ELIGIBILITY FOR ENROLMENT GUIDELINES

LANGUAGES AT CONTINUERS LEVEL

This information sheet advises schools of the eligibility criteria for students enrolling in a Stage 1 or Stage 2 language at continuers level, where there is also a program at background speakers level for that language (i.e. Chinese, Japanese, Russian, and Vietnamese).

Students enrolling in other continuers level languages are not required to submit an Eligibility for Enrolment Form.

Chinese, Japanese, Russian, and Vietnamese language programs at continuers level are designed for students who wish to study one or more of these languages as a second language. Students, typically, will have studied the language at junior secondary level in a school in Australia. Such students will have studied the language for 300 to 400 hours by the time they have completed Stage 1, and 400 to 500 hours by the time they have completed Stage 2.

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

CRITERIA

Eligibility for continuers-level Chinese, Japanese, Russian, and Vietnamese is determined on the basis of the student’s country of birth, country of residence, linguistic and cultural background, and education undertaken in a country where the language to be studied is a major language of communication or a medium of instruction.

Students who have had more than 1 year’s education from the age of 5 years (pre-school, primary, secondary) in a country where the language to be studied is a major language of communication or a medium of instruction are not eligible to enrol in a continuers-level program unless it can be demonstrated that special circumstances apply.

In the case of Chinese, students who have had more than 1 year’s education from the age of 5 years in China, Hong Kong, Macao, or Taiwan are not eligible to enrol in a continuers-level program unless it can be demonstrated that special circumstances apply. Applications for enrolment by students who have had more than 1 year’s education in Brunei, Malaysia, or Singapore will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Approval for enrolment in a continuers-level language will not be granted on the basis of a student's level of proficiency in writing, reading, speaking, or listening to, the language.

IMPORTANT ENROLMENT ADVICE

The following groups of students must complete an Eligibility for Enrolment form for 2016:

• Students intending to enrol in the language at continuers level at Stage 1.

• Students intending to enrol in the language at continuers level at Stage 2 without having undertaken study of the same language at Stage 1.

• Students who have undertaken a Stage 1 language program at continuers level and who are resuming their study at Stage 2 after a gap of 12 months or more.
All students are entitled to enrol in language programs at background speakers level; no Eligibility for Enrolment form is required.

Completed Eligibility for Enrolment forms for 2016 must be submitted to Assessment Operations at the SACE Board by Friday 20 February 2016.

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

If the student was born overseas or has resided overseas, documented evidence of education and residence must accompany the eligibility for enrolment form. Appropriate evidence may include photocopies of school records, passports, visas, and certificates of citizenship.

Students who are unable to locate the necessary documentation are advised to contact the:
Department of Immigration and Citizenship, Level 3, 55 Currie St, Adelaide
telephone: 131 881
website: www.immi.gov.au

APPEAL PROCESS

Students who believe that their eligibility to undertake a language program at continuers 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 continuers level, contact the relevant SACE Board Officer.