

Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) — a new senior school qualification

To be eligible for the QCE, students must complete 20 credits ...

| The required amount of learning | | | | | | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students must attain between 12 and 20 credits from completed core courses of study Students may also include up to 8 credits from a combination of core, preparatory, enrichment or advanced courses | | | | | | | |
| Core | credit | Preparatory | credit | Enrichment | credit | Advanced | credit |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authority or Authority-registered subject a Senior External Examination VET Certificate II VET Certificate III–IV* School-based apprenticeships and traineeships tailored training program international learning program | 4 4 4 8 4 4 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate I vocational qualification – a maximum of 2 can count an employment skills development program – only 1 can count a re-engagement program – only 1 can count | 2 2 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a level of a recognised certificate or award in areas such as music, dance, drama, sport and community development a negotiated community or self-directed project 160 hours (20 days) of structured workplace learning that an employer endorses | 1 1 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a one-semester university subject undertaken while at school a two-semester university subject undertaken while at school competencies in a diploma or advanced diploma over at least a semester (or its equivalent) | 2 4 2 |

... achieve the required standard ...

| Course of study | Set standard |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authority subjects and Authority-registered subjects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least a Sound Level of Achievement[†] |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vocational education and training | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> competence |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> university courses/subjects/units undertaken while still at school | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least a pass as defined by the course |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> international learning course of study | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least a pass as defined by the course |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> recognised awards and certificates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> awarded |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> workplace, community and self-directed projects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least a pass as defined by the project |

... and include literacy and numeracy.

| Literacy | Numeracy |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least a Sound Level of Achievement in a semester of an Authority or Authority-registered English subject; or | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least a Sound Level of Achievement in a semester of an Authority or Authority-registered mathematics subject; or |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> competence in VET modules LIT 204 or LIT 205; or | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> competence in VET modules NUM 204 or NUM 205; or |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a pass in a literacy course recognised by the QSA (NRS Level 3 or above); or | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a pass in a numeracy course recognised by the QSA (NRS Level 3 or above); or |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least a Sound Level of Achievement in the Literacy strand of Authority-registered Literacy and Numeracy; or | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least a Sound Level of Achievement in the Numeracy strand of Authority-registered Literacy and Numeracy; or |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least a C on the Queensland Core Skills Test | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least a C on the Queensland Core Skills Test |

* Some Certificates III and IV are exempted and will attract less than 8 credits.

[†] Students studying a program consisting of only Authority and/or Authority-registered subjects must achieve at least a Sound in 16 of the required 20 credits. Up to 4 credits from part-complete subjects may be at Limited Achievement.