SLIMS and QCIA data

Recording Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA) achievements

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1 Recording of QCIA achievements

The Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA) Statements of Achievement and Statements of Participation are recorded in Student Learning Information Management System SLIMS — Registration and Banking System (RABS).

The QCIA Statement of Achievement comments database is incorporated into SLIMS. The comments database is a resource to help schools draft Statements of Achievement. It allows users to search a collection of sample statements using keywords.

However, a free-form text field is also available to enter specific statements on the learning achievements of students with highly individualised learning programs. Free-form statements must follow the guidelines and writing conventions for writing Statements of Achievement outlined in Section 5 of the *QCIA Handbook*, which is located at www.gcaa.gld.edu.au/10359.html.

Statements of Participation are incorporated into SLIMS through a dropdown list, where statements can be selected for each student. There is no provision to add individualised statements to this list.

The QCIA is a one-page document, so there is limited space for making comments. SLIMS allows for a maximum of six Statements of Achievement per curriculum organiser and eight Statements of Participation.

2 SLIMS

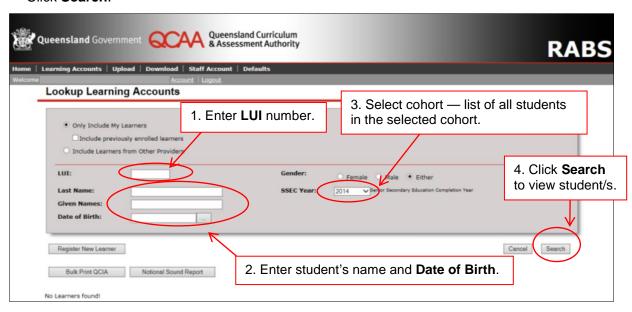
2.1 Student details

- Log in to SLIMS Registration and Banking System (RABS).
- To enter the QCIA achievements, select Manage Learning Account.

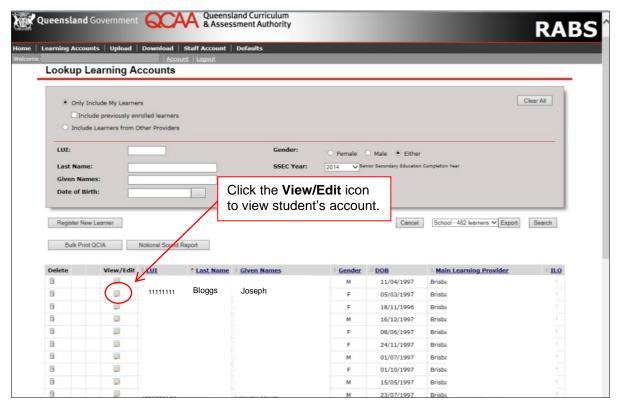


- Search for student by either:
- entering Learner Unique Identifier (LUI) number
- 2. entering student's Last Name, Given Names (first name) and Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

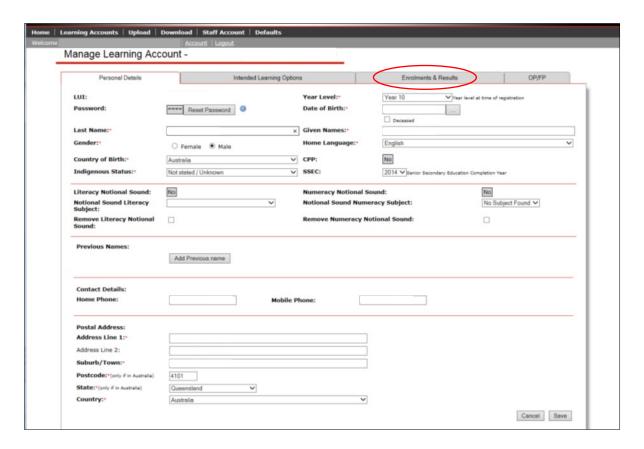
- 3. selecting the **SSEC Year** from the dropdown menu **SSEC Year** is the year it is anticipated that a learner will complete their secondary studies. A list of students containing the nominated cohort will appear in the lower section of the screen after clicking **Search**.
- Click Search.



To enter QCIA information for a student, click the View/Edit icon () to the left of the student's LUI number.

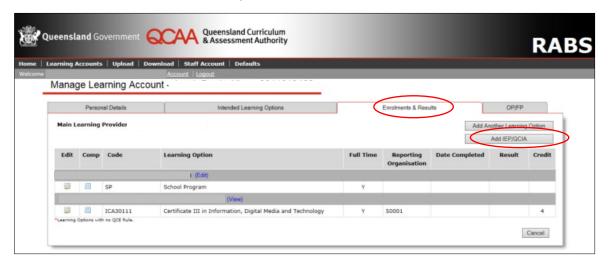


- A new screen will appear showing the student's Personal Details, Intended Learning
 Options, Enrolments & Results and OP/FP.
- · Select the Enrolments & Results tab.

