

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

... achieve the required standard ...

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

... and include literacy and numeracy.

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

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

<sup>†</sup> 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.