

2018 Data summary

Year 12 enrolment and certification

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 2018. 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 students¹.

¹ 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 2018, the QCAA issued 50614 SEPs (excluding visa students); 24935 of these contained TESs for Year 12 students who were OP-eligible, as well as the Senior Statements included in all SEPs.

SEPs were issued to 1254 visa students including 833 TESs for students who were equivalent OP-eligible.

Table 1: SEPs issued 2014–2018

	Gender	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Government schools	Male	14354	14905	15071	15495	14904
	Female	14986	14998	15216	15600	15527
	All	29340	29903	30287	31095	30431
Non-Government schools (Catholic)	Male	5280	5377	5442	5629	5431
	Female	5213	5286	5383	5577	5454
	All	10493	10663	10825	11206	10885
Non-Government schools (Other)	Male	5027	5196	5186	5495	5180
	Female	5211	5229	5307	5309	5372
	All	10238	10425	10493	10804	10552
All schools	Male	24661	25478	25699	26619	25515
	Female	25410	25513	25906	26486	26353
	All	50071	50991	51605	53105	51868
OP-eligible (All schools)	Male	11456	11386	11229	11607	10851
	Female	14669	14383	14383	14460	14084
	All	26125	25769	25612	26067	24935
OP-ineligible (All schools)	Male	12763	13567	14022	14392	14041
	Female	10362	10684	10993	11470	11638
	All	23125	24251	25015	25862	25679
Equivalent OP-eligible (Visa students)	Male	315	342	277	398	391
	Female	290	332	413	399	442
	All	605	674	690	797	833
Equivalent OP-ineligible (Visa students)	Male	127	183	171	222	232
	Female	89	114	117	157	189
	All	216	297	288	379	421

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, 2014–2018

Gender	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Male	21906	23444	23925	24832	24005
Female	23786	24318	24728	25387	25305
All	45692	47762	48653	50219	49310

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 2018 Senior External Examination: Accounting, Ancient History, Arabic, Biology, Chemistry, Chinese, English, Korean, Legal Studies, Mathematics A, Mathematics B, Modern Greek, Modern History, Philosophy & Reason, Physics, Polish, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese, Visual Art. A total of 702 candidates nominated to sit examinations in 2018, and 646 actually sat. Some students sat more than one examination. Results for 815 Senior External Examinations were certificated.

Table 3: Senior External Examination nominations and certifications, 2014–2018

	Gender	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Nominations	Male	311	329	299	353	326
	Female	293	324	351	360	376
	All	604	653	650	713	702
Certificated subjects	Male	367	416	324	421	383
	Female	367	369	407	403	432
	All	734	785	731	824	815
Certificates with external results	Male	275	291	257	315	295
	Female	262	299	316	327	351
	All	537	590	573	642	646

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 2018, 904 students from 223 schools received the QCIA.

Table 4: QCIA issued 2014–2018

Gender	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Male	444	492	567	650	596
Female	250	256	310	314	308
All	694	748	877	964	904

International Baccalaureate Diploma

In 2018, 622 students undertook study towards an IBD. 549 students achieved the qualification.

Table 5: IBDs issued 2014–2018

Gender	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Male	166	176	163	153	218
Female	218	249	253	255	331
All	384	425	416	408	549

Vocational education and training

In 2018, 32590 students, from 492 schools, received a VET qualification.

Table 6: VET Certifications issued 2014–2018

	Gender	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Certificate I	Male	10606	10150	8939	8568	7518
	Female	9080	7855	6304	6290	5623
	All	19686	18005	15243	14858	13141
Certificate II	Male	8321	9933	10843	11996	12059
	Female	8076	8627	9636	10251	10785
	All	16397	18560	20479	22247	22844
Certificate III	Male	4050	4402	4489	4494	4870
	Female	5864	5756	5670	6039	6186
	All	9914	10158	10159	10533	11056
Certificate IV	Male	417	355	311	260	342
	Female	308	335	296	350	428
	All	725	690	607	610	770
Diploma	Male	143	340	582	789	1013
	Female	184	425	757	893	1104
	All	327	765	1339	1682	2117
Advanced Diploma	Male	0	0	0	1	1
	Female	2	10	11	10	4
	All	2	10	11	11	5

More information

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