

2011 Data summary

Year 12 enrolment and certification

Background

Each year, the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) 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 account for 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 2011. 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.

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 2011, the QSA issued 46 136 SEPs (excluding visa students); 25 944 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 1073 visa students including 868 TESs for students who were equivalent OP-eligible.

Table 1: SEPs issued, 2008–2011

	Gender	2008	2009	2010	2011
Government schools	Male	11687	12655	13195	13742
	Female	13128	13565	13920	14048
	All	24815	26220	27115	27790
Non-government schools (Catholic)	Male	4144	4262	4632	4787
	Female	4464	4668	4768	4914
	All	8608	8930	9400	9701
Non-government schools (Other)	Male	4317	4545	4840	4888
	Female	4641	4854	4724	4830
	All	8958	9399	9564	9718
All schools	Male	20148	21462	22667	23417
	Female	22233	23087	23412	23792
	All	42381	44549	46079	47209
OP-eligible (All schools)	Male	10761	10829	11225	11415
	Female	14269	14476	14479	14529
	All	25030	25305	25704	25944
OP-ineligible (All schools)	Male	8944	10115	10882	11449
	Female	7538	8125	8411	8743
	All	16482	18240	19293	20192
Equivalent OP-eligible (Visa students)	Male	327	403	437	449
	Female	352	409	425	419
	All	679	812	862	868
Equivalent OP-ineligible (Visa students)	Male	116	115	123	104
	Female	74	77	97	101
	All	190	192	220	205

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, 2008–2011

Gender	2008	2009	2010	2011
Male	14101	15685	17299	18563
Female	17807	19041	19929	20557
All	31908	34726	37228	39120

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 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 2011 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 842 candidates nominated to sit examinations in 2011, and 763 actually sat. Some students sat more than one examination. Results for 1005 Senior External Examinations were certificated.

Table 3: Senior External Examination nominations and certifications, 2008–2011

	Gender	2008	2009	2010	2011
Nominations	Female	255	409	458	453
	Male	212	334	427	389
	All	467	743	885	842
Certificated subjects	Female	356	551	541	562
	Male	266	434	512	443
	All	622	985	1053	1005
Certificates with external result/s	Female	356	551	541	423
	Male	266	434	512	340
	All	622	985	1053	763

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 2011, 660 students from 179 schools received the QCIA.

Table 4: QCIA issued, 2008–2011

Gender	2008	2009	2010	2011
Male	351	330	333	362
Female	243	227	215	298
All	594	557	548	660

International Baccalaureate Diploma

At the time of publication IBD information for 2011 was not available.

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