

QCE credit and duplication of learning

QCE requirements for Year 12 students from 2020

The Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) is Queensland's internationally recognised senior secondary schooling qualification.

To be issued a QCE, students need to accrue the set amount of learning, at the set standard, in a set pattern, while meeting literacy and numeracy requirements. These requirements are aimed at ensuring students complete their senior schooling with the knowledge and skills they need for success in life beyond school. The QCE is issued to eligible students when they meet all requirements, usually at the end of Year 12.

The QCE demonstrates to employers, tertiary institutions and the wider community that school leavers have met the set standard by completing a learning program with sufficient breadth and depth. To support this, the QCAA ensures that students accrue credit to a QCE for new learning only.

Vocational education and training (VET) provides valid and important pathway options for many students. Students may enrol in any Applied subject and/or VET qualification. Students will not accrue credit where duplication of learning is identified.

This factsheet outlines how QCE credit will accrue in:

- Applied subjects and VET Certificate II qualifications
- VET qualifications in
 - any training package
 - the same training package
- Diploma and Advanced Diploma qualifications.

VET and QCE credit

The QCAA recognises completion and partial completion of courses of study and assigns QCE credit appropriate to the amount of learning students have completed. All completed qualifications and Applied subjects are recorded on the statement of results.

Applied subjects and VET qualifications

Applied subjects and Certificate II level VET qualifications that have similar subject matter and learning goals (as determined by the QCAA) are considered duplication of learning as outlined in the following table.

Applied subjects and VET qualifications with duplication of learning and QCE credit

Learning area	2019 Applied subject	VET qualification	Max. QCE credit
English	Essential English	Not applicable	4
Health and Physical Education	Early Childhood Studies	Not applicable	4
	Sport and Recreation	SIS20115 Certificate II in Sport and Recreation	4
Humanities and Social Sciences	Business Studies	BSB20115 Certificate II in Business	4
	Religion & Ethics	Not applicable	4
	Social and Community Studies	Not applicable	4
	Tourism	SIT20116 Certificate II in Tourism	4
Science	Agricultural Practices	AHC20116 Certificate II in Agriculture <i>or</i> AHC21216 Certificate II in Rural Operations	4
	Aquatic Practices	Not applicable	4
	Science in Practice	Not applicable	4
Technologies	Building and Construction Skills	CPC202011 Certificate II in Construction Pathways	4
	Engineering Skills	MEM20413 Certificate II in Engineering Pathways	4
	Fashion	MST20616 Certificate II in Applied Fashion Design and Technology	4
	Furnishing Skills	MSM20516 Certificate II in Furniture Making Pathways	4
	Hospitality Practices	SIT20316 Certificate II in Hospitality	4
	Industrial Graphics Skills	Not applicable	4
	Industrial Technology Skills	MSM20216 Certificate II in Manufacturing Technology	4
	Information and Communication Technology	ICT20115 Certificate II in Information, Digital Media and Technology	4
The Arts	Arts in Practice	Not applicable	4
	Dance in Practice	CUA20113 Certificate II in Dance	4
	Drama in Practice	Not applicable	4
	Media Arts in Practice	Not applicable	4
	Music in Practice	CUA20615 Certificate II in Music Industry	4
	Visual Arts in Practice	CUA20715 Certificate II in Visual Arts	4
Mathematics	Essential Mathematics	Not applicable	4

Relevant Applied subjects and related qualifications are identified on the QCAA website and apply to students at the time of enrolment in a course. This information is updated annually. Further information is available in the *QCE and QCIA Policy and Procedures handbook*.

VET qualifications

To ensure the requirements for the amount and breadth of learning for a QCE are met, limitations are placed on the amount of QCE credit that can contribute to the QCE for some VET qualifications.

Credit for the QCE is accrued when a student completes new learning. When students complete multiple VET qualifications, an RTO may transfer credit from completed units of competencies from one qualification toward completion of another qualification. New learning in VET is identified as units of competency that are recorded as competent, rather than credit transfer. Credit transfer relates to learning in VET qualifications, which is different from credit contributing to a QCE.

QCE credit and qualifications from the same VET training package

When a student completes or partially completes multiple qualifications from within the same VET training package (e.g. Certificate II in Business and Certificate III in Business), the highest level qualification in the Core category of learning will contribute credit to a QCE. A student who completes only a Certificate I from a training package accrues credit in the Preparatory category of learning. A student who completes a Diploma or Advanced Diploma accrues credit in the Complementary category of learning.

To ensure the breadth of learning, a maximum of eight credits from the same training package can contribute to a QCE.

All completed qualifications are recorded on the statement of results.

