WHAT IS ASSESSMENT?

Assessment is used by your teachers for the collection and evaluation of evidence of your learning. Assessment has many purposes, including:

- providing opportunities for teachers to gather evidence about your achievement in relation to syllabus outcomes
- enabling you to demonstrate what you know and can do
- clarifying your understanding of concepts and promoting deeper understanding
- providing evidence that your current understanding is a suitable basis for future learning

ASSESSMENT FOR LEARNING

Assessment for learning involves teachers using evidence about your knowledge, understanding and skills to inform their teaching. This type of assessment is often referred to as 'formative assessment'. However, assessment for learning only becomes formative once a teacher changes teaching and learning activities based on collected data. Assessment for learning usually occurs throughout a unit of work, as it is designed to clarify your learning and understanding of content and skills being taught.

Examples of assessment for learning activities include:

- Observation of your learning
- Classroom activities and bookwork
- Homework assignments
- Mini tests/quizzes or presentations
- Group and pair work
- Experiments/performances

ASSESSMENT AS LEARNING

Assessment as learning occurs when you are you own assessor. This is when you monitor your own learning, ask questions and use a range of strategies to decide what you know and can do, and the next steps in learning. Often assessment as learning will involve you working with your teacher to create learning goals specific to your needs.

Examples of assessment as learning activities include:

- Self-assessment and peer-assessment
- Reflecting on learning
- Maintaining a learning journal
- Setting personal learning goal

ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING

Assessment of Learning determines your level of performance on a specific task in relation to outcomes and standards. Sometimes referred to as 'summative assessment', it usually occurs at defined key points during a unit of work or at the end of a unit, term or semester, and may be used to determine your Overall Level of Achievement for a subject.

Examples of assessment of learning:
- Assessment tasks/ unit tests
- Projects / Research Assignments
- Oral Engagement / Presentations
- Practical Tasks and Artworks
- Portfolios
- Practical performances and compositions
- Half-Yearly and Yearly examinations

Source: https://syllabus.nesa.nsw.edu.au/support-materials/assessment/