Enrolling in VCE Modern Languages

Questions and answers for students

**Why do I need to complete this form?**

All students are required to complete this declaration before enrolling in Units 3 and 4 of a VCE Modern Language.

Your school will record your declared status as either a First or Second Language learner, based on how long you have studied at a school where the language of instruction is the same as the language you want to study in your VCE.

**How do I know if I am a Second Language Learner or a First Language Learner?**

You will be considered a **Second Language Learner** if you have completed all of your schooling in Australia

OR

you have accumulated less than seven years of education in a school where the language you are enrolling in was the main language of instruction.

You will be considered a **First Language Learner** if you have accumulated seven or more years of education in a school where the language you are enrolling in was the main language of instruction.

If you have had more than one period of attendance in a school where the language studied was the main language of instruction please add these lengths of time together.

For instance, if you studied years 1 - 2 in French, and then studied year 3 in English and then studied years 4 - 5 in French before moving to Australia to study in English for the remainder of your studies, you would add the first two years with the last two years in France to end with a total of four years.

Include all years and months of study where the language you are studying was the main language of instruction.

Do not count any study undertaken within Australia or any study undertaken at pre-school or kindergarten.

First Language and Second Language learners follow the same curriculum and sit the same examinations.

**How the VCAA will use this information?**

For each applicable study, study scores will be calculated based on Second Language Learners. The outcomes from these calculations will then be applied to all students. This process maintains the rank order of all students within the study but ensures that the study scores of Second Language Learners are not impacted by First Language Learners.

If you want to study more than one VCE Modern Language, a separate declaration form must be completed for each study.

**What if I disagree with the status my school has recorded for me?**

You have the right to appeal your school’s decision about your language learner status. [Contact the Student Records and Results Unit](mailto:student.records@education.vic.gov.au) to learn more about the appeals process.