

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 1998, the QSA issued 34 808 SEPs (excluding visa students¹); 26 214 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 586 visa students including 522 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	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Government ²	Male	10206	9503	9624	9847	10326
	Female	11338	10703	10770	11079	11559
	All	21544	20206	20394	20926	21885
Non-Government(Catholic) ²	Male	3236	3159	3221	3412	3495
	Female	3097	3198	3138	3325	3459
	All	6333	6357	6359	6737	6954
Non-Government(Other) ²	Male	2707	2757	2851	3023	3156
	Female	2807	2904	3159	3136	3399
	All	5514	5661	6010	6159	6555
All schools ²	Male	16149	15419	15696	16282	16977
	Female	17242	16805	17067	17540	18417
	All	33391	32224	32763	33822	35394
OP-eligible (All schools)	Male	11818	11137	10885	11498	11719
	Female	13779	13520	13510	13944	14495
	All	25597	24657	24395	25442	26214
OP-ineligible (All schools)	Male	4091	3954	4505	4466	4946
	Female	3256	3076	3276	3323	3648
	All	7347	7030	7781	7789	8594
Equivalent OP-eligible (Visa students)	Male	219	294	266	280	276
	Female	169	167	232	236	246
	All	388	461	498	516	522
Equivalent OP-ineligible (Visa students)	Male	21	34	40	38	36
	Female	38	42	49	37	28
	All	59	76	89	75	64

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-seven subjects were offered as 1998 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 A, Mathematics B, Mathematics C, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Accounting, Home Management, Graphics, Visual Art, Music, Speech & Drama. A total of 1116 candidates nominated to sit examinations in 1998, and 907 actually sat. Some students sat more than one examination. Results for 1763 External Senior Examinations were certificated.

Table 2: External Examinations

	Gender	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Nominations						
	Female	1233	999	921	793	595
	Male	857	708	764	678	521
	All	2090	1707	1685	1471	1116
Certificated						
	Female	2007	1458	1348	1233	907
	Male	1541	1189	1334	1107	856
	All	3548	2647	2682	2340	1763
Certificates with external result(s)						
	Female	1002	794	745	656	486
	Male	664	572	625	567	421
	All	1666	1366	1370	1223	907

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