

2010 Data summary

Year 12 enrolment and certification

Background

Each year, the Queensland Studies Authority 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
- an International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD) and a Senior Statement.

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 account for 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 exams

The Senior External Examination was offered in 21 subjects in 2010. 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 is administered by the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) in 128 countries around the world.

In Queensland, it is recognised as study contributing to the QCE. However, 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.

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.

Senior Education Profiles

In December 2010, the QSA issued 44 997 SEPs (excluding visa students¹); 25 704 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 1082 visa students including 862 TESs for students who were equivalent OP-eligible.

Table 1: SEPs issued, 2008–2010

	Gender	2008	2009	2010
Government schools	Male	11609	12578	13119
	Female	13044	13492	13823
	All	24653	26070	26942
Non-government schools (Catholic)	Male	4144	4262	4632
	Female	4464	4668	4768
	All	8608	8930	9400
Non-government schools (Other)	Male	4317	4545	4834
	Female	4641	4854	4721
	All	8958	9399	9555
All schools	Male	20148	21462	22667
	Female	22233	23087	23412
	All	42381	44549	46079
OP-eligible (All schools)	Male	10761	10829	11225
	Female	14269	14476	14479
	All	25030	25305	25704
OP-ineligible (All schools)	Male	8728	9905	10670
	Female	7393	7980	8277
	All	16121	17885	18947
Equivalent OP-eligible (Visa students)	Male	327	403	437
	Female	352	409	425
	All	679	812	862
Equivalent OP-ineligible (Visa students)	Male	116	115	123
	Female	74	77	97
	All	190	192	220

Note: Visa students are included in school totals in this table.

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 External Examination

The Senior External Examination is conducted by the QSA 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-two subjects were offered in the 2010 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, Drama and Arabic. A total of 885 candidates nominated to sit examinations in 2010, and 805 actually sat. Some students sat more than one examination. Results for 1053 Senior External Examinations were certificated.

Table 2: Senior External Examination nominations and certifications, 2008–2010

	Gender	2008	2009	2010
Nominations	Female	255	409	458
	Male	212	334	427
	All	467	743	885
Certificated subjects	Female	356	551	541
	Male	266	434	512
	All	622	985	1053
Certificates with external result/s	Female	356	551	412
	Male	266	434	393
	All	622	985	805

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 2010, 548 students from 157 schools received the QCIA.

Table 3: QCIA issued, 2008–2010

Gender	2008	2009	2010
Male	351	330	333
Female	243	227	215
All	594	557	548

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