

Background

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

- All students who complete Year 12 with at least one result in an Authority subject, Authority-registered subject, or Recorded subject, receive a Senior Certificate. The Senior Certificate 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.

Student Education Profiles (SEP)

In December 1993, the QSA issued 33 979 SEPs (excluding visa students¹); 26 924 of these contained Tertiary Entrance Statements for Year 12 students who were OP-eligible, as well as the Senior Certificates included in all SEPs. SEPs were issued to 458 visa students including 412 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	1992	1993
Government ²	Male	11539	10783
	Female	12225	11911
	All	23764	22694
Non-Government(Catholic) ²	Male	3312	3279
	Female	3250	3187
	All	6562	6466
Non-Government(Other) ²	Male	2616	2659
	Female	2559	2618
	All	5175	5277
All schools ²	Male	17467	16721
	Female	18034	17716
	All	35501	34437
OP-eligible (All schools)	Male	13231	12483
	Female	14971	14441
	All	28202	26924
OP-ineligible (All schools)	Male	4016	3985
	Female	2867	3070
	All	6883	7055
Equivalent OP-eligible (Visa students)	Male	206	241
	Female	169	171
	All	375	412
Equivalent OP-ineligible (Visa students)	Male	14	12
	Female	27	34
	All	41	46

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.

Thirty-three subjects were offered as 1993 Senior External Examinations: English, French, German, Indonesian/Malaysian, Italian, Japanese, Ancient History, Modern History, Geography, Economics, Logic, Mathematics I, Mathematics II, Mathematics in Society, Mathematics in Society, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Earth Science, Accounting, Home Management, Graphics, Visual Art, Music, Speech & Drama, English, French, German, Ordinary Mathematics, Advanced Mathematics, Science, Graphics, Business Principles. A total of 3052 candidates nominated to sit examinations in 1993, and 2467 actually sat. Some students sat more than one examination. Results for 4969 External Senior Examinations were certificated.

Table 2: External Examinations

	Gender	1992	1993
Nominations			
	Female	2629	1666
	Male	1746	1172
	All	4375	2838
Certificated			
	Female	4160	2650
	Male	3143	2098
	All	7303	4748
Certificates with external result(s)			
	Female	2205	1360
	Male	1445	952
	All	3650	2312

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