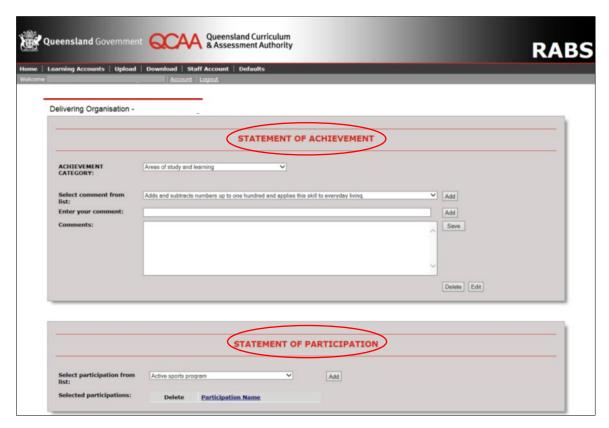


2.2 Entering achievements

In the Enrolments & Results tab, select Add IEP/QCIA to enter QCIA achievements.



- The following screen will appear showing the fields for the Statement of Achievement and the Statement of Participation.
 - For the Statement of Achievement, the page defaults to the first ACHIEVEMENT CATEGORY (curriculum organiser) and the comment at the beginning of the list for this category.
 - For the **Statement of Participation**, the page defaults to the first participation statement in the dropdown list.



- · Statements of Achievement may be entered by either:
 - selecting a comment from the comments database

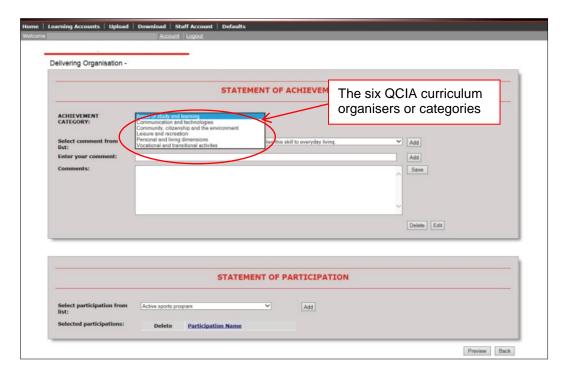
or

- adding your own free-form text statement, which outlines student achievement.

2.3 Recording Statements of Achievement

From the comments database

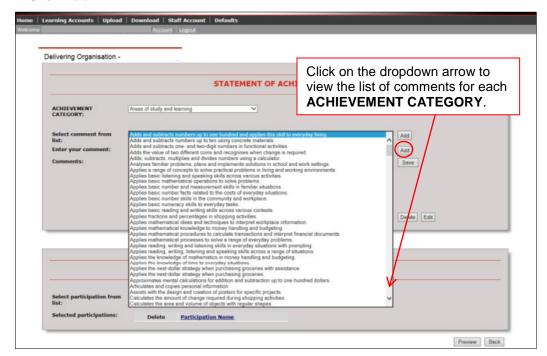
· To enter the Statements of Achievement, select an ACHIEVEMENT CATEGORY.



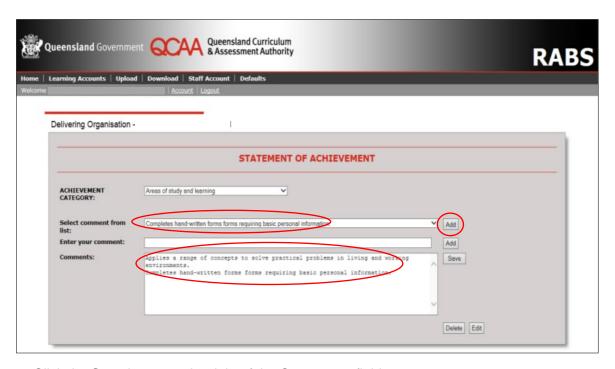
- In the Select comment from list field, open the list by clicking the dropdown arrow near the Add button.
- Click on the statement that matches the learning outcome you wish to include (it will be highlighted).

Hint: When the list appears, type in the first letter of the comment you are searching for, e.g. **U** for 'Uses a calculator and measuring tools in a variety of applications to solve problems'.

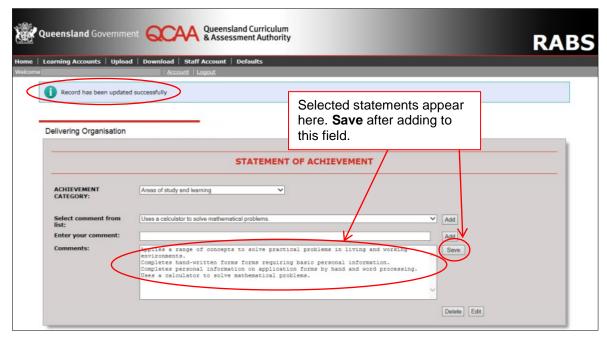
Click Add.



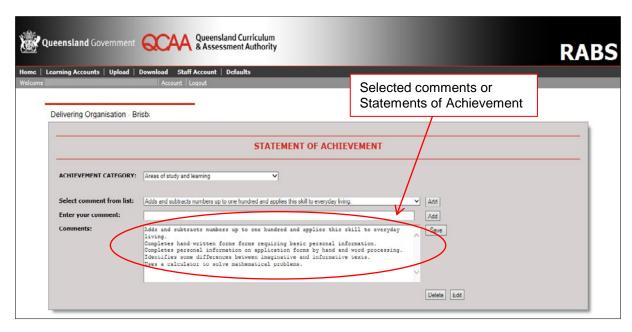
· The selected statement will appear in the **Comments** field.



