NCAA®

GUIDE TO INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY

2024-25

What is the NCAA?

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) is an organization dedicated to providing a pathway to opportunity for college athletes. Over 1,000 colleges and universities are members of the NCAA. These schools work together with the NCAA national office and athletics conferences across the country to support more than 500,000 college athletes who make up over 20,000 teams competing in NCAA sports.

The NCAA's diverse members include schools ranging in size from hundreds of students to tens of thousands. The NCAA's current three-division structure was adopted in 1973 to create a fair playing field for teams from similar schools and provide college athletes more opportunities to participate in national championships.

Among the three NCAA divisions, Division I schools generally have the biggest student bodies, manage the largest athletics budgets and offer the highest number of athletics scholarships. The Division II approach provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, learning in high-level athletics competition and a focus on service to the community. The Division III experience offers participation in a competitive athletics environment that pushes college athletes to excel on the field and build upon their potential by tackling new challenges across campus.

To learn more about the pathway that's right for you, visit on.ncaa.com/3divisions.

The NCAA membership and national office work together to help the more than 500,000 studentathletes develop leadership, confidence, discipline and teamwork through college sports.

NCAA Sports

The NCAA conducts 90 national championships in 24 sports across Divisions I, II and III, with 45 championships for women, 42 for men and three coed national championships. Nearly 54,000 student-athletes participate in NCAA championships each year.

From signature events like the NCAA March Madness® basketball tournaments to rowing, rifle and skiing, the NCAA administers championships to ensure student-athletes have a first-class experience. But the NCAA is also committed to quality events for everyone involved, from the coaches to the fans and broadcast audiences.

It is important to the NCAA that our championships have a positive impact on the communities that host them. The NCAA hosts youth clinics and various fan events to complement the competition – creating a championship experience for everyone involved.

FALL SPORTS

MEN:	WOMEN:
Cross Country	Cross Country
Football	Field Hockey
Soccer	Soccer
Water Polo	Volleyball

WINTER SPORTS

MEN:	WOMEN:
Basketball	Basketball
Fencing	Bowling
Gymnastics	Fencing
Ice Hockey	Gymnastics
Indoor Track and Field	Ice Hockey
Rifle	Indoor Track and Field
Skiing	Rifle
Swimming and Diving	Skiing
Wrestling	Swimming and Diving

SPRING SPORTS

MEN:	WOMEN:
Baseball	Beach Volleyball
Golf	Golf
Lacrosse	Lacrosse
Outdoor Track and Field	Outdoor Track and Field
Tennis	Rowing
Volleyball	Softball
	Tennis
	Water Polo

EMERGING SPORTS

WOMEN:
Acrobatics and Tumbling
Equestrian (Divisions I and II only)
Rugby
Stunt
Triathlon
Wrestling

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DOCUMENT SUBMISSION

Email **ec-processing@ncaa.org**
Include your NCAA ID in the subject line

RESOURCES

Course Title Usage Guide.
Determination of Credit.

OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

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Certification Processing
1802 Alonzo Watford Sr. Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46202

HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT NCAA ELIGIBILITY?

- Read this guide.
- Watch the **NCAA International Initial-Eligibility Webinar**.
- Search frequently asked questions at **ncaa.org/studentfaq**.
- Check the Help section of **eligibilitycenter.org**.
- Visit **ncaa.org/playcollegesports**.
- Contact the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Scan the QR code to download the initial-eligibility flyer!

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Introduction

AUTHORITY

As set forth in the NCAA Division I and II Bylaws, the NCAA Eligibility Center is responsible for certifying the academic and amateurism initial-eligibility of all incoming prospective student-athletes. Specifically, Division I Bylaws 14.1.2.5 and 14.3.5.4 and Division II Bylaws 14.1.2.4 and 14.3.2.4 establish the authority for the Eligibility Center to administer the academic requirements for prospective student-athletes who have an international education component in their academic certification.

