


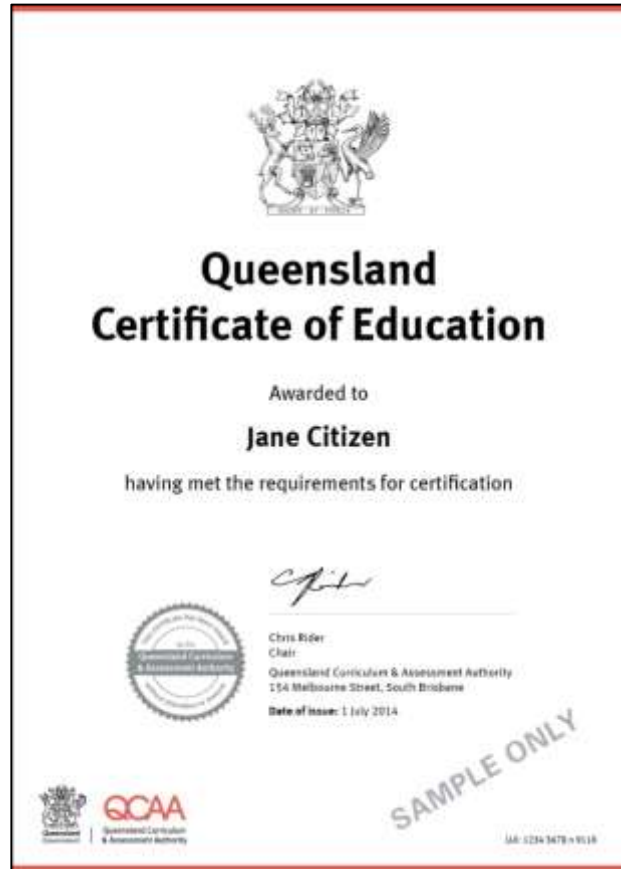


Queensland Certificate of Education

Overview

- What the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) represents
 - How you can tailor your studies to best suit your talents and interests, and create a pathway to preferred school outcomes
 - What options are available?
 - Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) Achievement Awards
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What is the QCE?




Queensland's senior school qualification is:

- internationally recognised
- achievement based
- flexible — letting you choose what, where and when you study.


What is the QCE?

- Awarded when you meet the set requirements
 - Recognises your achievements in Years 11 and 12
 - Shows employers and training providers that you have worked consistently and to a high standard
 - May be required to enrol in further education and training in Queensland, interstate and overseas
 - **Shows that you have 'successfully' completed high school**
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What can I study?

- QCE learning options suit your strengths, interests and goals:
 - school subjects
 - vocational education and training (VET)
 - school-based apprenticeships (SBA) and traineeships (SBT)
 - learning projects
 - recognised studies
 - TAFE advanced diploma or diploma modules
 - university studies.
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School subjects

- **Authority subjects** are based on syllabuses that have been approved and issued by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA)
 - Results in Authority subjects **can** count in the calculation of OP and FPs — commonly used for tertiary entrance.
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School subjects

- **Authority-registered subjects** are developed from Study Area Syllabuses (SASs) and generally include substantial vocational and practical components.
 - Results in these subjects are **not** used in the calculation of OPs and FPs.
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Recognised studies

- Courses of learning include:
 - awards and certificates
 - international learning programs,
e.g. International Baccalaureate Diploma program
 - school-based courses
 - structured community and workplace learning
 - Not based on QCCA syllabuses or VET qualifications
 - Can contribute credits towards your QCE
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Learning projects

- Independent and unique short program of learning
 - Structured work-based, community-based or self-directed learning
 - Separate from any established school, training or other educational program
 - Can contribute towards your QCE
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University subjects and diploma modules

- Most Queensland universities and TAFEs offer Years 11 and 12 students the opportunity to study at tertiary level.
 - If you complete an advanced diploma or diploma module or university subject while at school, you can earn credits towards your QCE.
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Apprenticeships and traineeships

- A **school-based** apprenticeship or traineeship provides the opportunity to train on the job while working towards the QCE.
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How do you choose what to study?