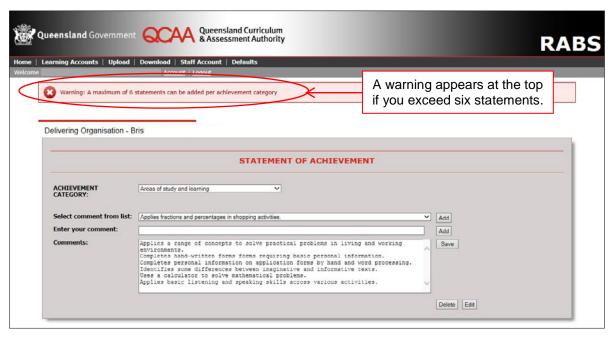
- · Click the **Save** button to the right of the **Comments** field.
- Continue adding your comments. Remember that SLIMS only allows a maximum of six statements of achievement per curriculum organiser (ACHIEVEMENT CATEGORY).
- Save each comment as you add them to prevent losing data if the system times out.
- After saving, check that a message appears stating the Record has been updated successfully.



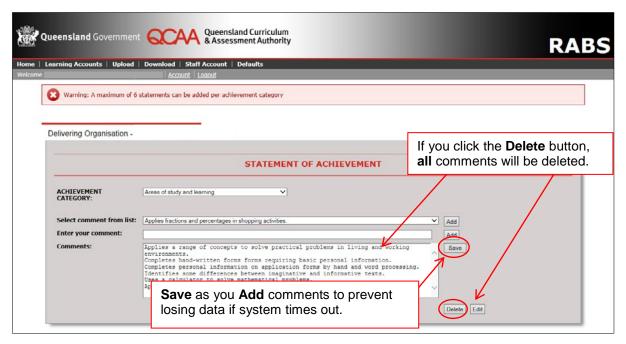
 The following screen shows the completed ACHIEVEMENT CATEGORY (curriculum organiser) with four statements of achievement. The statements in the list will appear on the final certificate.



 If you try to enter more than six statements, a warning will appear. Any additional statements cannot be entered or saved.

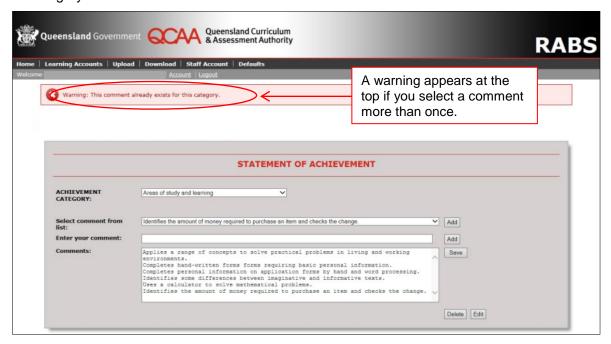


Hint: To delete one or more statements, select **Edit**, highlight text and press **Backspace**. If you select **Delete**, it will delete **all** information in the comments field.



A warning **will** appear if you select the same comment (statement) twice within a category (curriculum organiser).

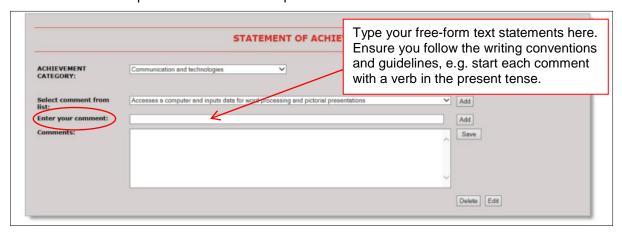
Note: A warning **will not** appear if you select the same comment across more than one category.



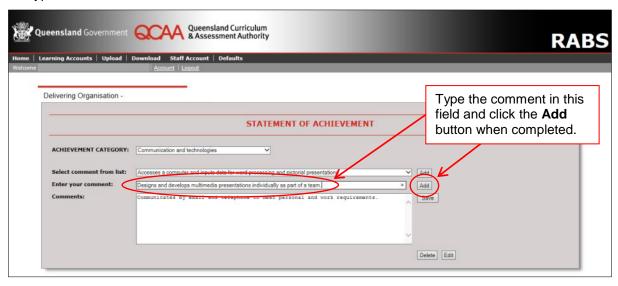
- · Choose some or all of the **ACHIEVEMENT CATEGORIES** (curriculum organisers).
- · Repeat Section 2.3 for each ACHIEVEMENT CATEGORY (curriculum organiser) used.

Using your own comments

- A free-form text statement can be entered in the Enter your comment field.
- Statements must follow the guidelines and writing conventions for writing Statements of Achievement in Section 5 of the QCIA Handbook, which can be viewed at www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/10359.html.
- Statements should not exceed 56 characters, excluding word spacing. Statements must start with a verb in the present tense. A full stop is to be used at the end of the statement.