In addition, Division I Bylaw 21.6.3.1 empowers the International Student Records Committee (ISRC) to assist in reviewing initial-eligibility standards for international students. The committee is comprised of international academic experts from NCAA membership representing both Division I and II schools. The current NCAA ISRC members are as follows:

- Drew Sanchez, High Point University, Big South Conference.
- Dr. Scott Glenn, Goldey-Beacom College, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.
- Heidi Leonard, King University.
- Hanna Lantz, Texas A&M University, Kingsville, New Chair of Committee.
- Lisa Swope, Saint Francis University, Northeast Conference.
- Santiago Pinzon, Troy University, Sun Belt Conference.

The ISRC provides knowledge and expertise regarding international educational systems to establish supplemental initial-eligibility policies and procedures, as stated in this **Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility**, which complement the NCAA Division I and II bylaws. Only the Eligibility Center international academic certification staff has authority to determine crediting and academic timelines. As part of this process, staff may review professional resources (e.g., ENIC), published information from the appropriate issuing body or government (e.g., ministry of education), and/or other information on a case-by-case basis. If information is deemed to be inconclusive or unavailable, staff will not make a determination.

RECONSIDERATION

An NCAA member school may request reconsideration of a previous decision (staff or committee) based on new and relevant information. The staff has discretion to determine whether the member school's submission meets the threshold. If so, staff will reopen the review and render a reconsideration decision; however, if not, staff will deny the reconsideration request.

If you are interested in NCAA Division III, please visit **NCAA.org/d3** or contact the athletics office at a Division III campus for its initial-eligibility standards.

Academic Certification Process

REGISTRATION

College-bound student-athletes preparing to enroll in a Division I or II school must **register with the Eligibility Center** to ensure they have met amateurism standards and are academically prepared for college coursework. Please direct all interested prospective student-athletes (PSAs) to **eligibilitycenter.org** for registration.

OFFICIAL DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS

Academic documents are required to assess the NCAA initial eligibility of a prospective student-athlete. If a prospective student-athlete is attending school in a country where English is not considered a native language, all official documents must be submitted in the native language. A certified line-by-line English translation of all official documents will also be required to accompany all native language documents requested.

The following documents are required to assess the NCAA initial eligibility of each prospective student-athlete:

- Transcripts for the ninth year of schooling and up.
- Acceptable proof of graduation, as defined in the country-specific entries of this resource.

The following documents may be requested to assess the NCAA initial eligibility of each prospective student-athlete:

- Transcript for year eight.
- Graduation certificate/diploma.
- Grading scale(s) with minimum passing grade from each school attended for the ninth year of schooling and up.
- Course completion dates on any documents requested.

For a list of country-specific documents that may be requested in addition to those indicated above, please see the **country-specific entry** in this document.

ENGLISH TRANSLATION REQUIREMENTS

Complete, literal word-for-word, line-by-line certified English translations for all documents in the same format as the original documents are required. The information below further explains these requirements:

- We recommend English translations be performed by a college or university instructor of the language or a professionally certified English translator.
- English translations must be provided by a person not related to or associated with the student or the athletics department at the NCAA member school the college-bound student-athlete plans to attend.
- The English translator must provide a letter, including any appropriate stamps or seals, explaining their qualifications as a translator.
- The English translator must provide full name, mailing address, telephone number, email address or any other means by which the authenticity of the translation can be verified.
- English translations must accompany the original documents written in the native language.
- English translations not in accordance with these specifications will not be accepted.

WHERE TO SEND STUDENT RECORDS

The following options are available for submitting academic records for international students. Before submitting any documents/transcripts, please ensure the student's name and NCAA ID are indicated clearly on each submitted item.

Note: *The NCAA cannot return submitted documents.*

Direct upload to the student's NCAA Eligibility Center account (available only to NCAA member schools).

- Best practice; information is immediately attached to student's account upon upload.

Email **ec-processing@ncaa.org**. Available only to international high schools, ministry offices, issuing bodies and translation services (for translations only). Please ensure the student's name and NCAA ID are included in the email's subject line.

