

Background

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

- All students who complete Year 12 receive a Senior Statement. The Senior Statement 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.

Senior Education Profiles (SEP)

In December 2008, the QSA issued 41 511 SEPs (excluding visa students¹); 25 027 of these contained Tertiary Entrance Statements for Year 12 students who were OP-eligible, as well as the Senior Statements included in all SEPs. SEPs were issued to 869 visa students including 679 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	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Government ²	Male	11311	11022	11205	11771	11480
	Female	12119	12309	12642	12824	12988
	All	23430	23331	23847	24595	24468
Non-Government(Catholic) ²	Male	3933	4008	3846	4157	4135
	Female	3973	4143	4216	4358	4463
	All	7906	8151	8062	8515	8598
Non-Government(Other) ²	Male	3793	4014	4146	4105	4317
	Female	4120	4216	4262	4384	4637
	All	7913	8230	8408	8489	8954
All schools ²	Male	19037	19044	19197	20033	19932
	Female	20212	20668	21120	21566	22088
	All	39249	39712	40317	41599	42020
OP-eligible (All schools)	Male	12186	11976	11375	11494	10760
	Female	15049	15051	14858	14688	14268
	All	27235	27027	26233	26182	25028
OP-ineligible (All schools)	Male	6418	6645	7448	8137	8729
	Female	4818	5281	5898	6567	7394
	All	11236	11926	13346	14704	16123
Equivalent OP-eligible (Visa students)	Male	364	335	304	320	327
	Female	313	283	312	258	352
	All	677	618	616	578	679
Equivalent OP-ineligible (Visa students)	Male	69	88	70	82	116
	Female	32	53	52	53	74
	All	101	141	122	135	190

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.

Thirteen subjects were offered as 2008 Senior External Examinations: English, Chinese, Ancient History, Modern History, Geography, Legal Studies, Philosophy & Reason, Mathematics A, Mathematics B, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Accounting. A total of 467 candidates nominated to sit examinations in 2008, and 421 actually sat. Some students sat more than one examination. Results for 622 External Senior Examinations were certificated.

Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA)

The Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (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, and provides students with a summary of their skills and knowledge that they can present to employers and training providers.

In 2008, 594 students from 165 schools received the QCIA.

Table 2: External Examinations

	Gender	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Nominations	Female	374	327	277	236	255
	Male	319	290	243	192	212
	All	693	617	520	428	467
Certificated	Female	565	458	398	303	356
	Male	480	393	394	278	266
	All	1045	851	792	581	622
Certificates with external result(s)	Female	318	281	247	200	237
	Male	262	236	216	165	184
	All	580	517	463	365	421

Table 3: QCIA's issued

Gender	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Male	284	342	346	314	351
Female	201	256	245	224	243
All	485	598	591	538	594

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