

Students years 7–12

Australian Geography Competition

18–31 March 2021

Entry deadline 28 February 2021. Only \$4 per entry.
Certificates and results for all participating students.
Visit geographycompetition.org.au for more information.



The Royal Geographical
Society of Queensland Ltd



Australian Geography
Teachers' Association Ltd

Proudly
sponsored by



Australian Government
Department of Education, Skills and Employment



THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE

Why enter?

For your school:

- to reward student excellence
- to promote interest in geography in your school
- to receive recognition, with the top school in each state and combined territories receiving a prize.

For your students:

- to practise geographical skills
- to receive certificates and result sheets for their portfolios
- to compete for prizes given to the highest-performing geography students in each state and combined territories in each year level
- for year 11 students, the chance to represent Australia at the 2022 International Geography Olympiad in Indonesia.

What is the competition format?

The competition consists of multiple-choice questions testing geographical knowledge and skills. We supply the questions and answer sheets. You run the 35-minute competition and return the answer sheets. We mark them and send back results and certificates for students.

Who can enter?

The competition is school-based and designed for students from years 7–12. Schools may enter younger students if they wish and those students will be graded with year 7 students. Only students enrolled in geography, or an integrated humanities or social sciences subject which includes geography, are eligible for prizes.

Teachers of vision-impaired students or Schools of Distance Education should contact the competition office to discuss any special requirements.

How do I enter my school?

- Enter by 28 February using the online form at www.geographycompetition.org.au. Late entries may be accepted – please contact the competition office for advice
- Make payment of \$4.00 entry fee per student

Can I change our entry?

If a school wishes to increase or decrease the number of students entered, or to withdraw its entry, you must notify the competition office via email by 10am Tuesday 2 March 2021. If required, a refund will be made, less a \$30.00 handling fee. No refund will be given if notification is received after this time.

Important dates in 2021

Entry deadline	28 February
Deadline for changes to entry	2 March
Receipt of question packs by	15 March
Competition in schools	18–31 March
Completed answer sheets posted by	1 April
Completed answer sheets must be received at the competition office by	19 April
<i>Answer sheets received after this date will be graded and student certificates returned, but may not be eligible for prizes.</i>	
Prize-winners notified	Late May
Results returned	Mid June
Geography's Big Week Out	4–9 July
International Geography Olympiad	10–16 August

Student prizes

The highest-scoring geography student in each year level in Australia, in each state and in the combined territories (ACT, NT and the External Territories) will each receive a book prize and award certificate. First in Australia will also receive a medal.

The highest-scoring year 11 female and male students who are between the ages of 15 and 18 on 30 June 2021 in each state and the combined territories each win a place at Geography's Big Week Out. Two other high-scoring students are also awarded this prize. Tied students may be separated using further assessment.

School prizes

A book voucher and framed certificate will be awarded to the top school in Australia, each state and the combined territories (ACT, NT and the external territories), based on the scores of the school's best 5 students from each of years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Geography's Big Week Out

The 2021 Geography's Big Week Out will be held in Perth and surrounds from Sunday 4 July to Friday 9 July 2021 and hosted by the Geographical Association of Western Australia. The event is a series of geography activities, including fieldwork, designed to challenge and extend high-performing year 11 students. Costs (airfares, accommodation, meals and activities) of participation in the Big Week Out are met by the Australian Geography Competition.

International Geography Olympiad

The four members of Australia's team to the 2022 International Geography Olympiad in Bandung, Indonesia, will be selected from year 11 students based on students' performances during the 2021 Big Week Out. Australia's team to the 2021 Olympiad in Istanbul, Turkey – pandemic allowing – has been selected from the 2020 Australian Geography Competition winners.

Geography's Big Week Out and Australia's participation in the International Geography Olympiads are supported by the Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment; and the University of Melbourne.

FAQ



geographycompetition.org.au/faq

Contact us

Australian Geography Competition

Phone: 07 3330 6907

Email: competition@rgsq.org.au