Note: Certified documents must be emailed from a school or official email address. Emails submitted from general email providers, such as Gmail, Yahoo, Hotmail, etc., cannot be accepted.

- Any emailed documents must be submitted aslpdf attachments (not password protected) to avoid processing delays or unaccepted documents.
- Please allow two days for processing from date of email receipt.

Mail: Please allow up to five days for processing from date of mail receipt.

NCAA Eligibility Center
P.O. Box 7110
Indianapolis, IN 46207-7110

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

Not Required for NCAA Initial Eligibility

In January 2023, NCAA **Divisions I** and **II** adopted legislation to remove standardized test scores from initial-eligibility requirements. Check with the NCAA school you plan to attend regarding whether standardized test scores are necessary for admission or scholarship requirements.

Helpful Information

The country entries found in this resource are intended to provide country-specific information only. Each entry includes the information typical for that country; however, all educational paths can differ within each country and are subject to change. The information below should be considered supplemental to the policies and procedures used to complete an academic certification.

Please **contact the NCAA Eligibility Center** with any questions regarding a specific prospective student-athletes and their individual educational paths.

- For all rules pertaining to NCAA Division I and II academic initial-eligibility requirements (including, but not limited to, time limitations for core-course completion; what type of courses are eligible for use in an academic certification; and the overall academic requirements for both Divisions I and II), please see NCAA Division I and II manuals (Bylaw 14.3.).
- Effective April 2016, all students (including international students) are eligible for the Early Academic Qualifier Exception (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1.2).
- Due to the nature of education systems around the world, it is possible for a PSA to study in an educational system that is not reflected in the country entry in this guide.
    - For example, a school in Venezuela may be a French school offering a French Diploma. The country entry of France should be referenced when reviewing documents from this school, rather than the country entry for Venezuela. The most common occurrence of this would be earning a General Certificate of Education (GCE), General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) or International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) in almost any country. Generally, the information in the United Kingdom (England and Wales) country entry would apply to these documents.
- For students who initially enroll in year/grade nine on one academic calendar and move to a school on a different academic calendar, the student's core-curriculum time limitation will remain on the academic calendar the student began year nine. For example, a student begins year nine in Australia (which runs on a February-December academic calendar) but completes schooling in the U.S. (which is on a September-June academic calendar). The students' core-curriculum time limitation would remain on the Australian academic calendar.
- Eighth grade coursework completed in a 10-year or 11-year educational system can be used for initial-eligibility certification if the coursework meets the NCAA definition of a **core course**. This course information must be submitted to the Eligibility Center for review to determine if the course meets the definition of an NCAA core course. Eighth-grade coursework taken in a system that is 12 years or greater will not be considered in an academic certification.
- Students who have attended school in the following United States territories will be treated as domestic students for NCAA initial-eligibility purposes: American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- Students enrolled in schools abroad that are under U.S. sponsorship and offer the standard U.S. curriculum, including those that serve both U.S. and non-U.S. citizens, will be certified as domestic students (e.g., American schools overseas, Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DODDS)) for NCAA academic initial-eligibility purposes.
- Unpublicized changes in state or national grading scales may occur after publication of the most recent edition of the NCAA's Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility. In addition, you may receive academic credentials not included in this International Guide. Member schools are advised to send any differing academic credentials or grading scales to the Eligibility Center.
- When a particular document or grading scale is no longer in use by an international educational system, the document or grading scale will be removed from the Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility five years after the discontinuation of the document or grading scale.
- When specific core-course credits are not indicated on a transcript, the Eligibility Center will credit based on the Carnegie unit system (weeks of attendance multiplied by hours of study per week) and provide one (1.0) credit per year in each of the following courses: English, native language and mathematics; with a half-credit per year in the following courses: science, social science and additional core courses.

