

QCE literacy and numeracy requirement

QCE requirements for Year 12 students from 2020

The Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) is Queensland's internationally recognised senior secondary schooling qualification.

To be issued a QCE, students need to accrue the set amount of learning, at the set standard, in a set pattern, while meeting literacy and numeracy requirements. These requirements are aimed at ensuring students complete their senior schooling with the knowledge and skills they need for success in life beyond school. The QCE is issued to eligible students when they meet all requirements, usually at the end of Year 12.

The QCE literacy and numeracy requirements meet standards outlined in the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF) Level 3. This national framework describes the five core skills of learning, reading, writing, oral communication and numeracy. The framework is used to describe core skills relevant to the workplace and employment, and tailor approaches to teaching and learning.

The literacy and numeracy requirements can be met through a range of options, as outlined in the following table.

Learning options to meet literacy and numeracy requirements for a QCE

Courses of study	Literacy	Numeracy	Set standard
General or Applied subjects	QCAA General or Applied English subjects for Unit 1, Unit 2, or a Unit 3 and 4 pair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English English & Literature Extension English as an Additional Language Literature Essential English 	QCAA General or Applied Mathematics subjects for Unit 1, Unit 2, or a Unit 3 and 4 pair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Mathematics Mathematical Methods Specialist Mathematics Essential Mathematics 	Satisfactory completion in Unit 1 <i>or</i> Unit 2 A grade of C or better in a Unit 3 and 4 pair
Short Courses	QCAA Short Course in Literacy	QCAA Short Course in Numeracy	Grade of C or better
Vocational education and training (VET)	FSK20113 Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways	FSK20113 Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways	Completion of qualification
Senior External Examination	Senior External Examination: QCAA English subject	Senior External Examination: QCAA Mathematics subject	Grade of C or better

Courses of study	Literacy	Numeracy	Set standard
International Baccalaureate (IB)	International Baccalaureate (IB) examination in one of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language A English Language and Literature (SL or HL) • Language A English Literature (SL or HL) • English B (SL or HL) 	International Baccalaureate (IB) examination in one of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics (SL or HL) • Mathematical Studies (SL) 	Grade of 4 or above on examination <i>or</i> Exit subject with a grade of 3, having achieved a 4 or above for the internal assessment component
Recognised studies	See the QCAA website for a list of recognised studies that meet the literacy requirements	See the QCAA website for a list of recognised studies that meet the numeracy requirements	As recognised by the QCAA