Qualifications from the same training package — category of learning and QCE credit

Certificate I	Certificate II	Certificate III or Certificate IV	Category of learning	Maximum QCE credit
✓			Preparatory	2–3
	✓		Core	4
	✓	✓	Core	5-8 (from Certificate III)
✓	✓		Core	4 (from Certificate II)
✓	✓	✓	Core	5-8 (from Certificate III)
	✓	partially completed	Core	4 from Certificate II (0–4 additional credit from partial completion of the Certificate III accrues for new learning)

VET Credit transfer and QCE credit

Credit accrues to the QCE when a student completes new learning.

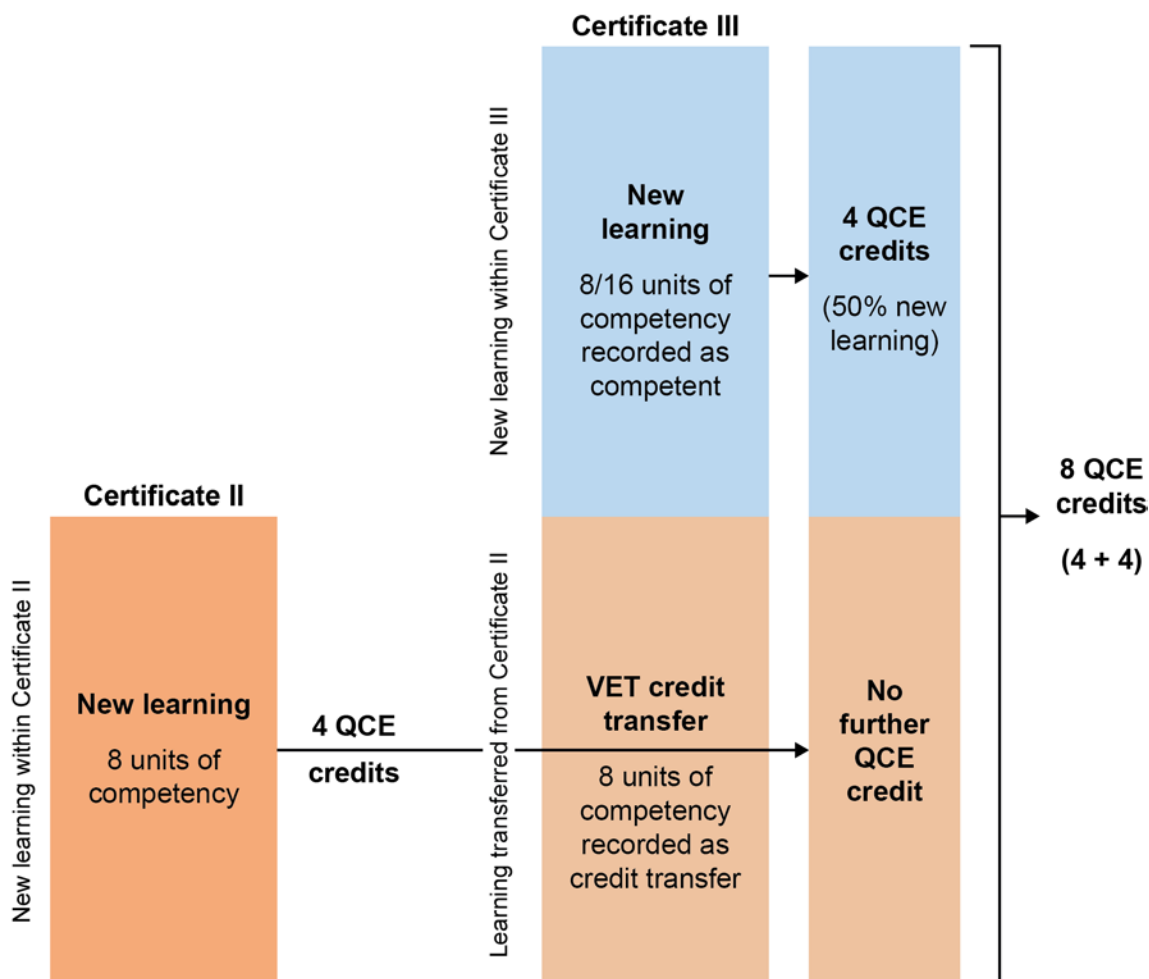
For certification, when competencies within a qualification are reported as credit transfer, this is not considered to be new learning. All completed VET qualifications are recorded on the statement of results.

The following table outlines the credit that contributes to a QCE when a VET qualification is completed or partially completed and units of competency are recorded as VET credit transfer.