EDUCATIONAL TRACKS

Students who select or are enrolled in a professional/technical/vocational track of studies may not be required (per the requirements of the selected track) to study specific subject(s) such as social studies, sciences or mathematics. They also may have a limited number of courses that meet the NCAA's definition of four-year college preparatory courses. This fact does not excuse the student-athlete from meeting NCAA initial-eligibility requirements. International GEDs (or the International Equivalent to a U.S. GED)

GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA

Per NCAA Division I Bylaw 14.3.5.2.1 (Equivalency Test/Diploma) and NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.2.8.3.1 (Equivalency Test/Diploma), a general education diploma (or an international equivalent) may satisfy proof of graduation requirements if earned on or after the expected date of high school graduation (as determined by the student's initial start of year nine (or the international equivalent)).

What qualifies as a GED?

» The credential is specifically noted as a GED in the current version of the **NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility**.

» Additional common parameters that may indicate an international credential is equivalent to a GED includes:

- If an international source (ministry of education, exam board, etc.) self-identifies the credential as equivalent to a U.S.-style GED.
- If there is truly no expected timeline for completion and the student may test to earn the credential at any point in time earlier than the standard graduation timeline(s) within the home system.
- When determining the "on or after" expected date of graduation for a GED (or the international equivalent):
- First determine the student's initial enrollment in year nine (based on the available educational timeline) associated with the country/educational system for which the GED was earned.

Example: Student enrolls in year nine (year 3) in South Korea in March 2022, then earns a GED equivalent from South Korea (as listed as a GED equivalent in the "Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation" section in the **International Guide** or **country-specific webpage**).

As South Korea's educational timeline is 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial enrollment in year nine), this GED is ***only*** acceptable for proof of graduation if earned on or after March 1, 2026.

> Year 9 = 2022-2023.

> Year 10 = 2023-2024.

> Year 11 = 2024-2025.

> Year 12 = 2025-2026.

How is a GED is used towards a student's NCAA initial eligibility?

A GED (or an international equivalent, as defined above) will only satisfy proof of graduation requirements. Any accompanying exams, transcripts, testing documents, etc., cannot be used in the initial-eligibility academic certification to satisfy academic requirements of NCAA Division I Bylaw 14.3.5.2.1 and NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.2.8.3.1.

Please note: GEDs (or an international equivalent) can only serve as proof of high school graduation and, therefore, cannot be assessed in the previous category system as published in the **2015-2016 NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility**.

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Alphabetical Listing of Countries

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Algeria

Andorra

Angola

Anguilla

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Argentina

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Aruba

Australia

» Australian Capital Territory

» New South Wales

» Northern Territory

» Queensland

» South Australia

» Tasmania

» Victoria

» Western Australia

Austria

Azerbaijan

Bahamas

Bahrain

Bangladesh

Barbados

Belarus

Belgium

Belize

Benin

Bermuda

Bhutan

Bolivia

Bonair

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Botswana

Brazil

British Virgin Islands

Bulgaria

Burkina Faso

Burundi

Cameroon

Canada

» Alberta

» British Columbia

» Manitoba

» New Brunswick

» Newfoundland and Labrador

» Northwest Territories

» Nova Scotia

» Nunavut

» Ontario

» Prince Edward Island

» Quebec

» Saskatchewan

» Yukon Territory

Cape Verde (Cabo Verde)

Cayman Islands

Central African Republic

Chad

Chile

China, People's Republic of

Colombia

Congo, Democratic Republic of the

Congo, Republic of the

Costa Rica

Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)

Croatia

Cuba

Curaçao

Cyprus

Czech Republic

Denmark

Djibouti

Dominica

Dominican Republic

Ecuador

Egypt

El Salvador

England
(see United Kingdom)

Eritrea

Estonia

Ethiopia

European Baccalaureate

Faroe Islands

Fiji

Finland

France

Gabon

Gambia

Georgia

Germany

Ghana

Greece

Grenada

Guatemala

Guinea (Guinea-Conakry)

Guyana

Haiti

Honduras

Hong Kong

Hungary

Iceland

India

Indonesia

International Baccalaureate

Iran

Iraq

Ireland

Israel

Italy

Jamaica

Japan

Jordan

Kazakhstan

Kenya

Korea, Republic of (South Korea)

