), are examinable.

Students will not be required to demonstrate practical skills using tools that are related to the production of their products. However, their knowledge and understanding of these are examinable.

Format

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

The examination will consist of short-answer and extended-answer questions, including questions with multiple parts. Questions may require drawn and/or diagrammatic responses.

The examination may include questions that refer to visual and/or written material such as a design brief, case study, scenario, quotation, data visualisations, graphs, charts or images.

Grid paper and traceable outlines of human figures will **not** be provided in the examination.

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

Approved materials and equipment

* Normal stationery requirements (pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers)
* Lead and coloured pencils
* Water-based pens and markers

Relevant references

The following resources should be referred to in relation to the VCE Product Design and Technologies examination:

* VCE Product Design and Technologies Study Design 2024–2028
* [Product Design and Technologies – Support materials](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vce/vce-study-designs/productdesign-and-technology/Pages/Index.aspx)
* VCAA Bulletin

Advice

During the 2024–2028 accreditation period for VCE Product Design and Technologies, 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 concepts found in the section on ‘Cross-study specifications’ in the study design (pages 11–19).

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 will be published on the VCE Product Design and Technologies [Examination specifications, past examinations and examination](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/assessment/vce-assessment/past-examinations/Pages/product-design-and-technology.aspx) 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.