

Key dates and times

Entries close:	Friday 4 September 2026
AIMO paper available:	Wednesday 9 September 2026, 12pm
AIMO competition day:	Thursday 10 September 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students can sit the paper at any time on competition day.Students may be released by supervisors if they complete the paper before the 4-hour time limit.	
Submission of student solutions due:	Friday 11 September 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Submissions received after the deadline may not be eligible for the selection process for AMT's high-performance programs.	
AIMO Solutions release date:	Monday 28 September 2026

AIMO format

The AIMO is a 4-hour competition including 10 questions:

- Questions 1 to 8 require integer answers from 0 to 999.
- Questions 9 to 10 require written answers with proofs.
- There is an additional investigation which may be used to determine prize winners.

Students should submit working for Questions 1 to 8. Partial marks may be awarded if an answer is incorrect but working is provided.

The AIMO question paper must be downloaded from our [Admin Portal](#) and printed for students.

Answer sheets

Students write responses on Answer Sheets and on their own loose pages (A4 printer paper preferred).

- Answer sheets must be generated and downloaded from the [Admin Portal](#).
- Each student is given four Answer Sheets (A, B, C and D).
- Answer Sheet A includes student instructions and a page tally to help students order and collate their work before submission.
- Answer sheets include unique QR codes and cannot be photocopied.**

Teacher instructions

Preparing for the competition

- Register for the competition via the [Admin Portal](#).
- Generate student Answer Sheets in the [Admin Portal](#) and add student details.
- Download and print Answer Sheets A, B, C and D (four per student) for the Answer Sheets tab.
- Ensure you have consent from parents for student names to be published on the AMT website.
- Complete the online AIMO Consent Form which can be accessed from the AIMO folder in the Documents tab. This form is completed once per school by school staff and should not be distributed to parents.
- Encourage your students to use past AIMO papers to prepare for the competition, available at <https://www.amt.edu.au/aimo> and via our online shop at <https://shop.amt.edu.au/collections/aimo-resources>.

Immediately before the competition

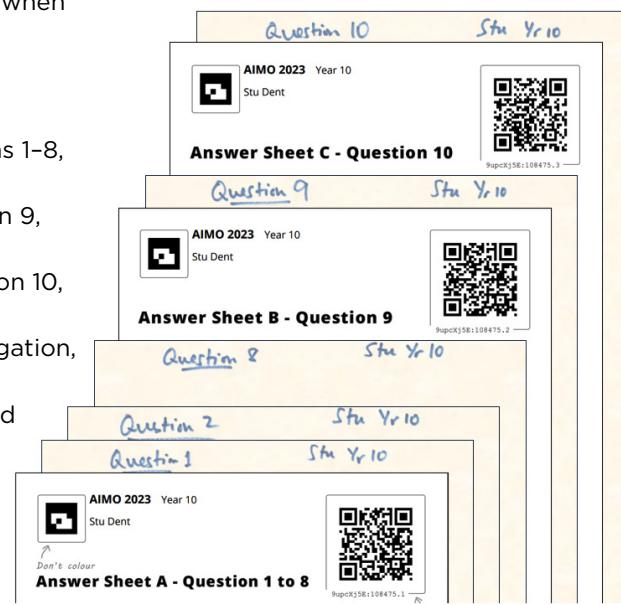
1. Download and print the AIMO competition paper from the Documents tab (available from 12pm AET the day before the competition).
2. Keep the digital and printed versions of the paper secure and do not distribute or share with your students prior to the competition sitting.
3. Ensure you have sufficient loose paper for written responses (10 to 15 sheets per student, A4 printer paper preferred).
4. Read the Student Instructions (below) to your students before they commence the paper.

Immediately after the competition

1. Collect the competition papers. Ensure they are not distributed until the embargo date of Monday 28 September 2026 when solutions will be released.

2. Check that:

- pages are in the correct order, as below:
 - Answer Sheet A with integer answers to Questions 1–8, plus loose pages with worked responses in order
 - Answer Sheet B with written response to Question 9, plus additional loose pages in order (if needed)
 - Answer Sheet C with written responses to Question 10, plus additional loose pages in order (if needed)
 - Answer Sheet D with written responses to investigation, plus loose pages in order (if needed).
- every page of loose paper includes student name and question number.
- responses are written on one side of the paper (or that you scan double sided if there is work on both sides).
- Scan student work and upload to the [Admin Portal](#) (up to 10 MB per file) via Answer Sheets Tab.



Student instructions

Teacher: Please allow time to read these instructions and explain the Answer Sheets to your students.

This is a 4-hour competition. You may leave the room for toilet breaks only. You may ask to leave if you finish the paper before the allocated time.

You will need:

- A pen, ruler and compass
- Four AIMO Answer Sheets (A, B, C and D) provided by your teacher
- 10 to 15 sheets of loose paper (A4 printer paper preferred)
- Language dictionaries if required
- **Calculators**, electronic devices, books and other aids are NOT permitted.

Please take time to read and familiarise yourself with the four Answer Sheets you have been provided.

- Write in blue or black pen on **one side** of the paper.
- Write your name and the question number on all additional loose pages.
- Use a separate piece of paper for each question.
- Attempt Questions 1–10 before trying the Investigation.
- Complete the page tally and check your pages are in the correct order (Answer Sheet A followed by Questions 1–8 of loose pages, Answer Sheet B followed by Question 9 loose pages).
- Hand the competition paper back to the supervisor.