

2016 Data summary

Year 12 enrolment and certification

Background

Each year, the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) 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 undertaken by 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 2016. 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 2016, the QCAA issued 50629 SEPs (excluding visa students); 25612 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 978 visa students including 690 TESs for students who were equivalent OP-eligible.

Table 1: SEPs issued 2012–2016

	Gender	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Government schools	Male	13922	14282	14354	14905	15072
	Female	14466	14632	14986	14998	15216
	All	28388	28914	29340	29903	30288
Non-Government schools (Catholic)	Male	4837	4920	5280	5382	5447
	Female	5097	5109	5213	5294	5387
	All	9934	10029	10493	10676	10834
Non-Government schools (Other)	Male	4919	4858	5027	5191	5182
	Female	4962	5070	5211	5221	5303
	All	9881	9928	10238	10412	10485
All schools	Male	23678	24060	24661	25478	25701
	Female	24525	24811	25410	25513	25906
	All	48203	48871	50071	50991	51607
OP-eligible (All schools)	Male	11473	11342	11456	11386	11229
	Female	14760	14542	14669	14383	14383
	All	26233	25884	26125	25769	25612
OP-ineligible (All schools)	Male	11634	12193	12763	13567	14024
	Female	9314	9831	10362	10684	10993
	All	20948	22024	23125	24251	25017
Equivalent OP-eligible (Visa students)	Male	426	383	315	342	277
	Female	364	345	290	332	413
	All	790	728	605	674	690
Equivalent OP-ineligible (Visa students)	Male	145	142	127	183	171
	Female	87	93	89	114	117
	All	232	235	216	297	288

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, 2012–2016

Gender	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Male	19595	20586	21906	23444	23921
Female	21803	22658	23786	24318	24722
All	41398	43244	45692	47762	48643

Senior External Examination

The Senior External Examination is conducted by the QCAA 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 2016 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 650 candidates nominated to sit examinations in 2016, and 573 actually sat. Some students sat more than one examination. Results for 731 Senior External Examinations were certificated.

Table 3: Senior External Examination nominations and certifications, 2012–2016

	Gender	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Nominations	Male	440	421	311	329	299
	Female	405	396	293	324	351
	All	845	817	604	653	650
Certificated subjects	Male	528	489	367	416	324
	Female	502	484	367	369	407
	All	1030	973	734	785	731
Certificates with external results	Male	406	365	275	291	257
	Female	366	366	262	299	316
	All	772	731	537	590	573

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 2016, 877 students from 223 schools received the QCIA.

Table 4: QCIA issued 2012–2016

Gender	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Male	381	401	444	492	567
Female	218	254	250	256	310
All	599	655	694	748	877

International Baccalaureate Diploma

In 2016, 449 students undertook study towards an IBD. 416 students achieved the qualification.

Table 5: IBDs issued 2012–2016

Gender	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Male	149	131	166	176	163
Female	225	206	218	249	253
All	374	337	384	425	416

Vocational education and training

In 2016, 31353 students, from 471 schools, received a VET qualification.

Table 6: VET Certifications issued 2012–2016

	Gender	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Certificate I	Male	10663	10792	10606	10150	8939
	Female	9685	9607	9080	7855	6301
	All	20348	20399	19686	18005	15240
Certificate II	Male	9116	9651	8321	9933	10825
	Female	10004	10091	8076	8627	9617
	All	19120	19742	16397	18560	20442
Certificate III	Male	2947	3649	4050	4402	4442
	Female	4324	5228	5864	5756	5604
	All	7271	8877	9914	10158	10046
Certificate IV	Male	302	355	417	355	306
	Female	222	278	308	335	292
	All	524	633	725	690	598
Diploma	Male	54	57	143	340	583
	Female	56	87	184	425	754
	All	110	144	327	765	1337
	Female	2	2	2	10	11
	All	2	2	2	10	11

More information

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