- **Your Senior Education and Training (SET) plan**
 - Your teachers/career guidance officers and parents/carers will help you decide which learning options are best for you
 - to ensure you achieve your learning and career goals.
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To achieve your QCE you need

20 Credits

at a
set standard

Sound Level of Achievement,
Pass or equivalent

in a
set pattern

at least 12 credits from completed
Core courses of study
plus
an additional 8 credits from a combination of
any courses of study

but a maximum of
6 credits from **Preparatory** courses of study

and meet
literacy and **numeracy** requirements

A set standard

- To get credits for a course of study you have to meet a minimum standard for that study, e.g. Sound Achievement, Pass, Competent — depending on the course's type of assessment grade


Categories of learning

- Courses of study for the QCE are organised into four categories:
 - Core
 - Preparatory
 - Advanced
 - Enriched


A set pattern

- A total of 12 credits must come from completed Core courses of study
- Completed Core can be met through the study of:
 - 4 semesters of school-based subjects at a Sound Level of Achievement (SA) or higher
 - Completed VET Certificates II, III or IV
 - 96 days of on-the-job component of school-based apprenticeship
- A total of 8 credits can come from other courses of study


Core courses of study

- Includes:
 - authority and authority-registered subjects
 - VET Certificates II, III and IV
 - school-based apprenticeships or traineeships
 - To get your QCE, you must achieve at least 12 credits from completed Core courses of study
 - At least one credit must come from a Core course while enrolled at school
 - Partial completion of a Core course of study may contribute some credit towards your QCE
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Preparatory courses

- Includes VET Certificate I qualifications and some recognised certificates and awards
 - Can be used as a stepping stone to further study or training
 - A maximum of six credits from Preparatory courses can count towards your QCE
 - Only two Certificate I qualifications can be used to gain credit towards your QCE
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Enrichment courses

- Provide you with opportunity to develop your skills and knowledge at a higher level
 - Often offered by community organisations other than those offering Core or Preparatory courses of study
 - A maximum of 8 credits from Enrichment courses can count towards your QCE
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Advanced courses

- Go beyond the normal range of typical senior schooling
 - Includes university courses, diplomas and advanced diplomas undertaken while enrolled at school
 - A maximum of 8 credits from Advanced courses can count towards your QCE
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Literacy requirement

- Sound Achievement in one semester of these QCAA subjects:
 - English
 - English Extension
 - English Communication
 - English for ESL learners
 - Sound Achievement in the QCAA short course in literacy
 - Completion of Certificate I in Communication Skills for Employment and Training (39282QLD)
 - Pass in a QCAA-recognised literacy course
 - C or above in the QCS Test
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Numeracy requirement

- Sound Achievement in one semester of these QCAA subjects:
 - Maths A
 - Maths B
 - Maths C
 - Pre-vocational Maths
 - Sound in the QCAA short course in numeracy
 - Completion of the Certificate I in Core Skills for Employment and Training — Numeracy (39288QLD)
 - Pass in a QCAA-recognised numeracy course
 - C or above in the QCS Test
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Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) Achievement Awards

- **Award categories** - There are currently seven award categories:
 - Highest Academic Achievers
 - Outstanding Academic Achiever
 - Highest Achievement by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Student
 - Highest Achievement by an International Student
 - Highest Result on the Queensland Core Skills Test
 - Highest Achievement by a Student in the International Baccalaureate
 - Certificate of Academic Commendation (VHA in 6 Authority subjects)
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When will I get my QCE?

- The QCE is awarded when you meet the set requirements for a QCE — usually at the end of Year 12.

What could put my QCE at risk?

- Being in the wrong 'level' of English or Maths
 - Selecting the wrong subjects
 - Subject changes
 - D/E/N results
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