

Queensland Certificate of Education?



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WHAT IS A QCE?

The Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) is Queensland's senior school qualification. It is awarded to eligible students at the end of Year 12 by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA).

The QCE offers flexibility in what is learnt, as well as where and when learning occurs. A QCE can help graduates improve their job prospects.

The requirements for a QCE are different to those for tertiary entrance. A QCE does not give you an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), a national rank that is used for tertiary entrance only.

To be eligible for a QCE, students must:

- have an open learning account
- not have been previously issued with a QCE or equivalent
- accrue at least one credit from the Core category of learning while enrolled at a Queensland school.

To receive a QCE, students must achieve the set amount of learning, in the set standard, in a set pattern, while meeting literacy and numeracy requirements.

- **Set amount**
 - 20 credits from learning options, including:
 - QCAA subjects or courses
 - vocational education and training qualifications
 - non-Queensland studies
 - recognised studies.
- **Set standard**
 - Satisfactory completion, grade of C or better, competency or qualification completion, pass or equivalent.
- **Set pattern**
 - 12 credits from completed Core courses of study and
 - 8 credits from any combination of:
 - Core courses of study
 - Preparatory courses of study (maximum 4)
 - Complementary courses of study (maximum 8).
- **Literacy and numeracy requirements**
 - Students must meet literacy and numeracy requirements through one of the available learning options.

USEFUL LINKS

School Website	https://thegapshs.eq.edu.au/
QCAA	https://myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au/guide-to-planning-qce-pathway.html https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/news-data/reports-papers/qcaa/developing-new-qce-system/faqs https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/certificates-and-qualifications/qce
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How do I accrue QCE credit points?

QCE attainment occurs typically through passing units of work in school subjects. If a student is deemed satisfactory in Unit 1, they will receive one QCE credit point – likewise for Unit 2. It is a little different for Unit 3 and 4, these units are combined and students must exit Unit 3 and 4 with a C standard or greater. Please note that all General subjects have an external exam. For Mathematics and Science subjects there is a 50% weighting towards Unit 3 & 4 exits. Success in Unit 3 & 4 will see students awarded with 2 QCE Credits. If a student passes all units in a particular subject they will receive 4 QCE credits.

QCE credits are 'banked' and cannot be lost once obtained.

Vocational Education qualifications accrue points a little differently. Through completion of certificate and diploma courses, students are awarded QCE credit points. Typically a Certificate II qualification will net 4 QCE credits, whilst a Certificate III is awarded 8 QCE credits. The QCAA has extra information concerning areas such as partial completion and duplication of learning.

How do I know how I am tracking towards QCE attainment?

Students will be able to access their learning account with the QCAA – My QCE. This account opens for students in Year 10 and they are able to start 'banking' credits. The Gap State High School also tracks QCE attainment throughout Year 11 and 12. Students who are identified at risk will be offered support to assist with QCE completion.

What occurs if I change subjects?

Subject changing can be problematic when considering QCE attainment. Students are required to obtain 12 QCE credits from a core course of study. In essence, students should have three subjects that remain unchanged through the course of Year 11 & 12. It is vital that students choose their pathway, and subjects, wisely.

What other support does the school offer to QCE attainment?

Students start their QCE journey in Year 10. Through the successful completion of a Certificate II Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways (FSK20119) and a Certificate I in Information and Communication Technology (ICT10115) they will be awarded 6 QCE credit points. They must also obtain the literacy and numeracy component of the QCE. This course is completed through our Careers Education and SET Planning Course in Applied Positive Psychology classes. These points will assist ALL students in QCE attainment, especially considering there is an external exam that contributes 50% towards Unit 3 & 4 results for all Mathematics and Science subjects.