

## What are the Australian Curriculum development timelines?

### Publication of the Australian Curriculum Phase 1

Consultation on the draft K–10 English, mathematics, science and history curriculum is open between March and May 2010. Consultation on the senior secondary curriculum in English, mathematics, science and history will take place during April, May and June 2010.

Feedback from the consultation on the draft Australian Curriculum will be analysed and will shape revisions and refinements ahead of the final online publication of the K–12 Australian Curriculum for English, mathematics, science and history later in 2010.

### Development of the Australian Curriculum Phase 2

The second phase of national curriculum development involves geography, languages and the arts.

Initial shape papers for geography, languages and the arts will be available for public consultation in mid-2010. Analysis of the consultation feedback will inform the development of the final shape papers for each learning area by the end of this year. Writing, consultation and publication of the final curriculum in these areas will occur in 2011.

ACARA's Curriculum Development paper [www.acara.edu.au](http://www.acara.edu.au) describes the process that is being used to develop the Australian Curriculum.

### The third phase of Australian Curriculum development

All Australian education ministers have agreed that subsequent development work will focus on the remaining learning areas identified in the *Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians*, namely information and communication technology and design and technology, health and

physical education, economics, business and civics and citizenship. Timelines and processes for this future work have yet to be discussed and agreed by education ministers. Learning areas currently not included in Australian Curriculum development will continue to be the responsibility of state and territory education authorities.

### Planning for implementation of the Australian Curriculum

While the process of implementing the Australian Curriculum is a matter for each state and territory, ACARA will assist states and territories in this regard.

Implementation of the Australian Curriculum is likely to vary by learning areas and by states and territories depending on the extent of difference between the new Australian Curriculum and existing state and territory curricula. ACARA is working with state and territory education authorities to map the extent of change to assist them to develop their implementation plans.

There will be flexibility in commencement of implementation of the Australian Curriculum for K–10 English, mathematics, science and history depending on specific issues to be addressed in each jurisdiction, provided the K–10 Australian Curriculum is implemented by 2013.

Timelines for the implementation of the senior secondary curriculum will be determined in 2010.