

Background

Each year the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) issues Student Education Profiles (SEPs) to students who complete Year 12 in Queensland. The SEP may contain a Senior Certificate or it may contain a Senior Certificate and a Tertiary Entrance (TE) Statement. 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 Certificates issued to their students at the completion of Year 12.

- All students who complete Year 12 with at least one result in an Authority subject, Authority-registered subject, or Recorded subject, receive a Senior Certificate. The Senior Certificate also reports the details of accredited vocational education and training (VET) and grades in the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test.
- A student is eligible for an Overall Position (OP) at the end of Year 12 provided that they have completed a minimum of 20 semester units of Authority subjects (including at least three subjects for all four semesters) and has sat for the QCS Test in that year. OP-eligible students receive a TE Statement reporting overall achievement on a ranking from OP1 (highest) to OP25 (lowest) and achievements in a maximum of five fields ranked from FP1 (highest) to FP10 (lowest) each.

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

Student Education Profiles (SEP)

In December 1992, the QSA issued 35 085 SEPs (excluding visa students¹); 28 202 of these contained Tertiary Entrance Statements for Year 12 students who were OP-eligible, as well as the Senior Certificates included in all SEPs. SEPs were issued to 416 visa students including 375 Tertiary Entrance Statements for students who were equivalent OP-eligible.

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.

² In table 1, visa students are included in school totals.

Table 1: SEPs Issued

	Gender	1992
Government ²	Male	11539
	Female	12225
	All	23764
Non-Government(Catholic) ²	Male	3312
	Female	3250
	All	6562
Non-Government(Other) ²	Male	2616
	Female	2559
	All	5175
All schools ²	Male	17467
	Female	18034
	All	35501
OP-eligible (All schools)	Male	13231
	Female	14971
	All	28202
OP-ineligible (All schools)	Male	4016
	Female	2867
	All	6883
Equivalent OP-eligible (Visa students)	Male	206
	Female	169
	All	375
Equivalent OP-ineligible (Visa students)	Male	14
	Female	27
	All	41

External Examinations

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

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

Thirty-three subjects were offered as 1992 Senior External Examinations: English, French, German, Indonesian/Malaysian, Italian, Japanese, Ancient History, Modern History, Geography, Economics, Logic, Mathematics I, Mathematics II, Mathematics in Society, Mathematics in Society, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Earth Science, Accounting, Home Management, Graphics, Visual Art, Music, Speech & Drama, English, French, German, Ordinary Mathematics, Advanced Mathematics, Science, Graphics, Business Principles. A total of 4642 candidates nominated to sit examinations in 1992, and 3837 actually sat. Some students sat more than one examination. Results for 7572 External Senior Examinations were certificated.

Table 2: External Examinations

	Gender	1992
Nominations	Female	2629
	Male	1746
	All	4375
Certificated	Female	4160
	Male	3143
	All	7303
Certificates with external result(s)	Female	2205
	Male	1445
	All	3650

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