Kosovo

Kuwait

Kyrgyzstan

Latvia

Lebanon

Lesotho

Liberia

Liechtenstein

Lithuania

Luxembourg

Macau

Macedonia

Madagascar

Malawi

Malaysia

Mali

Malta

Mauritania

Mexico

Moldova, Republic of

Monaco

Mongolia

Montenegro

Montserrat

Morocco

Mozambique

Myanmar

Namibia

Nepal

Netherlands

New Caledonia

New Zealand

Nicaragua

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Nigeria

Northern Ireland

Norway

Pakistan

Palestine

Panama

Papua New Guinea

Paraguay

Peru

Philippines

Poland

Portugal

Qatar

Romania

Russian Federation

Rwanda

Saba Island

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Saint Lucia

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Samoa

Saudi Arabia

Scotland

Senegal

Serbia

Seychelles, Republic of

Sierra Leone

Singapore

Sint Eustatius

Sint Maarten

Slovakia

Slovenia

Somalia

South Africa, Republic of

South Korea (see Korea, Republic of)

Spain

Sri Lanka

Sudan, Republic of

Suriname

Swaziland

Sweden

Switzerland

Syria

Taiwan

Tajikistan

Tanzania

Thailand

Togo

Tonga

Trinidad and Tobago

Tunisia

Turkey

Turkmenistan

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Uganda

Ukraine

United Arab Emirates

United Kingdom (England and Wales)

Uruguay

Uzbekistan

Venezuela

Vietnam

Wales (see United Kingdom)

Yemen

Zambia

Zimbabwe

Guide Updates

APRIL 2025

» All pages reformatted.

» **Australia (ACT)**—Health Science added as an approved science course.

» **Australia (Queensland)**—Essential Mathematics added as an approved math course; Science in Practice added as an approved science course.

» **Australia (Tasmania)**—English Foundations added as an approved English course.

» **Australia (Victoria)**:

- *Victorian Certificate of Education* (VCE) - Vocational Major (VM) added as an approved proof of graduation.
- Edited information for Legal Studies (approved social science course).

» **Australia (Western Australia)**—Science in Practice (General) added as an approved science course when taken in years 11 and 12.

» **Belgium**—*Studiegetuigschrift van het tweede leerjaar van de derde graad van het secundair onderwijs* added as an approved proof of graduation.

» **Bhutan**—New country listing added.

» **Belgium**—Additional grading scale added.

» **Denmark**—Timeline correction made to HTX proof of graduation listing.

» **Finland**—*Päästötodistus Aikuislukio* added as an approved proof of graduation.

» **France:**

- Adjusted Crediting Policy chart header from "Numeric Grade" to "Units of Credit.".
- *Päästötodistus Aikuislukio* added as an approved proof of graduation.

» **Italy**—English Language and Culture added as an approved English course.

» **Japan**—Upper Secondary School Equivalency Examination added as an approved proof of graduation.

» **Liberia**—Academic calendar updated to September-July.

» **Nepal**—English added as a native language.

» **Quebec**—English added as a native language.

» **South Korea**—High School Graduation Qualification Examination added as an approved proof of graduation.

» **United Kingdom**—OCR Level 3 *Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate* added as an approved Tier 2 proof of graduation.

OCTOBER 2024

» **Botswana**—Setswana added as a native language.

» **Scotland**:

- Grading scales changed to make first "National 5 Grade."
- New subheading added to the second scale: Higher/ Advanced Higher Grades.
- Business Management (taken at the Higher and/or Advanced Higher levels) added as approved social science.

» **United Kingdom**—OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate added as an approved Tier 2 proof of graduation.

JULY 2024

» **Botswana**—Proof of graduation updated.

» **Guyana**—Grading scale language updated.

» **Peru**—New grading scale added.

» **Spain**—New not acceptable proof of graduation title added.

» **United Kingdom**—New proof of graduation added.

APRIL 2024

» **Austria**—New proof of graduation added.

» **Canada (Alberta)**—Approved course added.

» **Canada (Manitoba)**—Approved course added.

» **International Baccalaureate**—New issuing body added.