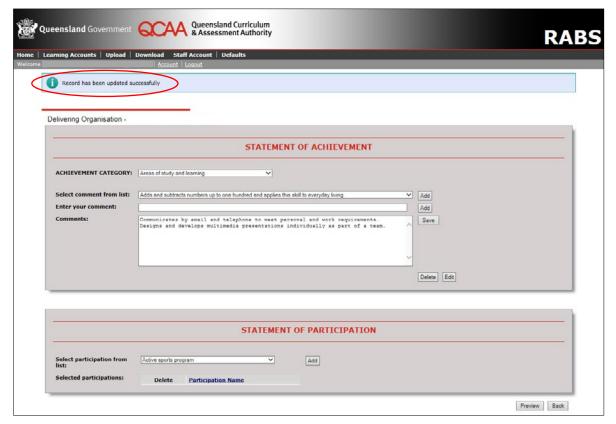


- Guidelines for writing your own statement include:
 - do not use the student's first name in the statement
 - do not use the Enter or Return key when you have finished typing the statement as it results in a formatting error on the certificate
 - refer to the *Guidelines for writing Statements of Achievement*, in Section 5 of the *QCIA Handbook* to ensure that the statement meets the guidelines
 - refer to **Appendix B**: Spelling of frequently used words in the QCIA Handbook
 - proofread the comment because there is **no spellcheck facility** in SLIMS Registration and Banking program.
- Type the comment and click Add next to the field.



- · Remember to click **Save** when the comment appears in the **Comments** field.
- · Click the **Save** button to the right of the **Comments** field.

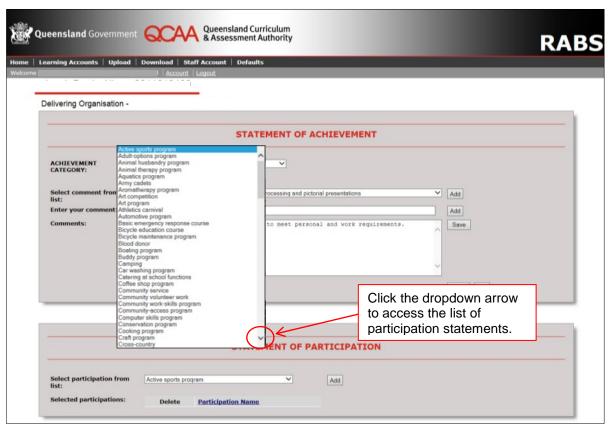
- Continue adding your comments; remember SLIMS only allows a maximum of six statements of achievement per curriculum organiser (ACHIEVEMENT CATEGORY).
- · Save each comment as you add them to prevent losing data if the system times out.
- After saving, check that a message appears stating the Record has been updated successfully.



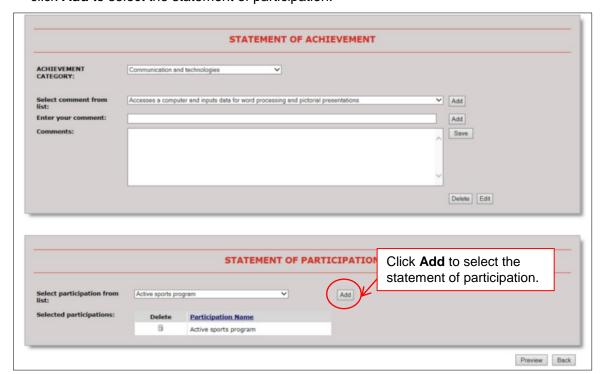
2.4 Recording Statement of Participation

To enter a Statement of Participation:

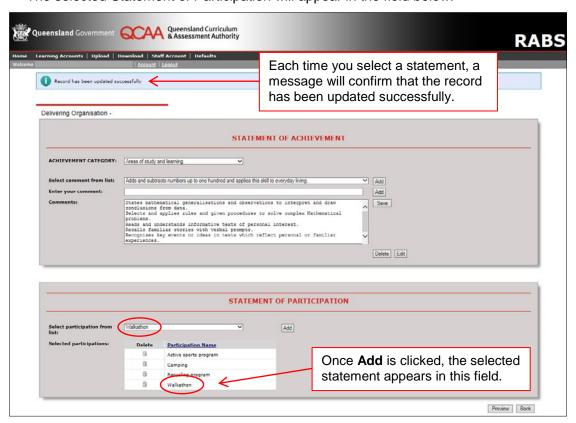
 open the list by clicking the dropdown arrow near the Add button. An alphabetical list of statements will be displayed



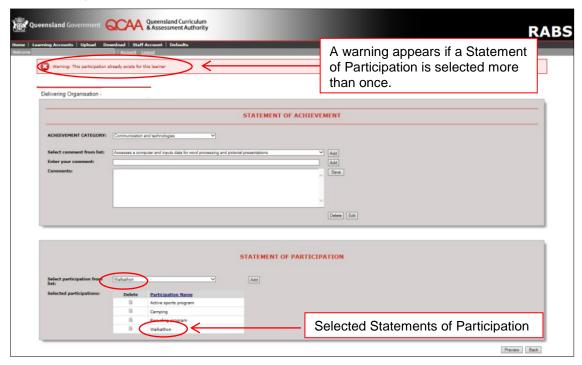
- · click on the statement that you wish to add. It will be highlighted
- click Add to select the statement of participation.



