

2009 Data summary

Year 12 enrolment and certification

Background

Each year, the Queensland Studies Authority issues a Senior Education Profile (SEP) to each student who completes Year 12 in Queensland. The SEP may contain one of the following combinations:

- a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and a Senior Statement
- a QCE, Senior Statement and a Tertiary Entrance (TE) Statement
- a Senior Statement and a TE Statement
- a Senior Statement only.

Senior Statements

Schools approved by the Queensland Minister for Education that offer Authority subjects and/or Authority-registered subjects and agree to comply with the QSA's procedures may have Senior Statements issued to their students at the completion of Year 12.

All students who complete Year 12 receive a Senior Statement. The Senior Statement also reports the details of accredited vocational education and training (VET) and grades in the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test.

Tertiary Entrance Statements

A student is eligible for an Overall Position (OP) at the end of Year 12 only if they have:

- completed a minimum of 20 semester units of Authority subjects (including at least three subjects for all four semesters)
- sat the QCS Test in that year.

OP-eligible students receive a TE statement that reports their:

- overall achievement on a ranking from the highest OP1 to the lowest OP25
- field position (FP) achievements in a maximum of five fields each ranked from the highest FP1 to the lowest FP10.

Focus of this data

The enrolment and certification statistics in this summary are about internal students and candidates for the Senior External Examination. Internal students are those who enrol for full-time study in an approved secondary school, where the minimum amount of timetabled school time is 55 hours per semester for each senior Authority or Authority-registered subject studied.



Senior Education Profiles

In December 2009, the QSA issued 43 192 SEPs (excluding visa students¹); 25 305 of these contained Tertiary Entrance Statements for Year 12 students who were OP-eligible, as well as the Senior Statements included in all SEPs.

SEPs were issued to 1 004 visa students including 812 Tertiary Entrance Statements for students who were equivalent OP-eligible.

Table 1: SEPs issued in 2009

	Gender	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Government schools	Male	11022	11205	11771	11480	12466
	Female	12309	12642	12824	12989	13433
	All	23331	23847	24595	24469	25899
Non-Government schools (Catholic)	Male	4008	3846	4157	4135	4252
	Female	4143	4216	4358	4463	4661
	All	8151	8062	8515	8598	8913
Non-Government schools (Other)	Male	4014	4146	4105	4317	4535
	Female	4216	4262	4384	4637	4849
	All	8230	8408	8489	8954	9384
All schools	Male	19044	19197	20033	19932	21253
	Female	20668	21120	21566	22089	22943
	All	39712	40317	41599	42021	44196
OP-eligible (All schools)	Male	11976	11375	11494	10761	10828
	Female	15051	14858	14688	14269	14472
	All	27027	26233	26182	25030	25300
OP-ineligible (All schools)	Male	6645	7448	8137	8728	9907
	Female	5281	5898	6567	7394	7985
	All	11926	13346	14704	16122	17892
Equivalent OP-eligible (Visa students)	Male	335	304	320	327	403
	Female	283	312	258	352	408
	All	618	616	578	679	811
Equivalent OP-ineligible (Visa students)	Male	88	70	82	116	115
	Female	53	52	53	74	78
	All	141	122	135	190	193

Note: Visa students are included in school totals in this table.

¹ A visa student is a student who is not a citizen or permanent resident of Australia. Visa students are not regarded as OP-eligible. They may qualify for an equivalent-OP.

2009 Senior External Examination

The Senior External Examination is conducted by the QSA for the purpose of issuing Levels of Achievement to people undertaking the equivalent of Year 12 studies other than by full-time schooling. These include 'mature-age' students and those who are geographically isolated.

Nomination statistics for the Senior External Examination include everyone who nominated to sit for them. Some withdrew before the examination or failed to attend. Some Year 11 and Year 12 students, for good and sufficient reasons, may receive permission to nominate and sit for the Senior External Examination. Such students may be assessed in no more than two subjects externally.

Twenty-one subjects were offered in the 2009 Senior External Examination: English, Russian, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Modern Greek, Spanish, Polish, Ancient History, Modern History, Geography, Legal Studies, Philosophy & Reason, Mathematics A, Mathematics B, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Accounting, Visual Art, Drama. A total of 743 candidates nominated to sit examinations in 2009, and 677 actually sat. Some students sat more than one examination. Results for 985 External Senior Examinations were certificated.

Table 2: Senior External Examination nominations and certifications in 2009

	Gender	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Nominations	Female	327	277	236	255	409
	Male	290	243	192	212	334
Certificated						
Subjects	Female	458	398	303	356	551
Certificates with external result(s)	All	851	792	581	622	985
CertExt	Male	236	216	165	184	298
CertExt	All	517	463	365	421	677

Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement

The Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA) recognises and reports the learning achievements of students whose learning is part of an individualised learning program. To be eligible, students must have impairments or difficulties in learning that are not primarily due to socioeconomic, cultural or linguistic factors.

The certificate is an official record that students have completed at least 12 years of education, and provides students with a summary of their skills and knowledge that they can present to employers and training providers.

In 2009, 561 students from 166 schools received the QCIA.

Table 3: QCIA's issued in 2009

Gender	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Male	342	346	314	351	332
Female	256	245	224	243	229
All	598	591	538	594	561

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