» **Australia (New South Wales)**—Updated proof of graduation title added.

» **United Kingdom**—New note added.

JANUARY 2024

» **Australia (New South Wales)**—New proof of graduation added.

» **Canada (Ontario)**—Approved course added.

» **International Baccalaureate**—New issuing body added.

» ISRC Roster—New members added

» **Paraguay**—Year nine location updated.

SEPTEMBER 2023

» **Alberta**—Proof of graduation updated and course designation added.

» **Australia (Australian Capital Territory)**—Grading scale updated.

» **Finland**—New proof of graduation added.

» **France**—New approved science course added.

» **Norway**—New not acceptable proof of graduation added.

» **Sweden**—New not acceptable proof of graduation added.

JULY 2023

» **Canada (Newfoundland and Labrador)**—Core course list updated.

» **Denmark**—New proof of graduation added.

» **Hong Kong**—New native language added.

- **Nigeria**—New proof of graduation added.
- **Rwanda**—New proof of graduation added.
- **Taiwan**—New mative langauge added.
- **United Kingdom**—Crediting section and new proofs of graduation added.

APRIL 2023

- All countries—"Non-approved courses" modified to "not approved courses."
- **Argentina**—New important information added.
- **Australia (Victoria)**—New approved course title added.
- **Canada**—All provinces updated to include not-approved core courses.
- ISRC Roster—New members added.
- **Mauritania**—Country profile added.
- **United Kingdom**—Crediting policy section added.

JANUARY 2023

- **Canada**—All provinces updated to include approved core courses.
- **Ukraine**—Proof of graduation updated.
- **United Kingdom**—Additional courses updated.

OCTOBER 2022

- **Australia (South Australia)**—Approved course titles added.
- **European Baccalaureate**—Grading scale updated.
- **France**—Approved science added.
- **International Baccalaureate**—Approved course titles added.
- **United Kingdom**—Approved course title added.

JULY 2022

- **International Baccalaureate**—Proof of graduation and approved courses added.
- **Ireland**—Approved course added; not approved course added.
- **Mexico**—Approved title adjusted.
- **Mongolia**—Country profile added.
- **Ontario**—Approved course added.
- **Australia (Queensland)**—Issuing body adjusted.
- **United Kingdom**—Proof of graduation added.

APRIL 2022

- **Canada (Quebec)**—Column heading changed.
- **United Kingdom (England and Wales**—Not acceptable proof of graduation changed.

FEBRUARY 2022

- All pages reformatted.
- **Australia (Western Australia)**—Course titles added.
- **Faroe Islands**—Country profile added.
- **Netherlands**—Revised country profile.
- **United Kingdom**—New credentials and course titles added.

OCTOBER 2021

- **Australia (ACT)**—Course title added.
- **Australia (Queensland)**—Additional information added.
- **New Zealand**—Course title added.
- **Switzerland**—Proof of graduation added.
- **United Kingdom**—Course title added; proof of graduation added; document title updated; graduation credentials (acceptable and not acceptable) added.
- **Zimbabwe**—Course title added.

JULY 2021

- **Australia (Western)**—Course title added.
- **Northern Ireland**—Course title added.
- **Spain**—Course title added.
- **United Kingdom**—Duplicate course title deleted; course title added; proof of graduation added; document title updated.

JANUARY 2021

- **Australia (South Australia)**—Course title added.
- **New Zealand**—Updated credential title and updated grading scale.
- **Seychelles**—Graduation credential added.

OCTOBER 2020

- **Argentina**—Important information added.
- **Australia (Victoria)**—Course title added.
- **Canada (Quebec)**—Important information added.
- **China**—Important information added.
- **Egypt**—Important information added.
- **Germany**—Important information added.
- **Greece**—Important information added.
- **Iceland**—Important information added.
- **Japan**—Important information added.
- **New Zealand**—Important information added.
- **Senegal**—Important information added.
- **South Africa**—Important information added.
- **Thailand**—Important information added.
- **Taiwan**—Important information added.
- **United Kingdom**—Important information added.

