

# 2015 Data summary

## Year 12 enrolment and certification

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### Background

Each year, the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) issues a senior education profile (SEP) to each student who completes Year 12 in Queensland.

The SEP may contain one of the following combinations:

- a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and a Senior Statement
- a QCE, Senior Statement and a Tertiary Entrance Statement (TES)
- a Senior Statement and a TES
- a Senior Statement only
- a Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA) and a Senior Statement
- a Senior Statement that provides a record of studies undertaken towards an International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD).

### Queensland Certificate of Education

The QCE is Queensland's senior school qualification, awarded to eligible students, usually at the end of Year 12. It recognises broad learning options and offers flexibility in what, where and when learning occurs.

### Senior Statement

The Senior Statement is a transcript of the learning undertaken by all students completing Year 12 at a Queensland school. It shows all eligible studies and the results achieved that may contribute to the award of a QCE or TES. If a student is issued with a Senior Statement, then they have satisfied the completion requirements for Year 12 in Queensland.

### Tertiary Entrance Statement

The TES shows an eligible student's Overall Position (OP) and Field Positions (FPs). These rankings are used to determine eligibility for admission to tertiary courses.

The statement provides information that is recognised by interstate and international universities and tertiary providers and may be required to enrol in study at institutions outside Queensland.

### Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement

The QCIA recognises the achievements of students who are on individualised learning programs. To be eligible, students must have impairments or difficulties in learning that are not primarily due to socioeconomic, cultural or linguistic factors.

The certificate is an official record that students have completed at least 12 years of education. It provides students with a summary of their skills and knowledge that they can present to employers and training providers.

## External examinations

The Senior External Examination was offered in 21 subjects in 2015. Results are based solely on examination performance. Any class tests or assignments completed during the year do not contribute to results. This differs from the system of externally moderated school-based assessment in place in Queensland secondary schools.

The Senior External Examination is for:

- Year 12 students unable to access particular subjects at their school
- adult students (people of any age not enrolled at a Queensland secondary school) to either meet tertiary entrance or employment requirements or for personal interest.

## International Baccalaureate Diploma

The IBD program is one of a number of programs administered by the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) in over 140 countries around the world.

In Queensland, the IBD is recognised as study contributing to the QCE. To be awarded this qualification, a student must meet defined standards and conditions set out by the IBO.

Enrolment and result information for the IBD was provided by the IBO.

## Vocational education and training

Vocational education and training (VET) is part of a broader educational network in Australia that includes schools, universities and adult and community education.

Students may access VET through:

- schools offering stand-alone VET qualifications
- TAFE and private VET providers.

## Focus of this data

The enrolment and certification statistics in this summary are about internal students and candidates for the Senior External Examination. Internal students are those who enrol for full-time study in an approved secondary school, where the minimum amount of timetabled school time is 55 hours per semester for each senior Authority or Authority-registered subject studied.

Note: Unless otherwise stated, data included in the following tables includes visa students<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> A visa student is a student who is not a citizen or permanent resident of Australia. Visa students are not regarded as OP-eligible. They may qualify for an equivalent-OP.

# Senior education profiles

In December 2015, the QCAA issued 50019 SEPs (excluding visa students); 25764 of these contained TEs for Year 12 students who were OP-eligible, as well as the Senior Statements included in all SEPs.

SEPs were issued to 971 visa students including 673 TEs for students who were equivalent OP-eligible.

**Table 1: SEPs issued 2011–2015**

	Gender	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Government schools	Male	13742	13922	14282	14354	14905
	Female	14048	14466	14632	14986	14998
	All	27790	28388	28914	29340	29903
Non-Government schools (Catholic)	Male	4787	4837	4920	5280	5382
	Female	4914	5097	5109	5213	5294
	All	9701	9934	10029	10493	10676
Non-Government schools (Other)	Male	4888	4919	4858	5027	5191
	Female	4830	4962	5070	5211	5220
	All	9718	9881	9928	10238	10411
All schools	Male	23417	23678	24060	24661	25478
	Female	23792	24525	24811	25410	25512
	All	47209	48203	48871	50071	50990
OP-eligible (All schools)	Male	11416	11473	11342	11456	11384
	Female	14531	14760	14542	14669	14380
	All	25947	26233	25884	26125	25764
OP-ineligible (All schools)	Male	11448	11634	12193	12763	13569
	Female	8741	9314	9831	10362	10686
	All	20189	20948	22024	23125	24255
Equivalent OP-eligible (Visa students)	Male	449	426	383	315	342
	Female	419	364	345	290	331
	All	868	790	728	605	673
Equivalent OP-ineligible (Visa students)	Male	104	145	142	127	183
	Female	101	87	93	89	115
	All	205	232	235	216	298

# Queensland Certificate of Education

QCEs are issued in December and July of each year. Data in this report includes those students receiving a QCE at the end-of-year certification in December.

