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Dear Parent / Guardian

Special Provision

The Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) recognises that some students are affected by a medical condition, an impairment, or exception circumstances that may act as a barrier to their access to the QCS Test or to their demonstration of their achievement in the test. To ensure all students have equal access to the QCS Test and are able to demonstrate their full capabilities, special provision is available.

Students may apply for two types of special provision before the test: special arrangements and exemption.

Special arrangements are practical adjustments made to the conditions under which a student sits the QCS Test. These can include (but is not limited to) rest breaks, A3-size test materials, seating out of order, and standing or stretching.

A student who sits the QCS Test with special arrangements will:
- receive a test grade
- remain OP-eligible (if applicable)
- receive a Senior Statement that does not record that the student received special arrangements

A student does not need to be receiving special provision for in-school assessment to apply for special arrangements.

An exemption allows a student to be absent from the test and remain eligible for an OP. Students should only apply for exemption if they are unable to sit the QCS Test with the special arrangements that are available.

In order to apply for special provision, students must speak with the Guidance Officer about the special arrangements they may need to apply for. All applications for special considerations must be supported by current documentation.

Applications for special provision close on 21 May 2014.

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