Recognised studies
Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)

Learning options for the QCE

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) quality assures a wide range of learning that counts towards the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

As well as traditional school subjects and vocational education and training (VET) courses, QCAA recognises a number of non-traditional courses of study, including:

- certificates and awards in areas such as music, dance, drama, sport and community development
- Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) or Community-based Learning (SCL)
- school-developed courses of study
- international learning programs.

Recognised studies give students more flexibility in what, where and when they study, and can improve pathways to further education, training and work. They are also an effective way to re-engage students.

What are the benefits of recognition?

For young people
- Enhanced pathways to their future career
- Real-world experience
- Promotion of equity and decreased marginalisation
- Value-adding to studies undertaken at school
- Enhanced motivation

Examples of recognised studies

Awards and certificates provided by:
- Australian Music Examinations Board
- Royal Academy of Dance
- Swimming Australia
- Queensland YMCA State Council

Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) or Community-based Learning (SCL)
- ‘Doorways 2 Construction’ Construction Skills Queensland
- BRAKE Driver Awareness Program

School-developed courses of study
- Metacognition — Somerset College

International learning programs
- International Baccalaureate

More information

For more information on recognition requirements, together with samples and templates for developing course materials, visit the QCAA website or email: recognition@qcaa.qld.edu.au or phone: (07) 3864 0395.

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