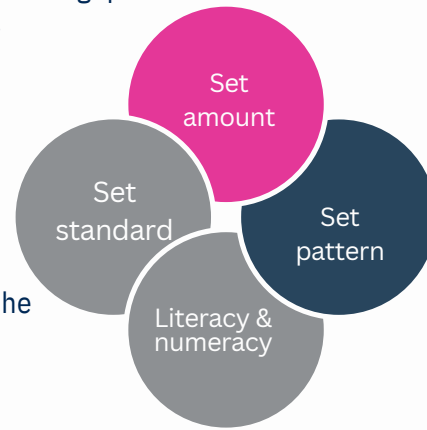


About the QCE

The Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) is Queensland's senior secondary schooling qualification. It is internationally recognised and provides evidence of senior schooling achievements.

The flexibility of the QCE means that students can choose from a wide range of learning options to suit their interests and career goals. Most students will plan their QCE pathway in Year 10 when choosing senior courses of study. Their school will help them develop their individual plan and a QCAA learning account will be opened. To receive a QCE, students must achieve the set amount of learning, at the set standard, in a set pattern, while meeting literacy and numeracy requirements. The QCE is issued to eligible students when they meet all the requirements, either at the completion of Year 12, or after they have left school.



QCE requirements

As well as meeting the below requirements, students must have an open learning account before starting the QCE and accrue a minimum of one credit from a Core course of study while enrolled at a Queensland school.

Set amount

20 credits from contributing courses of study, including:

- QCAA-developed subjects or
- vocational education and training (VET) qualifications
- non-Queensland studies
- recognised studies.

Set pattern

12 credits from completed Core courses of study and 8 credits from any combination of:

- Core
- Preparatory (maximum 4)
- Complementary (maximum 8).

Set standard

Satisfactory completion, grade of C or better, competency or qualification completion, pass or equivalent.

Literacy & numeracy

Students must meet literacy and numeracy requirements through one of the available learning options.

More information

For more information about the QCE requirements, see the following factsheets, which are available on the QCAA website at www.qcaa.qld.edu.au:

- QCE credit and duplication of learning
- QCE credit: completed Core requirement
- QCE literacy and numeracy requirement.



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Learning Pathways and QCE contributions

Set pattern To meet the set pattern requirement for a QCE, at least 12 credits must be accrued from completed Core courses of study. The remaining 8 credits may accrue from a combination of Core, Preparatory or Complementary courses of study.

Core: At least 12 credits must come from completed Core courses of study.

| COURSE | SET STANDARD | QCE CREDITS PER COURSE |
|---|---|------------------------|
| General or Applied Subjects | At least a C Level of Achievement | up to 4 |
| VET Certificate II qualifications | Certificate awarded | up to 4 |
| VET Certificate III and IV qualifications (includes traineeships) | Certificate awarded | up to 8 |
| School-based apprenticeships | Certificate III competencies demonstrated On-the-job component completed | up to 8 |

Preparatory: A maximum of 4 credits can come from Preparatory courses of study.

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| VET Certificate I qualifications | Certificate awarded | up to 3 |
| QCAA Short Course in Literacy | Maximum of 2 qualifications can count | up to 1 |
| QCAA Short Course in Numeracy | | |

Complementary: A maximum of 8 credits can come from Complementary courses of study.

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| Diploma qualifications | up to 8 |
| University subjects | up to 4 |

Literacy & numeracy To meet the literacy and numeracy requirement for the QCE, a student must achieve the set standard in one of the literacy learning options and one of the numeracy learning options:

Literacy

At least a C Level of Achievement in one semester of either:

- English
- Literature
- Essential English

At least a C Level of Achievement in the QCAA Short Course in Literacy

At least a C Level of Achievement in a Senior External Examination in a QCAA English subject

Numeracy

At least a C Level of Achievement in one semester of either:

- General Mathematics
- Mathematical Methods
- Specialist Mathematics
- Essential Mathematics

At least a C Level of Achievement in the QCAA Short Course in Numeracy



At least a C Level of Achievement in a Senior External Examination in a QCAA Mathematics subject

Please complete the following

1. Identify Pathway ATAR Pathway Future Skills Pathway QCIA Pathway

Personal Pathway Preferences

Please note: subject prerequisites must be met

| | EMPLOYMENT Future Skills Pathway: Applied & VET Subjects | TERTIARY STUDY ATAR Pathway: General Subjects |
|------------|---|---|
| YR 11 & 12 | Aquatic Practices Business Studies Essential English Essential Maths Fashion Information & Communication Music in Practice Social & Community Studies Sport & Recreation Visual Arts in Practice | Cert III Allied Health Cert II Furniture Making Cert II Engineering Pathways Cert II Hospitality Cert III Childcare Cert III IT Cert III Fitness |
| | Ancient History Biology Business Chemistry Dance Drama Design Digital Solutions Economics Engineering English Film, TV & New Media Geography Health Japanese Legal Studies | Literature Marine Science General Maths Math Methods Specialist Maths Modern History Music Music Extension (yr 12 only) Physical Education Physics Psychology Spanish Visual Arts |
| | School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship TAFE Offerings |  |
| | University of the Sunshine Coast Guaranteed Entry: |  |
| | Upon successful completion of- UniSC Tertiary Preparation Program (TPP); two Headstart Programs; or UniSC Early Offer Guarantee Program. | |