

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 2000, the QSA issued 38 211 SEPs (excluding visa students¹); 27 839 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 518 visa students including 454 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	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Government ²	Male	9624	9847	10326	10681	11324
	Female	10770	11079	11559	11981	12430
	All	20394	20926	21885	22662	23754
Non-Government(Catholic) ²	Male	3221	3412	3495	3669	3862
	Female	3138	3325	3459	3766	3895
	All	6359	6737	6954	7435	7757
Non-Government(Other) ²	Male	2851	3023	3156	3400	3498
	Female	3159	3136	3399	3535	3720
	All	6010	6159	6555	6935	7218
All schools ²	Male	15696	16282	16977	17750	18684
	Female	17067	17540	18417	19282	20045
	All	32763	33822	35394	37032	38729
OP-eligible (All schools)	Male	10885	11498	11719	12061	12332
	Female	13510	13944	14495	15176	15507
	All	24395	25442	26214	27237	27839
OP-ineligible (All schools)	Male	4505	4466	4946	5348	6062
	Female	3276	3323	3648	3828	4310
	All	7781	7789	8594	9176	10372
Equivalent OP-eligible (Visa students)	Male	266	280	276	282	258
	Female	232	236	246	231	196
	All	498	516	522	513	454
Equivalent OP-ineligible (Visa students)	Male	40	38	36	59	32
	Female	49	37	28	47	32
	All	89	75	64	106	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-eight subjects were offered as 2000 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, Drama, Australian Constitution - Winter Extension, Australian Constitution - Spring Extension, Australian Constitution - Winter Standard, Australian Constitution - Spring Standard. A total of 1255 candidates nominated to sit examinations in 2000, and 965 actually sat. Some students sat more than one examination. Results for 1556 External Senior Examinations were certificated.

Table 2: External Examinations

	Gender	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Nominations						
	Female	921	793	595	585	463
	Male	764	678	521	483	357
	All	1685	1471	1116	1068	820
Certificated						
	Female	1348	1233	907	884	700
	Male	1334	1107	856	739	561
	All	2682	2340	1763	1623	1261
Certificates with external result(s)						
	Female	745	656	486	479	383
	Male	625	567	421	385	289
	All	1370	1223	907	864	672

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