

C2C for Economics and Business

How is the Australian Curriculum: Economics and Business structured?

The Australian Curriculum: Economics and Business is written for students in Years 5-10. The content descriptions for Knowledge and Understanding and achievement standards are written for single year levels, while Skills are identified in two year bands for Years 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10.

Please note that the Economics and Business learning area for Years 5-6 has recently been revised into the F-6/7 Humanities and Social Sciences curriculum (HASS). The C2C resources currently available online for Years 5-6 HASS are based on Version 7.5 of the Australian Curriculum.

The Knowledge and Understanding strand has four key organising ideas:

- resource allocation and making choices
- the business environment
- consumer and financial literacy
- work and work futures.

The Skills strand focuses on the skills of questioning and research, interpretation and analysis, economic reasoning, decision making and application, and communication and reflection.

The strands are interrelated and taught within relevant, contemporary contexts. Both strands also focus on developing enterprising behaviours and skills.

What C2C materials have been developed to support implementation of Economics and Business?

C2C materials for Economics and Business include:

- Band plans for:
 - Years 5-6
 - Years 7-8
 - Years 9-10

- Unit plans
- Assessment materials - tasks, model responses, Guides to making judgments and implementing the assessment advice
- Topic overviews
- Topic outlines and linked resources
- Mapping documents
- Economics and Business essentials
- Economics and Business literacy and numeracy essentials.

What is the C2C: Economics and Business Concept Overview - Year 5 to Year 10?

The C2C: Economics and Business concept overview - Year 5 to Year 10 provides teachers with information about the Economics and Business concepts to be taught from Year 5 to Year 10. They have been developed by the C2C writers, using the Australian Curriculum: Economics and Business content descriptions and the scope and sequence documents.

What are the features of the C2C Topic overview?

The C2C Topic overview foregrounds topics and their key ideas to organise teaching, learning and assessment in each unit while maintaining maximum flexibility for schools to decide when and how to teach and assess content. A Topic overview provides:

- the unit name and an introductory statement
- topics within the unit, including:
 - assessment
 - connections between learning and assessment
 - topics derived from Economics and Business Knowledge and Understanding content descriptions
- subject specific advice on designing a sequence of teaching and learning
- a topic map showing topics and key ideas.

What are the features of the C2C Topic outlines?

Topic outlines show the topics and key ideas. They also describe learning opportunities, teacher and student resources and helpful information. Identified learning opportunities build towards assessment by foregrounding content, including concepts and a range of subject specific skills.

Why have the C2C materials for Economics and Business been developed for bands?

C2C: Economics and Business materials have been developed for bands of years that reflect the bandings in the Skills strand of the curriculum. This allows schools the flexibility to implement programs that suits their local contexts.

C2C: Economics and Business materials for students in Years 5 – 8 consist of two units per band that can be taught at any time within a band. The units have been structured so that one unit is written for the lower year and the other is written for the upper year; i.e. for a Year 5 – 6 band, Unit 1 is written using content descriptions and the achievement standard for Year 5 and Unit 2 is written using the content descriptions and achievement standard for Year 6.

Students in Years 9 – 10 have the opportunity to further develop their awareness of economic and business issues within community, regional, national and/or global contexts through four depth studies. Economics and Business is an elective subject in Years 9-10.

What do the C2C: Economics and Business materials cover?

	Years 5 – 6	Years 7 – 8
Unit 1	Exploring decision-making in everyday life	Seeking individual and business success in the market
Unit 2	Making decisions to benefit my community	Responding to business opportunities in the Australian market

Depth Studies Years 9 – 10	
Unit 1	Managing financial responsibilities, risks and rewards
Unit 2	Competing as a business in the global economy
Unit 3	Managing economic performance and standard of living
Unit 4	Improving business productivity

Where can I access C2C materials for Economics and Business?

C2C: Economics and Business materials are available to ACT schools by accessing Scootle through the Digital Backpack. It is recommended that all resources are accessed via the Unit Plan links.

How can schools implement Australian Curriculum: Economics and Business?

It remains a school-based decision when and how Economics and Business will be taught. When planning for implementation, schools should take into account how Economics and Business connects with the Humanities and Social Sciences learning area. Schools can provide Economics and Business:

- in conjunction with the other Humanities and Social Sciences subjects
- in conjunction with other learning areas
- in a term
- in a semester
- in one year of a two year band (not in every year from Years 5-8)
- as an elective subject in Years 9 and 10.

What support is available for teachers to teach Civics and Citizenship?

Teachers can access the Humanities and Social Sciences curriculum on the Australian Curriculum website at:

<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/humanities-and-social-sciences/introduction>

The revised F-6/7 Humanities and Social Sciences curriculum (Version 8.1) can be accessed at:

<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/humanities-and-social-sciences/hass/curriculum/f-10?layout=1#page=2>

The 7-10 Economics and Business curriculum (Version 8.1) can be accessed at:

<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/humanities-and-social-sciences/economics-and-business/curriculum/7-10?layout=1>