VCE Extended Investigation Study Design 2019–2024

Updates effective 1 January 2020

Listed below are amendments to the VCE Extended Investigation Study Design:

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| Page 6 | Updated references under heading *Ethical conduct of investigations*, bullet point one and two:   * Australian Code for Responsible Conduct of Research (2007, updated 2018), issued by National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), Australian Research Council and Universities Australia: [www.nhmrc.gov.au](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au) * National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007, updated July 2018), issued by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) in accordance with the National Health and Medical Research Council Act 1992 (Cwlth): [www.nhmrc.gov.au](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au) |
| Page 8 | Updated text in paragraph four under subheading ‘Units 3 and 4’ under heading *Levels of achievement*  Details of the assessment program are described in the sections on Units 3 and 4 in this study design. Assessment criteria for the outcomes in Unit 3 and Unit 4 are mandated for this study |
| Page 11 | Updated text under heading *Formal lodgment of research question*, paragraph two and three:  Where the VCAA identifies duplication with another current VCE study the school will be notified and it is the school’s responsibility to guide the student in the refinement of the question. For any research question, refined or otherwise, ongoing monitoring for possible duplication should continue to be undertaken by the teacher as the research develops.  A number of VCE studies now include research projects. ~~The VCAA will not reject research questions for VCE Extended Investigation that have the possibility of being duplicated as a research topic in another VCE study. The success of VCE Extended Investigation is dependent on teacher oversight, ensuring that all work is authenticated throughout the course of the study and that students are not submitting the same work for assessment in more than one study.~~ Teachers of VCE Extended Investigation need to ensure that all work is authenticated throughout the course and that students are not submitting the same work for assessment in more than one study. |
| Page 12 | Updated text in paragraph three:  Supervising teachers may read parts of the student’s developing written report and provide general feedback to assist the student to reflect critically on their own work. This is part of the teacher’s role in monitoring each student’s development of work. The Extended Investigation Externally-assessed Task Authentication form should be downloaded from the VCE Extended Investigation study page on the VCAA website and it, or an equivalent thereof, be used as a record of any incidences of such feedback. ~~This form~~ The record should be retained as part of the Extended Investigation Journal. |
| Page 18 | Updated text under subheading ‘Conditions of the Critical Thinking Test’, bullet point nine:   * VCAA examination rules will apply. Details of these rules are published annually in the VCE and VCAL Administrative Handbook. |
| Page 21 | Updated text in paragraph two under subheading ‘Written report’ under heading *Assessment of levels of achievement*  ~~Please note that the word count declaration, research question, reference list and appendices are not included in the final word count.~~ Further specifications for the word count of the written report are published in the [VCE Extended Investigation (2019-2021) Externally-assessed Task: Written Report Specifications](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/exams/extendedinvestigation/extinvest-written-eat-specs.pdf). |
| Page 22 | Updated text under subheading ‘Conditions’, bullet point two:   * VCAA examination rules will apply to the oral presentation component. Details of these rules are published annually in the VCE and VCAL Administrative Handbook. VCAA school-based assessment authentication requirements will apply to the written component. Further conditions and other specifications for the written report are published in the [VCE Extended Investigation (2019-2021) Externally-assessed Task: Written Report Specifications](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/exams/extendedinvestigation/extinvest-written-eat-specs.pdf). |