ELIGIBILITY FOR ENROLMENT IN 2012

STAGE 1 AND STAGE 2 LANGUAGES AT BEGINNERS LEVEL: GUIDELINES

This information sheet advises schools of the eligibility criteria for students enrolling in language programs at beginners level.

Language programs at beginners level are designed for senior secondary students with no prior knowledge or experience of the language (whether spoken or written) who wish to begin their study of the language at Stage 1. It is intended that students will study the language for 2 consecutive years (at Stage 1 and Stage 2).

In making beginners-level languages available, the Board recognises that some prior knowledge or experience of the language would not necessarily place a student at an advantage over a student with no prior knowledge or experience of the language. Such knowledge or experience may be very limited and/or very distant in time.

For eligibility purposes 'Chinese' refers to spoken Mandarin, Cantonese, Hokkien, or any regional Chinese dialect, and to characters in traditional form and simplified form.

Students with prior knowledge of, or experience in, Malay are not eligible to enrol in Indonesian at beginners level.

CRITERIA

The Eligibility for Enrolment form (Form 10/12) requires applicants to list all knowledge and experience of the proposed language of study (or dialect) to enable the SACE Board to determine eligibility for enrolment.

Information is required in three categories:

- Prior Formal Learning
- Prior In-country Experience
- Family or Community Linguistic Experience.

IMPORTANT ENROLMENT ADVICE

Students who were deemed eligible for a Stage 1 beginners-level language program in 2011, and who intend to enrol in Stage 2 in 2012 as part of a 2-year program, are not required to complete another Eligibility for Enrolment form.

Students who did not complete an Eligibility for Enrolment form for 2011, or who did not complete 20 credits at Stage 1 in 2011, are required to complete an Eligibility for Enrolment form for 2012.

Students may not repeat Stage 1 or Stage 2 languages at beginners level.

Completed Eligibility for Enrolment forms (Form 10/12) for 2012 must be submitted to Assessment Operations at the SACE Board by *Friday 24 February 2012*.

Late submission of Eligibility for Enrolment forms may disadvantage students who, if found to be ineligible, will have to reconsider their SACE enrolment options.

DOCUMENTATION

Schools are responsible for collecting and verifying documentation in order to support the application for eligibility. Appropriate documentation may include assessment reports and statements from schools previously attended. Documentary evidence must be retained by the school.

APPEAL PROCESS

Students who believe that their eligibility to undertake a language program at beginners level has been inappropriately judged may request a review from the Chief Executive of the SACE Board.

BREACH OF RULES

It is a breach of the rules if students provide incorrect or misleading information in support of their Eligibility for Enrolment application. Such students may be withdrawn from the subject or have their result in the subject removed from official SACE Board records.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on eligibility for enrolment in language programs at beginners level, refer to the subject pages on the SACE website (www.sace.sa.edu.au).