

2014 Data summary

Year 12 enrolment and certification

Background

Each year, the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) 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 Statement (TES)
- a Senior Statement and a TES
- a Senior Statement only
- a Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA) and a Senior Statement
- a Senior Statement that provides a record of studies undertaken towards an International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD).

Queensland Certificate of Education

The QCE is Queensland's senior school qualification, awarded to eligible students, usually at the end of Year 12. It recognises broad learning options and offers flexibility in what, where and when learning occurs.

Senior Statement

The Senior Statement is a transcript of the learning undertaken by all students completing Year 12 at a Queensland school. It shows all eligible studies and the results achieved that may contribute to the award of a QCE or TES. If a student is issued with a Senior Statement, then they have satisfied the completion requirements for Year 12 in Queensland.

Tertiary Entrance Statement

The TES shows an eligible student's Overall Position (OP) and Field Positions (FPs). These rankings are used to determine eligibility for admission to tertiary courses.

The statement provides information that is recognised by interstate and international universities and tertiary providers and may be required to enrol in study at institutions outside Queensland.

Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement

The QCIA recognises the achievements of students who are on individualised learning programs. 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. It provides students with a summary of their skills and knowledge that they can present to employers and training providers.

External examinations

The Senior External Examination was offered in 21 subjects in 2014. Results are based solely on examination performance. Any class tests or assignments completed during the year do not contribute to results. This differs from the system of externally moderated school-based assessment in place in Queensland secondary schools.

The Senior External Examination is for:

- Year 12 students unable to access particular subjects at their school
- adult students (people of any age not enrolled at a Queensland secondary school) to either meet tertiary entrance or employment requirements or for personal interest.

International Baccalaureate Diploma

The IBD program is one of a number of programs administered by the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) in over 140 countries around the world.

In Queensland, the IBD is recognised as study contributing to the QCE. To be awarded this qualification, a student must meet defined standards and conditions set out by the IBO.

Enrolment and result information for the IBD was provided by the IBO.

Vocational education and training

Vocational education and training (VET) is part of a broader educational network in Australia that includes schools, universities and adult and community education.

Students may access VET through:

- schools offering stand-alone VET qualifications
- TAFE and private VET providers.

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.

Note: Unless otherwise stated, data included in the following tables includes visa students¹.

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.

Senior education profiles

In December 2014, the QCAA issued 49248 SEPs (excluding visa students); 26123 of these contained TESs for Year 12 students who were OP-eligible, as well as the Senior Statements included in all SEPs.

SEPs were issued to 821 visa students including 605 TESs for students who were equivalent OP-eligible.

Table 1: SEPs issued 2010–2014

	Gender	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Government schools	Male	13195	13742	13922	14282	14354
	Female	13920	14048	14466	14634	14985
	All	27115	27790	28388	28916	29339
Non-Government schools (Catholic)	Male	4632	4787	4837	4920	5280
	Female	4769	4914	5097	5109	5213
	All	9401	9701	9934	10029	10493
Non-Government schools (Other)	Male	4840	4888	4919	4858	5026
	Female	4724	4830	4962	5070	5211
	All	9564	9718	9881	9928	10237
All schools	Male	22667	23417	23678	24060	24660
	Female	23413	23792	24525	24813	25409
	All	46080	47209	48203	48873	50069
OP-eligible (All schools)	Male	11225	11416	11473	11342	11455
	Female	14478	14531	14760	14542	14668
	All	25703	25947	26233	25884	26123
OP-ineligible (All schools)	Male	10882	11448	11634	12193	12763
	Female	8413	8741	9314	9833	10362
	All	19295	20189	20948	22026	23125
Equivalent OP-eligible (Visa students)	Male	437	449	426	383	315
	Female	425	419	364	345	290
	All	862	868	790	728	605
Equivalent OP-ineligible (Visa students)	Male	123	104	145	142	127
	Female	97	101	87	93	89
	All	220	205	232	235	216

Queensland Certificate of Education

QCEs are issued in December and July of each year. Data in this report includes those students receiving a QCE at the end-of-year certification in December.

Table 2: QCEs issued, 2010–2014

Gender	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Male	17275	18779	19595	20586	21892
Female	19918	20803	21803	22658	23783
All	37193	39582	41398	43244	45675

Senior External Examination

The Senior External Examination is conducted by the QCAA 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 it. 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 2014 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 and Arabic. A total of 604 candidates nominated to sit examinations in 2014, and 537 actually sat. Some students sat more than one examination. Results for 734 Senior External Examinations were certificated.

Table 3: Senior External Examination nominations and certifications, 2010–2014

	Gender	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Nominations	Male	427	389	440	421	311
	Female	458	453	405	396	293
	All	885	842	845	817	604
Certificated subjects	Male	512	443	528	489	367
	Female	541	562	502	484	367
	All	1053	1005	1030	973	734
Certificates with external results	Male	393	340	406	365	275
	Female	412	423	366	366	262
	All	805	763	772	731	537

Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement

The 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. It provides students with a summary of their skills and knowledge that they can present to employers and training providers.

In 2014, 699 students from 188 schools received the QCIA.

Table 4: QCIA issued 2010–2014

Gender	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Male	331	362	381	403	447
Female	213	298	218	256	252
All	544	660	599	659	699

International Baccalaureate Diploma

In 2014, 424 students undertook study towards an IBD. 384 students achieved the qualification.

Table 5: IBDs issued 2010–2014

Gender	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Male	106	144	149	131	166
Female	156	177	225	206	218
All	262	321	374	337	384

Vocational education and training

In 2014, 30879 students, from 453 schools, received a VET qualification.

Table 6: VET Certifications issued 2010–2014

	Gender	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Certificate I	Male	9549	10243	10663	10765	10606
	Female	8198	8887	9685	9553	9082
	All	17747	19130	20348	20318	19688
Certificate II	Male	7983	8969	9116	9652	8296
	Female	9071	9848	10004	10035	8061
	All	17054	18817	19120	19687	16357
Certificate III	Male	1299	1974	2947	3610	4014
	Female	2887	3300	4324	5127	5801
	All	4186	5274	7271	8737	9815
Certificate IV	Male	105	225	302	344	409
	Female	91	155	222	266	304
	All	196	380	524	610	713
Diploma	Male	30	15	54	57	148
	Female	39	46	56	87	191
	All	69	61	110	144	339
Advanced Diploma	Male	1	0	0	0	0
	Female	0	0	2	2	2
	All	1	0	2	2	2

More information

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