

# Frequently asked questions

## Equivalency of non-Queensland school qualifications

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**Q. My employer asked me to get an equivalency of my subjects and grades. Why did QCAA not provide this?**

A. The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) cannot provide equivalency of the subjects you studied or the grades you achieved. It is not possible for us to compare how subjects (e.g. Mathematics or English or Science) are taught and graded in the different education systems around the world. The QCAA can only assess the general comparability of completed academic school qualifications from interstate or overseas to completed year levels of Queensland schooling.

**Q. Why did I not get a Tertiary Selection Rank included with my equivalency?**

A. The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) is responsible for calculating Tertiary Selection Ranks and has responsibility for entrance to tertiary study in Queensland: [www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au).

**Q. I would like to enrol in a university course in Queensland. Do I need to have my school qualifications assessed by the QCAA?**

A. No, the QCAA provides assessment of school qualifications for employment and recruitment purposes only. Our assessment has no bearing on your enrolment in tertiary study in Queensland. For university entry, contact the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) at [www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au) or speak directly with the enrolments area of your chosen university.

**Q. I have finished Year 12 in my country. Why are my 12 years of schooling considered comparable only to Year 11 in Queensland?**

A. The QCAA can only assess the general comparability of completed academic school qualifications from interstate or overseas to completed year levels of Queensland schooling. We do this based on the final certificate or diploma that we receive from you. Attending school for 12 years does not automatically mean that your final qualification is comparable to Year 12 or the end of senior secondary schooling in Queensland. Studying for 13 years does not automatically mean that your final qualification is beyond the completion of senior secondary study in Queensland. It is this comparability that we are providing assessment on. Our decisions are based on our own education knowledge and that gained from Australian Country Education Profiles (Australian Government Department of Education and Training) and international education resources (Ecctis).

**Q. Can the QCAA assess my Queensland qualifications?**

A. No, the QCAA does not assess Queensland qualifications, as these are already recognised in Queensland. The QCAA can only assess the general comparability of completed academic school qualifications from interstate or overseas to completed year levels of Queensland schooling.

**Q. Can the QCAA assess any of my qualifications for employment in Queensland (university degree, trade, paraprofessional or technical qualification)?**

A. No, the QCAA is not legislated to assess any qualifications beyond a secondary-school level. For assessment of any of these qualifications, contact the Overseas Qualification Unit at the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training: <https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/training-careers/osqrecognition>

**Q. Can the QCAA assess my teaching qualifications for teacher registration in Queensland?**

A. No, the QCAA is not legislated to assess teaching qualifications. For assessment of your teaching qualifications for teacher registration, contact the Queensland College of Teachers: [www.qct.edu.au](http://www.qct.edu.au).

**Q. Can the QCAA assess my qualifications for immigration into Australia?**

A. No, the QCAA is not legislated to assess qualifications for immigration. For assessment of your qualifications for immigration, read the information on skills assessment and assessing authorities on the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs at <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/>