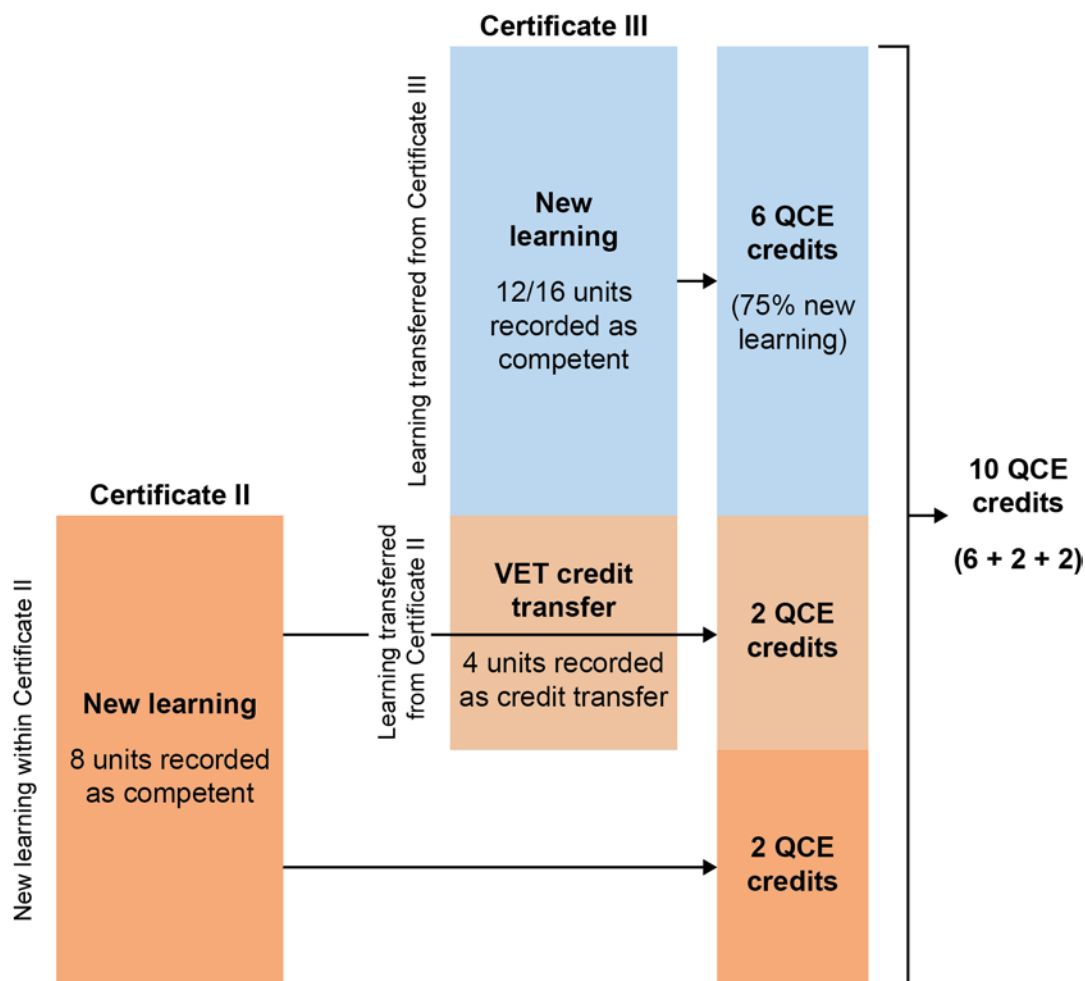
QCE credit contribution with VET qualifications completed with a combination of new learning and VET credit transfer

QCE credit	Amount of new learning completed
Full QCE credit	≥90%
75%	≥75%
50%	≥50%
25%	≥25%
0%	<25%

Example of QCE credit for Certificates II and III with VET credit transfer from any training packages



Example of QCE credit for Certificates II and III with VET credit transfer from different training packages



Diploma and Advanced Diploma qualifications and QCE credit

Diploma and Advanced Diploma qualifications represent learning that complements core learning undertaken during senior secondary schooling and may provide valuable pathway options for many students. Credit to the QCE for a Diploma or Advanced Diploma may be accrued in the Complementary category of learning.

Where a student is eligible, they accrue credit for Diploma and Advanced Diploma qualifications. Some examples are provided below. Refer to the *QCE and QCIA policy and procedures handbook* for more information.

Examples of QCE credit contribution in the Complementary category of learning

Example student	Training package	Qualification enrolled	Competencies completed	Category of learning	QCE credit
Student 1	One qualification from training package	Diploma of Business	100%	Complementary	8
Student 2	Two qualifications from the same training package	Certificate II in Business	100%	Core (completed Core)	4
		Diploma of Business	100%	Complementary	4
Student 3	Two qualifications from the same training package	Certificate III in Business	100%	Core (completed Core)	8
		Diploma of Business	100%	Complementary	0
Student 4	Two qualifications from the same training package	Certificate III in Business	75%	Core	6
		Diploma of Business	100%	Complementary	2
Student 5	Two qualifications from different training packages	Certificate III in Fitness	100%	Core (completed Core)	8
		Diploma of Business	100%	Complementary	8