The Northern Territory will continue to use the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) as the basis of its senior school qualifications.

“The NT Certificate of Education (NTCE) has been based on the SACE for more than 20 years, providing our students with a rigorous and nationally recognized qualification for access to tertiary and vocational education and training,” Education Minister Paul Henderson said.

“Territory educators are currently working with South Australia on the development of a new certificate of education, and the first students will graduate with the new SACE or NTCE in 2011.”

Almost 5000 Territory students are studying subjects that will contribute toward an NTCE qualification, and 1800 are in Year 12.

Each year, NT teachers are chosen to be part of the marking of final exams and other assessment.

“Year 12 students will begin their final exam block next week, with English Studies assessment on 5 November,” said Mr Henderson.

“I wish our students and their teachers well at this important time.”