JULY 2020

- **Andorra**—Country profile added.
- **United Kingdom**—Course titles added, graduation credentials (acceptable and not acceptable) added.

APRIL 2020

» **Australia (South Australia)**—Course title added.
» **Bahrain**—Country profile added.
» **Macau**—Country profile added.
» **Monaco**—Country profile added.

JANUARY 2020

» **Australia (Queensland)**—Course title added.
» **Australia (Tasmania)**—Course titles added.
» **Argentina**—Grading scale information updated.
» **Liechtenstein**—Country profile added.
» **Norway**—Course title added.

OCTOBER 2019

» **Australia (ACT)**—Course title added.
» **Australia (Northern Territory)**—Course title added.
» **Australia (Queensland)**—Course title added and non-acceptable credential added.
» **Australia (South Australia)**—Course title added.
» **Australia (Tasmania)**—Course title added.
» **Australia (Western Australia)**—Course title added.
» Caribbean countries *(see individual country listings)*—Course title added.
» **Chile**—Course title added.
» **Germany**—Graduation timeline updated.
» **International Baccalaureate**—Course title added.
» **Ireland**—Important information added.
» **Malta**—Country profile added.
» **New Zealand**—Native language added.
» **Spain**—Course title added.
» **United Kingdom**—Graduation credential added.

JULY 2019

» **Australia (New South Wales)**—Course titles added.
» **Australia (Queensland)**—Course title added.
» **Australia (Western Australia)**—Course title added.
» **Cape Verde**—Country profile added.
» **Iceland**—Graduation credential added.

JANUARY 2019

» **Australia**—Individual territories broken out.
» **Canada**—Individual provinces broken out.
» **Australia (New South Wales)**—Course title added.
» **Australia (South Australia)**—Course title added.
» **Australia (Western Australia)**—Course title added.
» **Canada (Quebec)**—Important information added.
» **New Zealand**—Grading scale update.
» **United Kingdom**—Graduation credentials added.

OCTOBER 2018

» **Anguilla**—Timeline updated.
» **Australia (Australia Capital Territory)**—Document title update and grading scale update.
» **Australia (New South Wales)**—Course title added.
» **Australia (South Australia)**—Course title added.
» **Australia (Western Australia)**—Course title added.
» **Benin**—Course title added.
» **British Virgin Islands**—Graduation timeline update.
» **Canada (Quebec)**—Important information added.
» **Germany**—Important information update.
» **Ghana**—Grading scale title change.
» **India**—Document name update.
» **International Baccalaureate**—Course title added.
» **Macedonia**—Course title added.
» **Malaysia**—Course title added.
» **Mexico**—Course title and important information added.
» **New Zealand**—Course title added.
» **Nigeria**—Course title added.
» **Norway**—Important information added.
» **Philippines**—Course title added.
» **Scotland**—Grading scale title update.
» **Senegal**—Important information added.
» **Spain**—Important information added.
» **United Kingdom**—Document name update.
» **Yemen**—Grading scale update.
» **Zimbabwe**—Document timeline update.

JUNE 2018

» **Australia (South Australia)**—Grading scale added.
» **Australia (Tasmania)**—Year 9 and 10 transcripts grading scales added.
» **Australia (Victoria)**—Course title added.
» **Belgium**—Grading scale added.
» **Canada (Alberta)**—Grading scale change.
» **Colombia**—Document name updated.
» **Germany**—Update to timeline.
» **Myanmar**—Country profile added.
» **Samoa**—Timeline updated.
» **United Kingdom**—Proof of graduation added.

JANUARY 2018

» **Australia (New South Wales)**—Issuing body update.
» **Lesotho**—Country profile added.

DECEMBER 2017

» **Ireland**—Grading scale updated.
» **Nepal**—Country profile added.

NOVEMBER 2017

» **Palestine**—Grading scale updated.
» **Singapore**—Review of complete country profile.

