

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 1999, the QSA issued 36 413 SEPs (excluding visa students¹); 27 237 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 619 visa students including 513 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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Government ²	Male	9503	9624	9847	10326	10681
	Female	10703	10770	11079	11559	11981
	All	20206	20394	20926	21885	22662
Non-Government(Catholic) ²	Male	3159	3221	3412	3495	3669
	Female	3198	3138	3325	3459	3766
	All	6357	6359	6737	6954	7435
Non-Government(Other) ²	Male	2757	2851	3023	3156	3400
	Female	2904	3159	3136	3399	3535
	All	5661	6010	6159	6555	6935
All schools ²	Male	15419	15696	16282	16977	17750
	Female	16805	17067	17540	18417	19282
	All	32224	32763	33822	35394	37032
OP-eligible (All schools)	Male	11137	10885	11498	11719	12061
	Female	13520	13510	13944	14495	15176
	All	24657	24395	25442	26214	27237
OP-ineligible (All schools)	Male	3954	4505	4466	4946	5348
	Female	3076	3276	3323	3648	3828
	All	7030	7781	7789	8594	9176
Equivalent OP-eligible (Visa students)	Male	294	266	280	276	282
	Female	167	232	236	246	231
	All	461	498	516	522	513
Equivalent OP-ineligible (Visa students)	Male	34	40	38	36	59
	Female	42	49	37	28	47
	All	76	89	75	64	106

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 1999 Senior External Examinations: English, French, German, Indonesian/Malaysian, Italian, Japanese, Chinese, Ancient History, Modern History, Geography, Economics, Legal Studies, Logic, Mathematics A, Mathematics B, Mathematics C, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Accounting, Graphics, Visual Art, Music, Speech & Drama, Australian Constitution - Winter Extension, Australian Constitution - Winter Standard. A total of 1568 candidates nominated to sit examinations in 1999, and 1254 actually sat. Some students sat more than one examination. Results for 2022 External Senior Examinations were certificated.

Table 2: External Examinations

	Gender	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Nominations						
	Female	999	921	793	595	585
	Male	708	764	678	521	483
	All	1707	1685	1471	1116	1068
Certificated						
	Female	1458	1348	1233	907	884
	Male	1189	1334	1107	856	739
	All	2647	2682	2340	1763	1623
Certificates with external result(s)						
	Female	794	745	656	486	479
	Male	572	625	567	421	385
	All	1366	1370	1223	907	864

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