

## 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 2007, the QSA issued 40 886 SEPs (excluding visa students<sup>1</sup>); 26 182 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 713 visa students including 578 Tertiary Entrance Statements for students who were equivalent OP-eligible.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> In table 1, visa students are included in school totals.

Table 1: SEPs Issued

	Gender	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Government <sup>2</sup>	Male	11403	11311	11022	11205	11771
	Female	12250	12119	12309	12642	12824
	All	23653	23430	23331	23847	24595
Non-Government(Catholic) <sup>2</sup>	Male	3937	3933	4008	3846	4148
	Female	3980	3973	4143	4216	4333
	All	7917	7906	8151	8062	8481
Non-Government(Other) <sup>2</sup>	Male	3899	3793	4014	4146	4114
	Female	3916	4120	4216	4262	4409
	All	7815	7913	8230	8408	8523
All schools <sup>2</sup>	Male	19239	19037	19044	19197	20033
	Female	20146	20212	20668	21120	21566
	All	39385	39249	39712	40317	41599
OP-eligible (All schools)	Male	12655	12186	11976	11375	11494
	Female	15318	15049	15051	14858	14688
	All	27973	27235	27027	26233	26182
OP-ineligible (All schools)	Male	6231	6418	6645	7448	8137
	Female	4517	4818	5281	5898	6567
	All	10748	11236	11926	13346	14704
Equivalent OP-eligible (Visa students)	Male	314	364	335	304	320
	Female	259	313	283	312	258
	All	573	677	618	616	578
Equivalent OP-ineligible (Visa students)	Male	39	69	88	70	82
	Female	52	32	53	52	53
	All	91	101	141	122	135

## 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.

Fourteen subjects were offered as 2007 Senior External Examinations: English, Chinese, Ancient History, Modern History, Geography, Legal Studies, Philosophy & Reason, Mathematics A, Mathematics B, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Accounting, Visual Art. A total of 428 candidates nominated to sit examinations in 2007, and 365 actually sat. Some students sat more than one examination. Results for 581 External Senior Examinations were certificated.

## Certificate of Post-Compulsory School Education (CPCSE)

The Certificate of Post-compulsory School Education (CPCSE) records the learning achievements of students with special needs. In many cases these students were not eligible to receive the Senior Certificate. Students are eligible to receive the CPCSE if they have at least 12 years of schooling and are identified by the school as having an impairment or difficulties in learning that are not primarily due to socioeconomic, cultural and/or linguistic factors. In 2007 all CPCSE students who completed a VET qualification had this reported on their Senior Certificate. The results of units of competencies/modules from partially completed VET qualifications or courses were reported on their CPCSEs. The CPCSE adds to the suite of certificates the QSA issues, and ensures that the educational achievement of all students can be recorded.

In 2007, 538 students from 153 schools received the CPCSE<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> From 2008, the title of the CPCSE will change to Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA). The first QCIAs will be available to young people in 2008.

Table 2: External Examinations

	Gender	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Nominations	Female	400	374	327	277	236
	Male	297	319	290	243	192
	All	697	693	617	520	428
Certificated	Female	620	565	458	398	303
	Male	516	480	393	394	278
	All	1136	1045	851	792	581
Certificates with external result(s)	Female	346	318	281	247	200
	Male	253	262	236	216	165
	All	599	580	517	463	365

Table 3: CPCSEs issued

Gender	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Male	130	284	342	346	314
Female	105	201	256	245	224
All	235	485	598	591	538

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