

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 2001, the QSA issued 37 837 SEPs (excluding visa students¹); 27 303 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 604 visa students including 509 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	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Government ²	Male	9847	10326	10681	11324	11291
	Female	11079	11559	11981	12430	12123
	All	20926	21885	22662	23754	23414
Non-Government(Catholic) ²	Male	3412	3495	3669	3862	3863
	Female	3325	3459	3766	3895	3907
	All	6737	6954	7435	7757	7770
Non-Government(Other) ²	Male	3023	3156	3400	3498	3550
	Female	3136	3399	3535	3720	3707
	All	6159	6555	6935	7218	7257
All schools ²	Male	16282	16977	17750	18684	18704
	Female	17540	18417	19282	20045	19737
	All	33822	35394	37032	38729	38441
OP-eligible (All schools)	Male	11498	11719	12061	12332	12224
	Female	13944	14495	15176	15507	15079
	All	25442	26214	27237	27839	27303
OP-ineligible (All schools)	Male	4466	4946	5348	6062	6139
	Female	3323	3648	3828	4310	4395
	All	7789	8594	9176	10372	10534
Equivalent OP-eligible (Visa students)	Male	280	276	282	258	287
	Female	236	246	231	196	222
	All	516	522	513	454	509
Equivalent OP-ineligible (Visa students)	Male	38	36	59	32	54
	Female	37	28	47	32	41
	All	75	64	106	64	95

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 2001 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 - Spring Extension, Australian Constitution - Spring Standard. A total of 1261 candidates nominated to sit examinations in 2001, and 1000 actually sat. Some students sat more than one examination. Results for 1466 External Senior Examinations were certificated.

Table 2: External Examinations

	Gender	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Nominations						
	Female	793	595	585	463	447
	Male	678	521	483	357	395
	All	1471	1116	1068	820	842
Certificated						
	Female	1233	907	884	700	572
	Male	1107	856	739	561	563
	All	2340	1763	1623	1261	1135
Certificates with external result(s)						
	Female	656	486	479	383	353
	Male	567	421	385	289	316
	All	1223	907	864	672	669

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