

The accreditation period for VCE Geography has been extended and expires
31 December 2021.

VCE Geography

2016–2021

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 assessed by a panel appointed by the VCAA.

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

Content

The *VCE Geography Study Design 2016–2021* is the document for the development of the examination. The study design includes a section on 'Cross-study specifications' (pages 9–13). All outcomes in Units 3 and 4 will be examined.

All of the key knowledge and skills that underpin the outcomes in Units 3 and 4 are examinable.

Format

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

The examination will consist of short-answer and/or extended-answer questions, which may include sub-parts.

Questions may be based on stimulus material presented in a separate data book. Students will be presented with a range of data formats. These formats will be drawn from the full range of accepted geographical media that students may encounter in the course of their study, such as the following:

- tables
- graphs
- sketches
- statistics
- photographs
- satellite images
- topographic maps
- aerial photographs
- 3D representations
- other accepted data representations

All questions will be compulsory. The total marks for the examination will be 80.

Approved materials and equipment

- normal stationery requirements (pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers)
- coloured pencils, water-based pens and markers

Relevant references

The following publications should be referred to in relation to the VCE Geography examination:

- *VCE Geography Study Design 2016–2021*
- *VCE Geography – Advice for teachers 2016–2021* (includes assessment advice)
- *VCAA Bulletin*

Advice

During the 2016–2021 accreditation period for VCE Geography, 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 skills from all outcomes in Units 3 and 4.

Teachers and students should be aware of the cross-study specifications, including key geographical concepts, geographical skills and fieldwork report, as described on pages 9–13 of 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 sample questions has been published on the VCE Geography 'Examination specifications, past examinations and examination reports' page on the VCAA website.

The sample questions provide an indication of the types of questions teachers and students can expect until the current accreditation period is over.

The VCAA does not provide answers to sample questions.