

2012 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 2012. 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 2012, the QSA issued 47 183 SEPs (excluding visa students); 26 233 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 1022 visa students including 790 TESs for students who were equivalent OP-eligible.

Table 1: SEPs issued, 2008–2012

	Gender	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Government schools	Male	11687	12655	13195	13741	13924
	Female	13128	13565	13920	14048	14466
	All	24815	26220	27115	27789	28390
Non-government schools (Catholic)	Male	4144	4262	4632	4787	4837
	Female	4464	4668	4769	4914	5097
	All	8608	8930	9401	9701	9934
Non-government schools (Other)	Male	4317	4545	4840	4888	4919
	Female	4641	4854	4724	4830	4962
	All	8958	9399	9564	9718	9881
All schools	Male	20148	21462	22667	23417	23680
	Female	22233	23087	23413	23792	24525
	All	42381	44549	46080	47209	48205
OP-eligible (All schools)	Male	10761	10829	11225	11416	11473
	Female	14269	14476	14478	14531	14760
	All	25030	25305	25703	25947	26233
OP-ineligible (All schools)	Male	8944	10115	10882	11448	11636
	Female	7538	8125	8413	8741	9314
	All	16482	18240	19295	20189	20950
Equivalent OP-eligible (Visa students)	Male	327	403	437	449	426
	Female	352	409	425	419	364
	All	679	812	862	868	790
Equivalent OP-ineligible (Visa students)	Male	116	115	123	104	145
	Female	74	77	97	101	87
	All	190	192	220	205	232

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, 2008–2012

Gender	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Male	14101	15685	17275	18779	19563
Female	17807	19041	19918	20803	21767
All	31908	34726	37193	39582	41330

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 2012 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 845 candidates nominated to sit examinations in 2012, and 772 actually sat. Some students sat more than one examination. Results for 1030 Senior External Examinations were certificated.

Table 3: Senior External Examination nominations and certifications, 2008–2012

	Gender	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Nominations	Male	212	334	427	389	440
	Female	255	409	458	453	405
	All	467	743	885	842	845
Certificated subjects	Male	266	434	512	443	528
	Female	356	551	541	562	502
	All	622	985	1053	1005	1030
Certificates with external result/s	Male	266	434	512	443	406
	Female	356	551	541	562	366
	All	622	985	1053	1005	772

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 2012, 599 students from 169 schools received the QCIA.

Table 4: QCIA issued, 2008–2012

Gender	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Male	351	330	331	362	381
Female	243	227	213	298	218
All	594	557	544	660	599

International Baccalaureate Diploma

In 2012, 404 students undertook study towards an IBD. 374 students achieved the qualification.

Table 5: IBDs issued, 2008–2012

Gender	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Male	71	78	106	144	149
Female	105	126	156	177	225
All	176	204	262	321	374

Vocational education and training

In 2012, 30937 students, from 452 schools, received a VET qualification.

Table 6: VET Certifications issued, 2008–2012

	Gender	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Cert I	Male	6142	7942	9549	10243	10649
	Female	5169	6900	8198	8887	9674
	All	11311	14842	17747	19130	20323
Cert II	Male	5305	6835	7983	8969	9079
	Female	7446	8255	9071	9848	9987
	All	12751	15090	17054	18817	19066
Cert III	Male	687	1030	1299	1974	2928
	Female	1872	2370	2887	3300	4283
	All	2559	3400	4186	5274	7211
Cert IV	Male	52	46	105	225	292
	Female	48	38	91	155	218
	All	100	84	196	380	510
Diploma	Male			30	15	54
	Female			39	46	56
	All			69	61	110
Adv Diploma	Male			1	0	0
	Female			0	0	2
	All			1	0	2

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