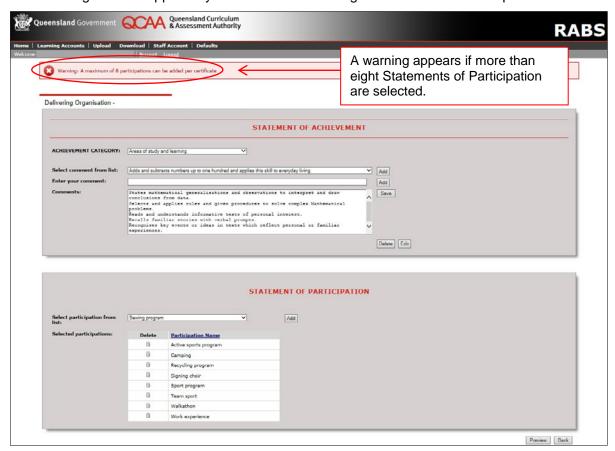
· The selected Statement of Participation will appear in the field below.



- Continue adding statements, up to a maximum of eight Statements of Participation.
 Note: There is no facility to add your own statement, you must select from the dropdown list.
- · A warning will appear if you select the same Statement of Participation more than once.



· A warning will also appear if you select more than eight Statements of Participation.



2.5 Editing certificate information

To begin editing, complete processes in **Sections 2.1** and **2.2** to access certificate information.

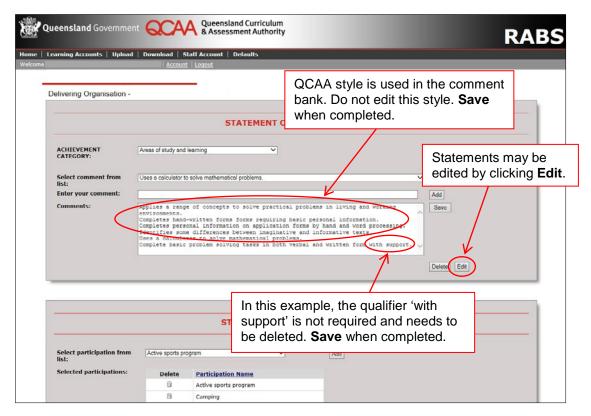
Statement of Achievement

To edit comments in the Statement of Achievement, click **Edit**. Information can be added or deleted to ensure the accuracy and quality of the statement.

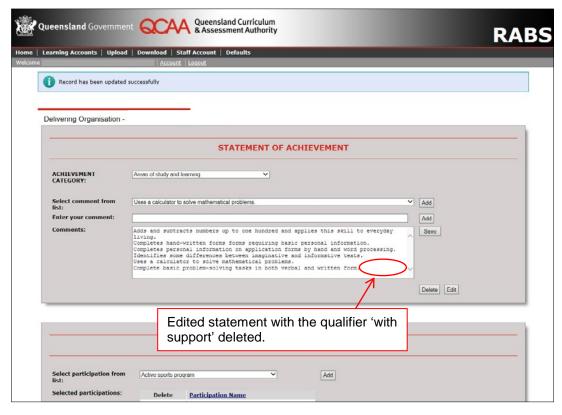
A specific comment from the comment list may also be edited. For example, the qualifier at the end of the statement may not be necessary, and so can be removed.

Within the comment bank, capitalisation and punctuation (including hyphenation) are set to the QCAA style. Do not edit this style. Refer to Appendix B of the *QCIA Handbook* for a list of spelling of frequently used certificate words.

- Edit comments in the Comments field. If the Delete button is selected it will delete all information in this field.
- · Click **Save** after changing any information.



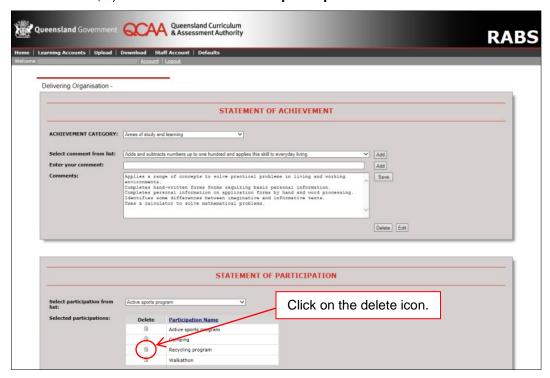
 Do not edit any of the punctuation in the Statement of Achievement derived from the dropdown list.



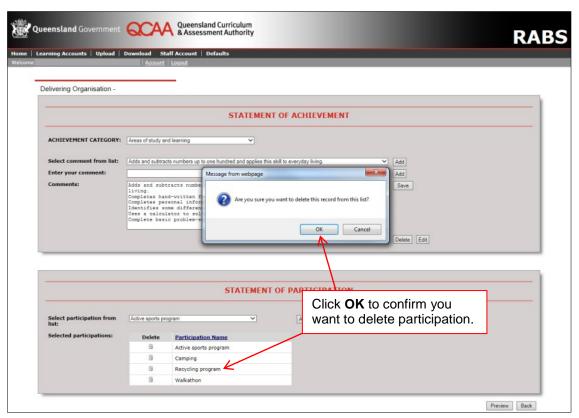
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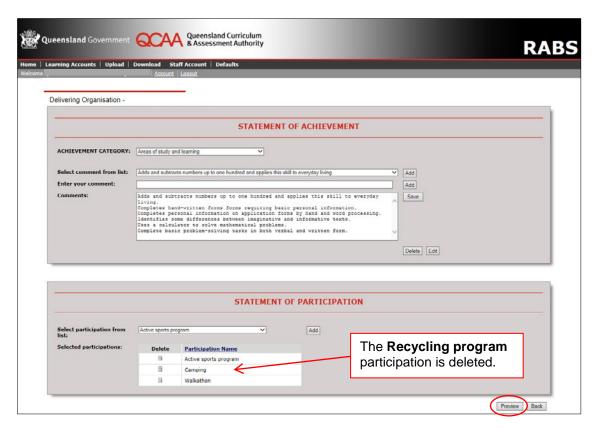
Statement of Participation

To remove a **selected participation** from the **Statement of Participation**, click on the delete icon () to the left of the **selected participation**.



