Hello and welcome to the VCE Software Development - Unit 4 School-based Assessment on-demand video on the Unit 4 School-based Assessment Audit process for 2021. The purpose of this video is to support teachers with understanding the Unit 4 audit process for Software Development. My name is Phil Feain and I am the Curriculum Manager for Digital Technologies with the VCAA.

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The purpose of this session is to provide a brief overview of the School-based Assessment Audit process for Unit 4 Software Development. This session will cover: General advice on the audit. Why audit schools? Unit 4 Audit Questionnaire. Unit 4 Further evidence. VASS report and outcomes and non-compliance.

Looking now at the Unit 4 School-based Assessment Audit process for 2021. General advice on the audit: Schools providing the VCE must deliver the course to the standards established by the VCAA, ensure the integrity of student assessments and ensure compliance with the requirements of the VCAA for the relevant assessment programme. For school-based assessment the standards and requirements are stated in the assessment specifications set out in the relevant VCE study design and the VCE assessment principles. All VCE studies have a school-assessed component: School-assessed Coursework or School-assessed Tasks or a combination of both.

So why audit schools? The purpose is to check that the standards and requirements set out in study designs are being followed and that assessment is being carried out in line with VCE assessment principles. Schools providing the VCE must deliver the course to the standards established by the VCAA, ensure the integrity of student assessments and ensure compliance with the requirements of the VCAA for the relevant assessment programme. All schools are audited annually for at least one VCE study and all VCE studies are subject to the School-based Assessment Audit. An increased number of schools are audited for VCE studies in the first year of implementation of a reaccredited VCE study design.

The audit focuses on the VCE Assessment principles. They are: VCE assessment should be valid and reasonable VCE assessment should be equitable VCE assessment should be balanced and VCE assessment should be efficient.

The first stage consists of a study-specific audit questionnaire which is completed online by teachers on behalf of the school. The responses provided by the school to the audit questionnaire enable the VCAA to determine if school-based assessment is following the specifications and requirements set out in the accredited VCE study design and the VCE assessment principles. For each submission received to the audit questionnaire, the VCAA determines one of the following outcomes: The evidence submitted shows that VCAA assessment standards and requirements have been met or there is not yet enough evidence to show that VCAA assessment standards and requirements are being met or the evidence submitted determines that VCAA assessment standards and requirements have not been met.

Before you complete the questionnaire you should consider the following as part of your planning: Meet with your VCE coordinator to discuss the process for completing the audit. Go through the questions with them. They should be able to discuss the procedures with you. Some schools have several meetings. Some documents to refer to: VCAA 2021 Important Administrative Dates and 2021 Assessment Schedule. VCE and VCAL Administrative Handbook for 2021. 2021 General Advice on the School-based Assessment Audit.

Teachers should have the following documents for answering the questions in the questionnaire: VCAA provider number. The relevant study design - Applied Computing. The 2021 Administrative information for School-based Assessment . Assessment timeline for the unit. Developed SAC tasks/SAT instructions or plans/outlines of SAC/SAT tasks for the unit. Developed marking guides or marking schemes. VCE policies relating to school-based assessment. Any commercial materials used in school-based assessment and any SAC tasks from previous years used in the current year's school-based assessment.

The next stage of the audit process after the questionnaire involves further evidence. Depending on the outcome of the audit questionnaire, schools may be required to submit further evidence. The further evidence requested may be on any aspect of the assessment, including tasks, assessment information provided to students, conditions of assessment, marking schemes or criteria, assessment timeline or moderation processes. Samples of student work will only be requested if a serious concern is raised and the submission of further evidence is completed electronically. For each further evidence submission, the VCAA determines one of the following outcomes: The evidence submitted shows that VCAA assessment standards and requirements have been met or the evidence submitted determines that VCAA assessment standards and requirements have not been met.

Schools will receive a report through VASS on the outcome of the audit. This report includes details such as: The outcome of the audit. The VCE assessment principles not addressed. Actions required by the school and comments provided by the Audit Panel. A VASS report goes out to schools with the outcome after the questionnaire and further evidence submissions have been completed.

In terms of outcomes and non-compliance: Most schools will meet requirements within an audit cycle, for example Unit 3 or Unit 4. Where a school does not meet VCAA assessment standards and/or requirements at the conclusion of an audit cycle, support will be provided to the teacher or teachers of the study to guide them through the assessment requirements of the relevant VCE study design. The school will be re-audited for the same study in the following audit cycle and the VCAA will draw any serious evidence of non-compliance to the attention of the principal.

In the event of serious irregularity, Executive Management of the VCAA will determine whether disciplinary action or other procedures will apply. For more information regarding the issues seen in the audit process in 2020 you can have a look at: The School-based Assessment report for 2020 and the on-demand videos for the Unit 4 Outcome 1 SAT and the Unit 4 Outcome 2 SAC.

Thank you for watching this presentation. If you have any questions regarding Software Development you can contact Phil Feain Digital Technologies Curriculum Manager at the details below.

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