

Consultation

Q: When will I be able to view the draft Australian Curriculum?

A: The draft K–10 Australian Curriculum for English, mathematics, science and history will be available for public consultation from March to May 2010. The draft curriculum for these learning areas will be available online through the Australian Curriculum consultation portal - www.australiancurriculum.edu.au.

The draft senior secondary curriculum content will be available for consultation between 14 May and 30 July 2010. The draft achievement standards for each of the senior secondary courses will be available for consultation and trialling in schools in early 2011.

Q: How can I get involved in the consultation on the draft Australian Curriculum?

A: ACARA's consultation processes for the draft Australian Curriculum will be conducted in partnership with state and territory curriculum and school authorities. ACARA welcomes and encourages the involvement of all stakeholders in the consultation process.

Whether you are a teacher, parent or student, there are opportunities for you to provide feedback on the draft curriculum by rating and commenting on the drafts online, completing an online survey and providing more detailed written feedback via email. In addition, for K-10, some schools have been selected to undertake some short-term trialing activities using the draft curriculum.

ACARA will also conduct state/territory and national invitational forums and some states and territories may also conduct their own consultation sessions.

Participation in the state and territory consultation forums for the K-10 draft Australian Curriculum will be coordinated by the relevant authorities. To register your interest in attending a forum, contact your relevant education authority.

Q: What will happen to the feedback that ACARA receives on the draft Australian Curriculum?

A: ACARA is working with an independent survey and research company to collect and analyse all of the feedback received during the consultation period and provide a final report.

The consultation reports will outline the methodology used to collect and analyse consultation data, the quantitative and qualitative feedback itself and conclusions.

All feedback will be considered in reviewing the draft curriculum before it is digitally published as a K-12 curriculum in the third quarter of 2010.

Q: What can I provide feedback on for the draft senior secondary Australian Curriculum?

A: Between 14 May and 30 July 2010, you can provide feedback on the draft curriculum content for each senior secondary course in English, mathematics, science and history. At this point in time, only draft curriculum content is available for consultation for these 14 courses. The achievement standards are yet to be drafted. During the remainder of the year, ACARA will work with state and territory curriculum and certification authorities to develop senior secondary achievement standards, illustrated with work samples. Draft achievement standards for each of the senior secondary courses will be available for consultation and trialling in schools in early 2011.

Q: Where can I provide feedback on the draft senior secondary curriculum?

A: The draft senior secondary curriculum will be published online at the Australian Curriculum consultation portal at www.australiancurriculum.edu.au. ACARA's consultation processes on the draft senior secondary curriculum content will be conducted in partnership with state and territory curriculum and education authorities, and schools.

ACARA welcomes and encourages the involvement of all stakeholders in the consultation process. Whether you are a principal, teacher, parent or student, there are opportunities to provide feedback on the draft senior secondary curriculum by rating and commenting on each draft course online, completing an online survey for each course and providing more detailed written feedback via email.

During late May and early June, ACARA will also invite experts to national consultation forums for each course. Some states and territories may also conduct their own consultation sessions. Participation in the state and territory consultation forums for the draft senior secondary Australian Curriculum will be coordinated by the relevant state and territory authorities.

Q: Will I be able to view the K-10 draft Australian Curriculum when providing feedback to the draft senior secondary Australian Curriculum?

A: The K-10 draft Australian Curriculum will remain available for viewing online along with the draft senior secondary Australian Curriculum during the entire consultation period. However, the capacity to provide feedback on the K-10 draft curriculum ends on 30 May. (This still allows for a short period of overlap between consultation on the draft K-10 curriculum and draft senior secondary curriculum.)