

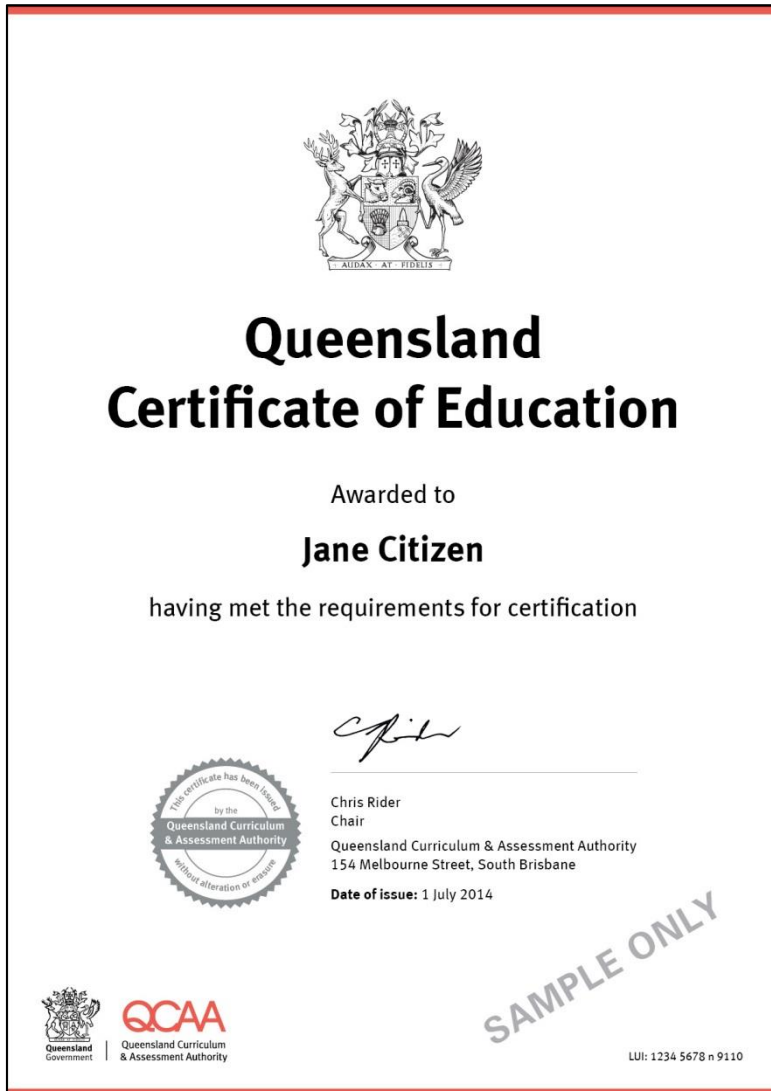


Your QCE

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?
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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
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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.

School subjects

Authority-registered subjects are developed from Subject 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.

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 QCAA 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.

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.

Career exploration

myfuture

www.myfuture.edu.au

The Real Game

www.realgame.esa.edu.au

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

To gain a QCE

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
 - Enrichment
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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
 - Satisfactory participation in the on-the-job component of school-based apprenticeship (50 days in a calendar year)
 - A total of 8 credits can come from other courses of study
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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 English assessed by Senior External Examination
 - Sound Achievement in the QCAA short course in literacy
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Literacy requirement (continued)

- Completion of Certificate I in Core Skills for Employment and Training - Communication (39282QLD), Certificate II in Core Skills for Employment and Training - Communication (39283QLD) or Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways (FSK20113)
 - Pass in literacy course recognised the QCAA
 - C or above in the QCS Test
 - 4 or above for an International Baccalaureate (IB) examination in Language A English Language and Literature (SL or HL) or Language A English Literature (SL or HL)
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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 Achievement in Maths A or Maths B assessed by a Senior External Examination
 - Sound in the QCAA short course in numeracy
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Numeracy requirement (continued)

- Completion of the Certificate I in Core Skills for Employment and Training — Numeracy (39288QLD), Certificate II in Core Skills for Employment and Training — Numeracy (39289QLD), or Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways (FSK20113)
 - Pass in a QCAA-recognised numeracy course
 - C or above in the QCS Test
 - 4 or above for an International Baccalaureate (IB) examination in Mathematics (SL or HL) or Mathematics Studies (SL)
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Tracking your progress

Track your progress towards a QCE in your learning account on the Student Connect website.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Student Connect website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Site map', 'Contact us', 'Help', and a search box. The main header features the Queensland Government logo and the QCAA (Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority) logo. Below this is a large banner with the text 'STUDENT CONNECT' and a navigation menu with options: 'My learning account', 'Years 11 and 12', 'Further education and training', 'Jobs and careers', and 'Deadly pathways'. The main content area includes a 'WELCOME TO STUDENT CONNECT' message, a 'LEARNING ACCOUNT LOGIN' section with fields for 'LUt:' and 'Password', and a 'QCE PLANNER' section with a link to 'Use as a guest'. A 'LATEST NEWS' section features a news item titled 'Introducing the QCAA' with the QCAA logo and text explaining that the QCAA has replaced the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA). At the bottom, there is a footer with copyright information and a list of page numbers (1-7) and a home icon.

www.studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au

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.
 - If you leave school earlier or do not achieve a QCE by the end of Year 12, you can keep working towards it for seven years after you have (or would have) completed Year 12.
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Find out more

Student Connect

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Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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Talk to your teachers/career guidance officer at your school
