

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 1997, the QSA issued 33 231 SEPs (excluding visa students¹); 25 442 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 591 visa students including 516 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	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Government ²	Male	10783	10206	9503	9624	9847
	Female	11911	11338	10703	10770	11079
	All	22694	21544	20206	20394	20926
Non-Government(Catholic) ²	Male	3279	3236	3159	3221	3412
	Female	3187	3097	3198	3138	3325
	All	6466	6333	6357	6359	6737
Non-Government(Other) ²	Male	2659	2707	2757	2851	3023
	Female	2618	2807	2904	3159	3136
	All	5277	5514	5661	6010	6159
All schools ²	Male	16721	16149	15419	15696	16282
	Female	17716	17242	16805	17067	17540
	All	34437	33391	32224	32763	33822
OP-eligible (All schools)	Male	12483	11818	11137	10885	11498
	Female	14441	13779	13520	13510	13944
	All	26924	25597	24657	24395	25442
OP-ineligible (All schools)	Male	3985	4091	3954	4505	4466
	Female	3070	3256	3076	3276	3323
	All	7055	7347	7030	7781	7789
Equivalent OP-eligible (Visa students)	Male	241	219	294	266	280
	Female	171	169	167	232	236
	All	412	388	461	498	516
Equivalent OP-ineligible (Visa students)	Male	12	21	34	40	38
	Female	34	38	42	49	37
	All	46	59	76	89	75

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.

Twenty-six subjects were offered as 1997 Senior External Examinations: English, French, German, Indonesian/Malaysian, Italian, Japanese, Ancient History, Modern History, Geography, Economics, Legal Studies, Logic, Mathematics I, Mathematics II, Mathematics in Society, Mathematics in Society, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Accounting, Home Management, Graphics, Visual Art, Music, Speech & Drama, Inform. Processing & Technology. A total of 1471 candidates nominated to sit examinations in 1997, and 1223 actually sat. Some students sat more than one examination. Results for 2340 External Senior Examinations were certificated.

Table 2: External Examinations

	Gender	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Nominations						
	Female	1666	1233	999	921	793
	Male	1172	857	708	764	678
	All	2838	2090	1707	1685	1471
Certificated						
	Female	2650	2007	1458	1348	1233
	Male	2098	1541	1189	1334	1107
	All	4748	3548	2647	2682	2340
Certificates with external result(s)						
	Female	1360	1002	794	745	656
	Male	952	664	572	625	567
	All	2312	1666	1366	1370	1223

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