**Table 2: QCEs issued, 2011–2015**

Gender	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Male	18779	19595	20586	21906	23190
Female	20803	21803	22658	23786	24012
All	39582	41398	43244	45692	47202

## Senior External Examination

The Senior External Examination is conducted by the QCAA for the purpose of issuing Levels of Achievement to people undertaking the equivalent of Year 12 studies other than by full-time schooling. These include 'mature-age' students and those who are geographically isolated.

Nomination statistics for the Senior External Examination include everyone who nominated to sit for it. Some withdrew before the examination or failed to attend. Some Year 11 and Year 12 students, for good and sufficient reasons, may receive permission to nominate and sit for the Senior External Examination. Such students may be assessed in no more than two subjects externally.

Twenty-one subjects were offered in the 2015 Senior External Examination: English, Russian, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Modern Greek, Spanish, Polish, Ancient History, Modern History, Geography, Legal Studies, Philosophy & Reason, Mathematics A, Mathematics B, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Accounting, Visual Art and Arabic. A total of 653 candidates nominated to sit examinations in 2015, and 590 actually sat. Some students sat more than one examination. Results for 785 Senior External Examinations were certificated.

**Table 3: Senior External Examination nominations and certifications, 2011–2015**

	Gender	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Nominations	Male	389	440	421	311	329
	Female	453	405	396	293	324
	All	842	845	817	604	653
Certificated subjects	Male	443	528	489	367	416
	Female	562	502	484	367	369
	All	1005	1030	973	734	785
Certificates with external results	Male	340	406	365	275	291
	Female	423	366	366	262	299
	All	763	772	731	537	590

# Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement

The QCIA recognises and reports the learning achievements of students whose learning is part of an individualised learning program. To be eligible, students must have impairments or difficulties in learning that are not primarily due to socioeconomic, cultural or linguistic factors.

The certificate is an official record that students have completed at least 12 years of education. It provides students with a summary of their skills and knowledge that they can present to employers and training providers.

In 2015, 744 students from 211 schools received the QCIA.

**Table 4: QCIA issued 2011–2015**

Gender	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Male	362	381	401	444	489
Female	298	218	254	250	255
All	660	599	655	694	744

# International Baccalaureate Diploma

Results for the current year were not available at the time of publishing.

**Table 5: IBDs issued 2011–2015**

Gender	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Male	144	149	131	166	0
Female	177	225	206	218	0
All	321	374	337	384	0

# Vocational education and training

In 2015, 31308 students, from 461 schools, received a VET qualification.

**Table 6: VET Certifications issued 2011–2015**

	Gender	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Certificate I	Male	10243	10663	10792	10606	10132
	Female	8887	9685	9607	9080	7835
	All	19130	20348	20399	19686	17967
Certificate II	Male	8969	9116	9651	8321	9796
	Female	9848	10004	10091	8076	8537
	All	18817	19120	19742	16397	18333
Certificate III	Male	1974	2947	3649	4050	4252
	Female	3300	4324	5228	5864	5513
	All	5274	7271	8877	9914	9765
Certificate IV	Male	225	302	355	417	348
	Female	155	222	278	308	325
	All	380	524	633	725	673
Diploma	Male	15	54	57	143	324
	Female	46	56	87	184	410
	All	61	110	144	327	734
	Female	0	2	2	2	10
	All	0	2	2	2	10

## More information

If you would like more information, please visit the QCAA website [www.qcaa.qld.edu.au](http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au) and search for 'statistics'. Alternatively, phone 3864 0299 or email the Analysis and Reporting Branch at [analysis.reporting@qcaa.qld.edu.au](mailto:analysis.reporting@qcaa.qld.edu.au).