

# Eligibility for Field Positions (FPs)

## A guide to determining eligibility

A 'field' is an area of emphasis in the senior curriculum. A student may receive up to five Field Positions (FPs), one in each of the following:

- Field A — extended written expression involving complex analysis and synthesis of ideas
- Field B — short written communication involving reading, comprehension and expression in English or a foreign language
- Field C — basic numeracy involving simple calculations and graphical and tabular interpretation
- Field D — solving complex problems involving mathematical symbols and abstractions
- Field E — substantial practical performance involving physical or creative arts or expressive skills.

A student's eligibility for an FP depends on the combination of Authority subjects studied, and the number of 'weighted semesters' completed.

The number of weighted semesters is calculated by multiplying the number of semesters by the subject weight, detailed in the subject weight tables available at [www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/tertiary-entrance/fp](http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/tertiary-entrance/fp). Subject weights change each year as new syllabuses are added and old ones deleted. Therefore, the subject weights table used should correspond with the year that the student is expected to exit Year 12.

If a student has at least 60 weighted semesters in a field, they are eligible for an FP in that field.

Table 1 shows an example of how to calculate the number of weighted semesters to determine whether a student is eligible for an FP in that field. This example uses 2018 subject weights.

**Table 1: Example of calculating eligibility for FPs**

Subject	Semesters	Field A		Field B		Field C		Field D		Field E	
		Semesters x subject weight	Weighted semesters	Semesters x subject weight	Weighted semesters	Semesters x subject weight	Weighted semesters	Semesters x subject weight	Weighted semesters	Semesters x subject weight	Weighted semesters
English	4	4x5=	20	4x4=	16	4x1=	4	N/A	0	4x3=	12
Mathematics B	4	4x1=	4	4x2=	8	4x5=	20	4x5=	20	N/A	0
Chemistry	2	2x4=	8	2x3=	6	2x5=	10	2x5=	10	2x2=	4
Accounting	4	4x3=	12	4x3=	12	4x5=	20	4x3=	12	4x1=	4
Modern History	4	4x5=	20	4x4=	16	4x2=	8	N/A	0	4x3=	12
Biology	2	2x5=	10	2x4=	8	2x4=	8	2x3=	6	2x2=	4
<b>Number of weighted semesters</b>			<b>74</b>		<b>66</b>		<b>70</b>		<b>48</b>		<b>36</b>
<b>Eligible for FP?</b>			<b>YES</b>		<b>YES</b>		<b>YES</b>		<b>NO</b>		<b>NO</b>

For more information on eligibility for FPs, visit the QCAA website or email [analysis.reporting@qcaa.qld.edu.au](mailto:analysis.reporting@qcaa.qld.edu.au).