



Senior pathway planning

For Year 10 students

What will be covered

- Planning for Years 11 and 12
 - The Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)
 - Subjects and courses
 - Tertiary entrance
 - Results
 - Information and support
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Setting the scene

- Lets begin with a [short animated video](#) that suggests an approach to pathways planning.
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Preparing for senior school learning

- Planning for Years 11 and 12 is an important step for students.
 - A wide range of learning options is available.
 - Schools work with Year 10 students and their families to develop a plan.
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Planning a pathway

The plan helps students:

- think about their education, training and career goals
 - structure their learning around their abilities, interests and ambitions
 - map their pathway to a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).
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Things for students to consider

- What are my career goals?
 - Which subjects am I good at?
 - Which subjects do I like?
 - Do I want to continue studying after Year 12?
 - Are there prerequisite subjects?
 - Are there special entry requirements?
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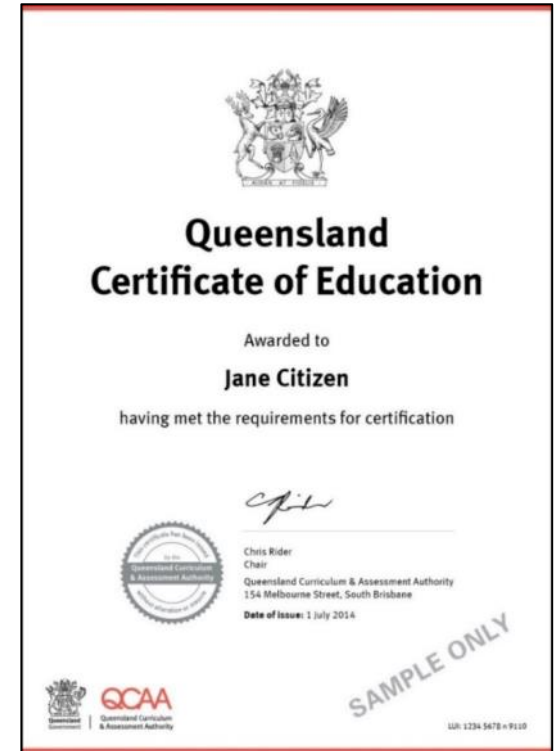
Putting the plan into action

- The plan is documented.
 - The student is registered with the QCAA and their learning account is opened.
 - Schools review the plan regularly to monitor progress.
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What is the QCE?

The QCE is Queensland's senior schooling qualification.

- Internationally recognised
- Shows student achievement
- Flexible
- Wide range of learning options



How does the QCE work?

- Set amount: 20 credits
- Set pattern:
 - 12 credits from completed Core courses
 - 8 credits from Core, Preparatory & Complementary courses
- Satisfactory completion
- Literacy & numeracy



Set amount



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20 credits from a range of learning options:

- QCAA courses
 - General subjects
 - Applied subjects
 - Short Courses
 - Senior External Examination syllabuses
 - Vocational Education and Training (VET) certificates or qualifications
 - Other recognised studies
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Set pattern — Core courses



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12 credits from completed Core courses:

Course	Credits per course
QCAA General subjects and Applied subjects	up to 4
QCAA General Extension subjects	up to 2
QCAA General Senior External Examination subjects	4
Certificate II qualifications	up to 4
Certificate III and IV qualifications (includes traineeships)	up to 8
School-based apprenticeships	up to 6
Recognised studies categorised as Core	credit varies

Set pattern — Preparatory courses



Maximum of 4 credits from:

Course	Credits per course
QCAA Short Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• QCAA Short Course in Literacy• QCAA Short Course in Numeracy	1
Certificate I qualifications	up to 3
Recognised studies categorised as Preparatory	credit varies

Set pattern — Complementary courses



Maximum of 8 credits from:

Course	Credits per course
QCAA Short Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">QCAA Short Course in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander LanguagesQCAA Short Course in Career Education	1
University subjects (while enrolled at a school)	up to 4
Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas (while enrolled at a school)	up to 8
Recognised studies categorised as Complementary	credit varies

Set standard



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standard

QCE credits are accrued when the set standard for each subject/course has been met.

Depending on the course, that may be:

- satisfactory completion
 - grade of C or better
 - competency or qualification completion
 - pass or equivalent.
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Literacy & numeracy options

- QCAA General or Applied English/Mathematics subjects
 - QCAA Short Course in Literacy/Numeracy
 - Senior External Examination in a QCAA English/Mathematics subject
 - Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
 - International Baccalaureate examination in approved English/Mathematics subjects
 - Recognised studies listed as meeting literacy/numeracy requirements
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QCE pathways

- The QCE is flexible.
 - There is no single pathway — hundreds of course combinations can lead to a QCE.
 - A student's pathway will depend on the subjects and courses the school offers and their individual goals.
 - Typically, students will study six subjects/courses across Years 11 and 12.
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Example pathway

Example 1

A student enrolls in six General subjects (Core category) over four semesters.



English

Mathematical Methods

Psychology

Geography


Philosophy & Reason

Dance

Example pathway

Example 2

A student enrolls in six Applied subjects (Core category) over four semesters and a Short Course (Preparatory category) for one semester.



Essential English

Business Studies

Religion & Ethics

Arts in Practice

Information &
Communication
Technology


Agricultural Practices

Short Course in
Numeracy

Example pathway

Example 3

A student enrolls in a combination of General and Applied subjects (Core and Preparatory categories) and completes learning as part of a school-based apprenticeship in Carpentry.



Essential English

General Mathematics

Certificate I in Engineering

Science in Practice

Certificate III in Carpentry, 30% of certificate completed 50 days/year on-the-job (100 total)

Tertiary entrance

- The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) will replace the Overall Position (OP) from 2020.
 - The ATAR is used nationally to measure a student's position relative to other ATAR-eligible students.
 - The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) will calculate and issue ATARs.
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ATAR eligibility

- To be eligible for an ATAR, students must successfully complete:
 - 5 General subjects, or
 - 4 General subjects + 1 Applied subject or completed VET qualification at Certificate III or above.
 - Students must also successfully complete an English subject.
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Assessment — QCAA subjects/courses

QCAA General subjects:

- three internal assessments (set/marked by schools)
- one external assessment (set/marked by the QCAA and held at the same time in schools across Queensland)

Most external assessment will contribute 25% to the final subject result. In Mathematics and Science subjects, it will contribute 50%.

Assessment — QCAA subjects/courses

QCAA Applied subjects:

- four internal assessments (set/marked by schools)
- Essential English and Essential Mathematics — one of the four is a common internal assessment (set by the QCAA and marked by schools)

QCAA Short Courses:

- two internal assessments (set/marked by schools)
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Assessment — VET and other courses

- VET assessment may include
 - observation
 - written assessment
 - work samples
 - questioning.
 - Assessment for other courses will vary depending on the course.
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Results and reporting

- Final results will be released at the end of Year 12 in student learning accounts on the myQCE website.
 - All students receive a senior statement.
 - Eligible students receive a QCE. Students can keep working towards their QCE after Year 12.
 - Student learning accounts will be available later in 2019.
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More information

- myQCE website: myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au
 - myQCE Instagram: www.instagram.com/myqce
 - QCAA website: www.qcaa.qld.edu.au
 - QTAC website: www.qtac.edu.au
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