

VCE VET Laboratory Skills

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 1 hour and 30 minutes writing time.

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

The examination will contribute 34 per cent to the study score.

Content

The VCE VET Laboratory Skills examination will be based on the assessment requirements and the following compulsory units of competency from Units 3 and 4:

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| • MSL933002 | Contribute to the achievement of quality objectives | Release 1 | 30 hours |
| • MSL973004 | Perform aseptic techniques | Release 1 | 40 hours |
| • MSL973002 | Prepare working solutions | Release 1 | 50 hours |
| • MSL973007 | Perform microscopic examination | Release 1 | 40 hours |

The weighting of marks on the examination will approximately reflect the proportion of nominal delivery hours of each unit of competency that is examinable for this program. The elective will not be examined.

The examination will focus on an understanding of the performance and knowledge evidence, as described in the elements and performance criteria, and the assessment conditions set out in the assessment requirements document for each unit of competency.

Foundation skills are incorporated in the performance criteria that are required for competent performance.

Format

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

The examination will consist of two sections.

Section A will consist of 20 multiple-choice questions worth 1 mark each and will be worth a total of 20 marks.

Section B will consist of short-answer questions, which may include multiple parts, and will be worth a total of 80 marks.

Questions may include short scenarios and/or a variety of stimulus material. Individual questions may assess more than one unit of competency.

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

Answers to Section A are to be recorded on the answer sheet provided for multiple-choice questions.

Answers to Section B are to be recorded in the spaces provided in the question and 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 VET Laboratory Skills examination:

- *VCE VET Laboratory Skills Program Booklet – Extract* (published January 2017)
- *VCE VET Assessment Guide* (published February 2010)
- *VCAA Bulletin*

Advice

A separate document containing a sample examination has been published on the 'Laboratory Skills (VCE VET) – Exams and Examination Reports' page on the VCAA website.

Teachers and students should refer to the sample examination and past examinations for an indication of the types of questions that can be expected.

The sample examination and past examinations have examples of questions from units of competency that are equivalent to the following:

- MSL933002 Contribute to the achievement of quality objectives
- MSL973004 Perform aseptic techniques
- MSL973002 Prepare working solutions
- MSL973007 Perform microscopic examination

Answers to multiple-choice questions are provided at the end of the sample examination.

Answers to other questions are not provided.