### What’s different between 2013 and 2016

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<td>Achieving a WACE signifies that you have successfully met the breadth and depth, the achievement standard and English language competence requirements in your senior secondary schooling. For 2013–2015 these requirements are:</td>
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| **Breadth and depth**
You will complete a minimum of 20 course units or the equivalent. This requirement must include at least:
- four different course units from English, Literature and/or English as an Additional Language or Dialect, studied during Year 11 and Year 12 (at least two of these units must be completed in Year 12) ( |
- one pair of course units from each of List A (arts/languages/social sciences) and List B (mathematics/science/technology) completed in Year 12. | However, for 2016 and beyond
- You will need to demonstrate a minimum level of literacy and numeracy based on the skills regarded as essential for individuals to meet the demands of everyday life and work in a knowledge-based economy;
- You will need to achieve an ATAR or complete a Certificate II or higher. Achieving an ATAR will require you to complete a minimum of four (4) designated ATAR/matriculation courses at Year 12 |
| **Achievement standard**
Achieve a C grade average or better across the best 16 course units of which at least eight must be completed in Year 12. | Breadth and depth
You will complete a minimum of 20 course units or the equivalent. This requirement must include at least:
- A minimum of ten (10) units at Year 12
- Two (2) completed Year 11 English units and two (2) completed Year 12 English units
- One pair of course units from each of List A (arts/languages/social sciences) and List B (mathematics/science/technology) completed in Year 12. |
| Preliminary Stage units, endorsed programs and/or VET credit transfer can reduce the required number of course units by up to six units. | Achievement standard
Achieve a minimum of six (6) C grades in six Year 11 units and eight (8) C grades in four Year 12 units (or equivalents; see below). |
| **English language competence**
Achieve a C grade or better in any Stage 1 or higher course unit from English, Literature and/or English as an Additional Language or Dialect (except 1A and 1B for English as an Additional Language or Dialect). |

For students who have not achieved a C grade in one of their English, Literature and/or English as an Additional Language or Dialect course units, schools will need to compare a selection of the student’s work with the work samples provided by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority to verify the student has demonstrated the required standard.

| English language competence
- Completion of at least four units of an English course post Year 10 – studied over at least two years.
- You will need to demonstrate minimum standards of literacy and numeracy mapped to the Australian Core Skills Framework. | |