- · A message will appear to confirm you want to delete the participation category.
- Click **OK** to delete.



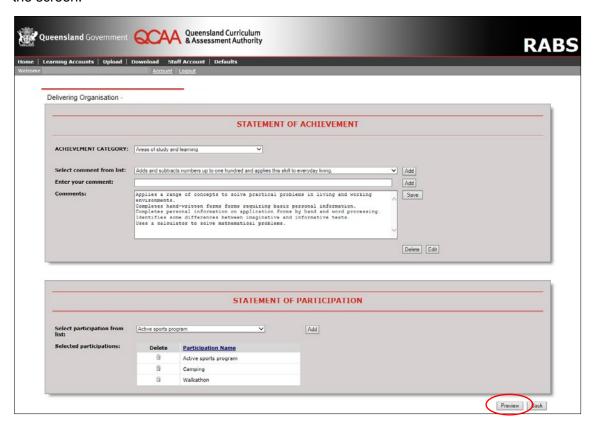


Click Preview to check that the edited information is correct.

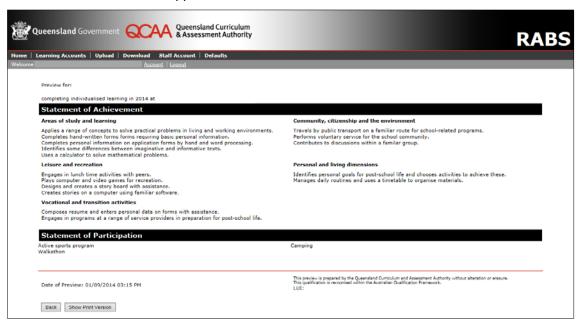


2.6 View and print the certificate information

To preview the QCIA information in the final certificate format, click **Preview** at the bottom right of the screen.

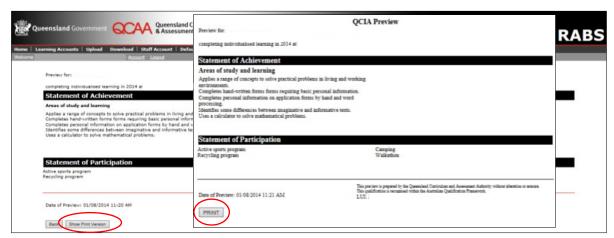


· The QCIA Preview will appear with the student's name, LUI number and school name.



To print from the preview screen:

- · click Show Print Version at the bottom left of the screen
- scroll to the bottom of the QCIA Preview screen
- click **PRINT** at the bottom left of the screen.

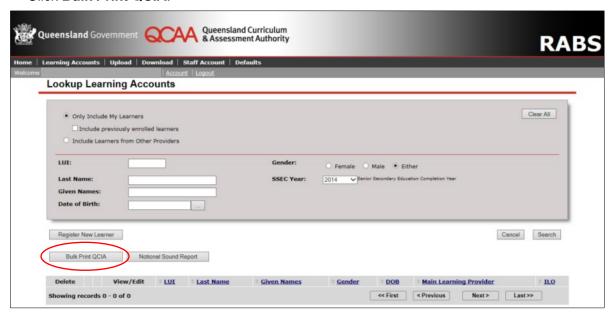


Certificate information can also be printed for all exiting QCIA students.

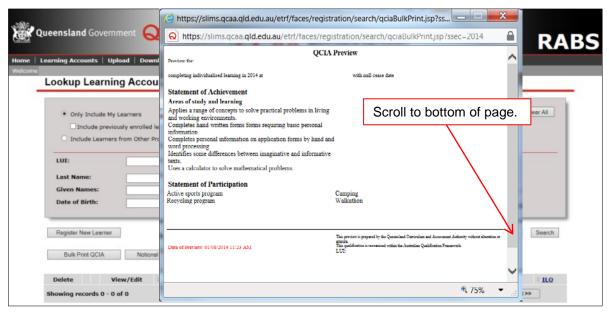
- · Return to the Manage Learning Accounts screen.
- Select Manage Learning Account.



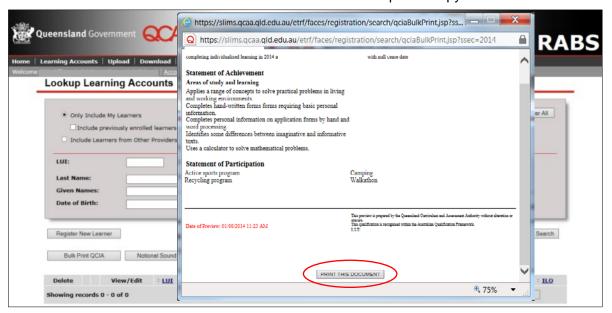
Click Bulk Print QCIA.



