

# WACE COURSES of STUDY

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# WACE Courses

- In Year 11 all students will study six Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) Courses of Study.
- Each WACE Course of Study will comprise a linked pair of semester length units.
- **Stage 1 units** - 1A/1B (Year 11) leading to 1C/1D (Year 12) are predominantly aimed at TAFE entry, direct entry to the workforce or vocational training.
- **Stage 2 units** - 2A/2B, 2C/2D (Year 11) leading to 3A/3B, 3C/3D (Year 12) are predominantly aimed at university entry.
- A combination of Stage 1 and Stage 2 units can be studied.

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# On what basis should decisions be made?

## Academic Ability

- This is based on student performance at the end of Semester One Year 10.
- There is a recommended minimum achievement in Year 10 for accessing most courses in Year 11. (p13 Handbook)

## Interests

- Students will perform best in courses that they really enjoy.

## Future Intentions

- Students need to select courses that are related to their career intention.

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# Secondary Graduation

**To be awarded the new Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE), students must:**

- complete at least 20 units, including at least three two-unit combinations
- achieve a C grade average or better across 10 course units from at least five courses
- achieve requirements for English language competence and complete four English course units
- complete at least one course from List A and at least one course from List B
- complete 20 hours of community service
- sit WACE examinations in Stage 2 or 3 units in Year 12 (unless exempt).

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# To qualify for University entrance you must...

- Meet the requirements for Secondary Graduation – WACE.
- Achieve competence in English as prescribed by the individual universities.
- Obtain a sufficiently high TER for entry to a particular university and/or course.
- Satisfy any prerequisites or special requirements for entry to particular courses.

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# Courses that can be used to obtain a TER

Accounting & Finance  
Biological Sciences  
Business Management & Enterprise  
Chemistry  
Computer Science  
Design  
Drama  
Earth & Environmental Science  
Economics  
English  
French  
Geography  
Human Biological Sciences

Indonesian : Second Language  
Literature  
Materials Design & Technology  
Mathematics  
Mathematics: Specialist  
Media Production & Analysis  
Modern History  
Music  
Physical Education Studies  
Physics  
Politics and Law  
Visual Arts

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# TEA (Tertiary Entrance Aggregate)

- TEA based on sum of best 4 scaled marks (TEA out of 400)
- **No** List 1 and List 2 requirements
- Avoid unacceptable subject combinations
- TER derived from the TEA

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# TER (Tertiary Entrance Rank)

- TER indicates your rank position in the total Year 12 school leaving age population in WA
- That is, a TER of 80 means you are better than 80% of all the Year 12 school leaving age people in WA
- TERs are equivalent in other states.  
Called UAI in NSW/ACT, ENTER in VIC and TER in TAS, SA and WA

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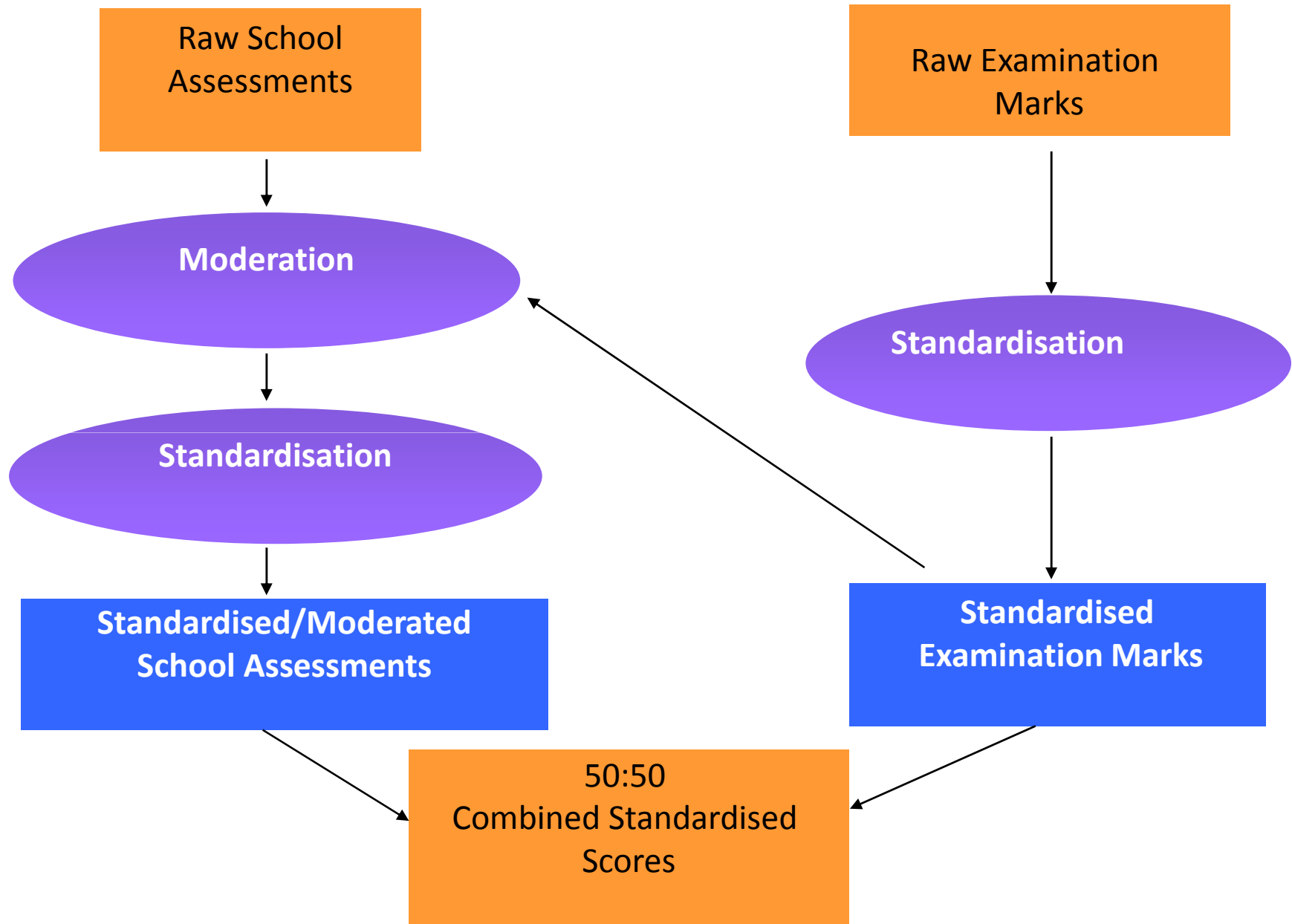
# Marks are:

- ✓ **STANDARDISED** - adjusted for differences in difficulty of exam papers from year to year
- ✓ **MODERATED** - adjusted for differences in assessment from school to school
- ✓ **SCALED** - adjusted for differences in difficulty from subject to subject. Scaling ensures a student is not disadvantaged by taking a difficult subject.

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# SCALING PROCEDURE (1)



## SCALING PROCEDURE (2)

50:50 - Combined Standardised Scores

Scaling

Scaled Combined Scores

Aggregation

Tertiary Entrance Aggregate - TEA

Tertiary Entrance Rank - TER

