

2013 Data summary

Year 12 enrolment and certification

Background

Each year, the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) 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 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 examinations

The Senior External Examination was offered in 21 subjects in 2013. 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 2013, the QSA issued 47 912 SEPs (excluding visa students); 25 884 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 963 visa students including 728 TESs for students who were equivalent OP-eligible.

Table 1: SEPs issued, 2009–2013

	Gender	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Government schools	Male	12655	13195	13742	13922	14284
	Female	13565	13920	14048	14466	14634
	All	26220	27115	27790	28388	28918
Non-government schools (Catholic)	Male	4262	4632	4787	4837	4920
	Female	4668	4769	4914	5097	5109
	All	8930	9401	9701	9934	10029
Non-government schools (Other)	Male	4545	4840	4888	4919	4858
	Female	4854	4724	4830	4962	5070
	All	9399	9564	9718	9881	9928
All schools	Male	21462	22667	23417	23678	24062
	Female	23087	23413	23792	24525	24813
	All	44549	46080	47209	48203	48875
OP-eligible (All schools)	Male	10829	11225	11416	11473	11342
	Female	14476	14478	14531	14760	14542
	All	25305	25703	25947	26233	25884
OP-ineligible (All schools)	Male	10115	10882	11448	11634	12195
	Female	8125	8413	8741	9314	9833
	All	18240	19295	20189	20948	22028
Equivalent OP-eligible (Visa students)	Male	403	437	449	426	383
	Female	409	425	419	364	345
	All	812	862	868	790	728
Equivalent OP-ineligible (Visa students)	Male	115	123	104	145	142
	Female	77	97	101	87	93
	All	192	220	205	232	235

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, 2009–2013

Gender	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Male	15685	17275	18779	19595	20562
Female	19041	19918	20803	21803	22649
All	34726	37193	39582	41398	43211

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-one subjects were offered in the 2013 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 817 candidates nominated to sit examinations in 2013, and 731 actually sat. Some students sat more than one examination. Results for 973 Senior External Examinations were certificated.

Table 3: Senior External Examination nominations and certifications, 2009–2013

	Gender	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Nominations	Male	334	427	389	440	421
	Female	409	458	453	405	396
	All	743	885	842	845	817
Certificated subjects	Male	434	512	443	528	489
	Female	551	541	562	502	484
	All	985	1053	1005	1030	973
Certificates with external result/s	Male	298	393	340	406	365
	Female	379	412	423	366	366
	All	677	805	763	772	731

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 2013, 659 students from 170 schools received the QCIA.

Table 4: QCIA issued, 2009–2013

Gender	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Male	332	331	362	381	403
Female	227	213	298	218	256
All	559	544	660	599	659

International Baccalaureate Diploma

In 2013, 368 students undertook study towards an IBD. 337 students achieved the qualification.

Table 5: IBDs issued, 2009–2013

Gender	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Male	78	106	144	149	131
Female	126	156	177	225	206
All	204	262	321	374	337

Vocational education and training

In 2013, 32157 students, from 452 schools, received a VET qualification.

Table 6: VET Certifications issued, 2009–2013

	Gender	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Cert I	Male	7936	9549	10243	10663	10784
	Female	6905	8198	8887	9685	9604
	All	14841	17747	19130	20348	20388
Cert II	Male	6807	7983	8969	9116	9647
	Female	8245	9071	9848	10004	10073
	All	15052	17054	18817	19120	19720
Cert III	Male	974	1299	1974	2947	3611
	Female	2435	2887	3300	4324	5113
	All	3409	4186	5274	7271	8724
Cert IV	Male	53	105	225	302	345
	Female	49	91	155	222	267
	All	102	196	380	524	612
Diploma	Male		30	15	54	57
	Female		39	46	56	87
	All		69	61	110	144
Adv Diploma	Male		1	0	0	0
	Female		0	0	2	2
	All		1	0	2	2

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