Scroll to the bottom of the QCIA Preview screen.



· Click **PRINT THIS DOCUMENT** at the bottom of screen to print a copy of all certificates.



3 To exit a student

In order for a left-early student to be ceased in SLIMS — Registration and Banking System (RABS) and for the appropriate learning and results to be banked into their learning account, all provider enrolments for the student at your school need to be ceased via Student Data Capture System (SDCS). These provider enrolments will cease when the QCAA receives and processes a SDCS data submission that contains:

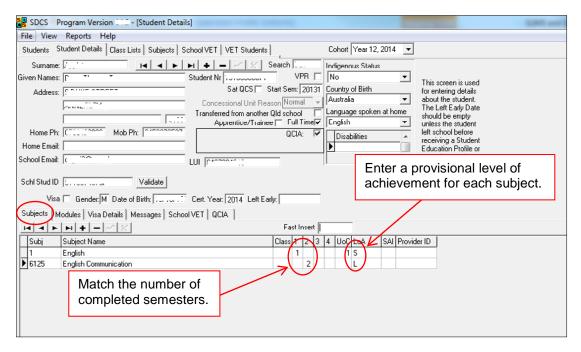
- · an accurate recording of completed semesters for all subjects
- · a provisional level of achievement and result for each subject and/or competency enrolments
- · a left-early date.

3.1 SDCS

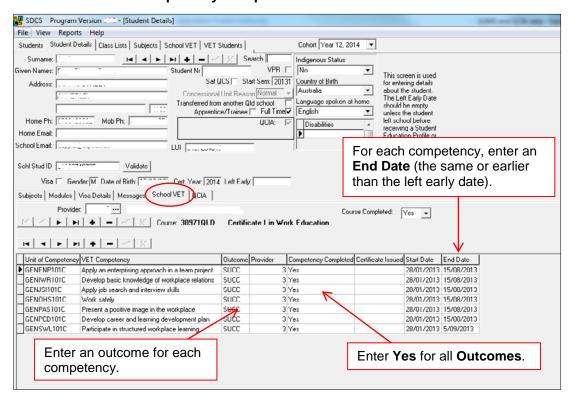
In the **Subjects** tab, enter the following data to cease provider enrolments.

- For Authority and Authority-registered subjects:
 - update the semester units studied to reflect the completed semesters
 - enter the provisional level of achievement (LoA).

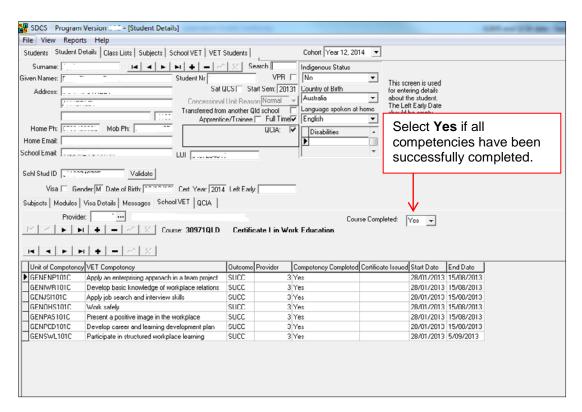
Students should not be enrolled in semester units beyond their Left Early date.



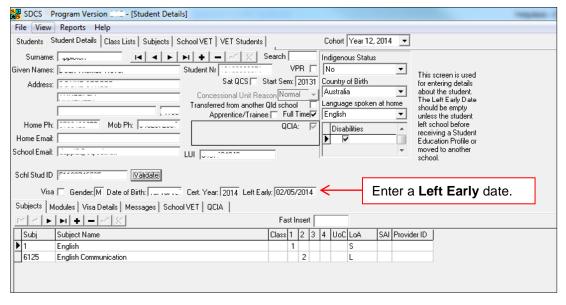
- For school VET courses and competencies, in the School VET tab enter the Outcome and End Date for each competency studied.
- Enter Yes in the Competency Completed column for all Outcomes.



In the Course Completed field, select Yes if the student has successfully completed all
competencies to receive a full certificate. If competencies are not completed, select No for the
student to receive a Statement of Attainment.



 Enter a Left Early date once a Provisional Level of Achievement and result for each subject and/or competency is entered.



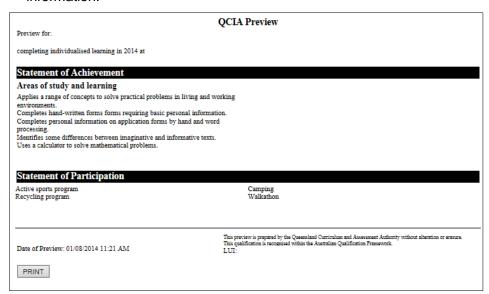
- The competency End Dates must be the same or earlier than the general Left Early date for the student.
- Failure to enter the Left Early date and cease all enrolments will prevent any transfer of data for a student who enrols at another school. This will also result in a student being assigned an incorrect Main Learning Provider (MLP).

3.2 SLIMS

All comments from the **Statement of Achievement** and all selected participations from the **Statement of Participation** must be deleted.

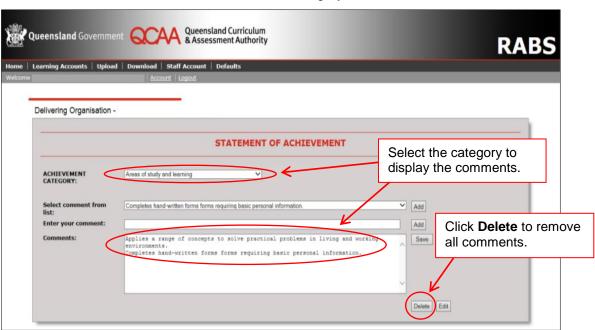
To begin deleting comments/selected participations, complete **Sections 2.1** and **2.2** to access certificate information.

 Print a copy of the student's QCIA statement for your school's record before deleting any comments/selected participations. Refer to Section 2.6 to view and print the certificate information.

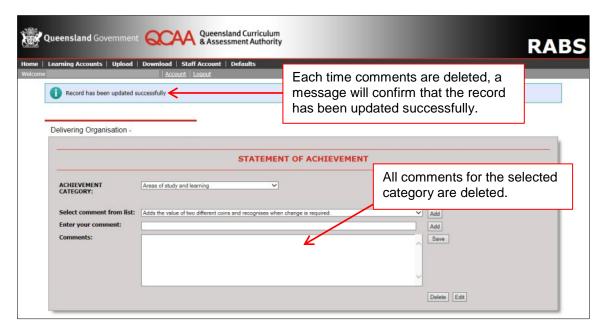


Statement of Achievement

- To delete the comments for Statements of Achievement, select an ACHIEVEMENT CATEGORY. You may refer to the printout of which ACHIEVEMENT CATEGORY to delete.
- Click **Delete**. All comments for the selected category will be deleted.



 Once the comment is deleted, a message will appear stating the Record has been updated successfully.



 Repeat the above steps until all comments in each ACHIEVEMENT CATEGORY have been deleted.

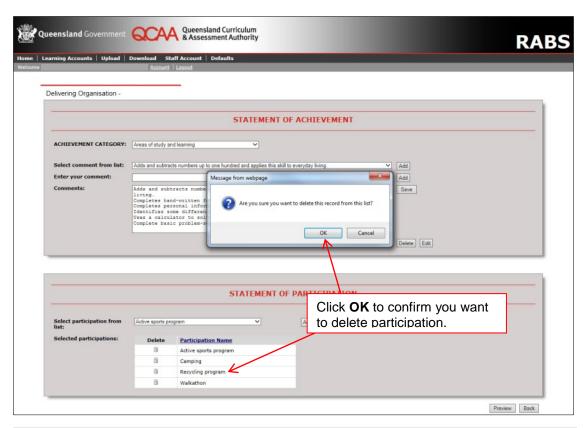
Statement of Participation

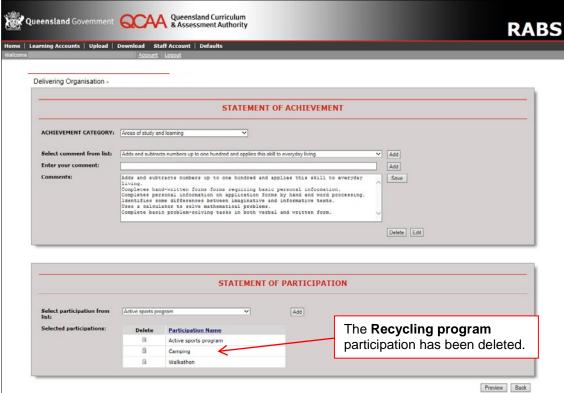
• To delete **selected participations** from the **Statement of Participation**, click on the delete icon () to the left of the **selected participation**.



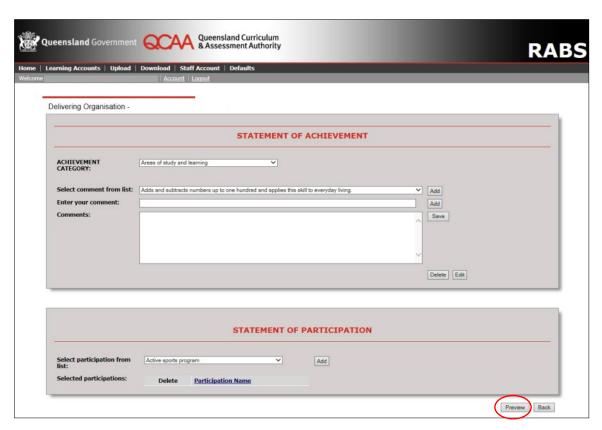
A message will appear to confirm you want to delete the participation category.

Click **OK** to delete.

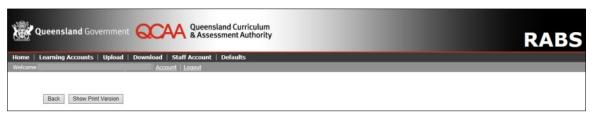




- · Repeat the above steps until all **selected participations** have been deleted.
- · Click Preview to check that all comments and selected participations have been deleted.



 The following screen will be displayed if the Statement of Achievement and the Statement of Participation are empty.



Once the QCIA student has been exited in SDCS and after the next SDCS data submission, the student will be successfully ceased in SLIMS.

Further assistance

For assistance, email the SLIMS Help Desk at slims@qcaa.qld.edu.au or telephone (07) 3864 0269.