OCTOBER 2017

» **Bermuda**—Document name updated.
» **Canada (Quebec)**—CEGEP graduation date advancement policy updated.
» **Finland**—Document name updated.
» **Qatar**—New country profile added.
» **Togo**—New country profile added.

APRIL 2017

» **Belgium**—Full audit of country profile.
» **El Salvador**—Grading scale update.
» **Japan**—Crediting policy update.
» **New Caledonia**—New country profile added.
» **South Korea**—Crediting policy update.
» **Thailand**—Crediting policy update.
» **United Kingdom (England and Wales)**—New grading scale for GCSEs; new credentials added.

OCTOBER 2016

» **Afghanistan**—New country profile added.
» **China**—Crediting policy update.
» **South Africa**—Crediting policy update.

APRIL 2016

» **Australia (Australian Capital Territory)**—Document name updated.
» **Belize**—Grading scale update.

PRE-APRIL 2016

» For all content updates prior to April 2016, please see the **2015-16 version of the Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility**.

Afghanistan

Background	
Academic Calendar	March-December (mountains) or August-May
What is year nine called?	Year 9, year 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower/middle secondary school
Native Language(s)	Afghan Persian, Dari, Pashto
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. تخنیکی او حرفوی ثانوی تعلیماتو بریالیک/شهادتنامه دوره ثانوی تعلیمات حرفوی و تخنیکی
[Technical and Vocational Training Baccalauria]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. د اسلامی تعلیماتو د ثانوي دورې بریالیک/شهادتنامه دوره ثانوی تعلیمات اسلامی [Islamic Studies Grade 12 Graduation Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. د ثانوی تعلیماتو بریالیک/شهادتنامه دوره ثانوی
[Grade 12 Graduation Certificate] (also known as Baccalauria/Baccalaureate Certificate)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Certificate of completion of middle school/religious middle school studies

Expected Timeline of Completion	9 years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
90-100	A	4
80-89	B	3
55-79	C	2
40-54	D	1
0-39	F (Failure)	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
- **Determination of Credit resource**.
- **International initial-eligibility flyer**.
- **Student account task information**.
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- **Country-specific webpages**.
- **Multi-country references**.

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Albania

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Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	*Klasen nëntë*, class 9
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Albanian
Graduation Timeline	
4 + 4 + 4 = 12 or 4 + 4 + 5 = 13	12 or 13 years total: four years primary, four years lower secondary, and four years upper secondary/five years of upper secondary for technical schools

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Dëftesë Pjekurie* [Certificate of Maturity]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Dëftesë e përfundimit dhe Certifikatë e adftësive profesionale për punëtor të Kualifikuar* [Final Certificate and Statement of Vocational Abilities] from a technical high school

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine

3. *Maturës Shtetërore* [State Matura] and the *Level 3 Vocational Training Certificate* [technician level]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Deftese Lirimi*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Title of Punetor I Kualifikuar from a shkolle e ulte profesionale*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Arsimim Profesional në Nivelin 2*

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
9	A	4
8	B	3
7	B	3
6	C	2
5	C	2

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Dhjetë	Excellent	A	4
Nëntë	Very Good	A	4
Tetë	Good	B	3
Shtatë	Average	B	3
Gjashtë	Satisfactory	C	2
Pesë	Lowest Passing Grade	C	2

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Algeria

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-July
What is year nine called?	*Troisieme, 3ème*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Arabic, French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Baccalauréat/Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Secondaire* [Secondary Education Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Baccalauréat Technique/Baccalauréat de Technicien* [Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet d'Enseignement Fondamental* (BEF) [Certificate of Basic Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16-20	A	4
14-15.99	A	4
12-13.99	B	3
10-11.99	C	2
8-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

***Note:** **Conceded Pass**—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

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Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Très Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	A	4
Assex Bien	Fairly Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2
Ajourne	Failed, Adjourned	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
- **Determination of Credit resource**.
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Andorra

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June/July
What is year nine called?	Third course of lower secondary, mid-course 1, year nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Catalan
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 2 = 12 or 6 + 4 + 2 = 12 with optional + 1 = 13	12 or 13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and two or three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This section is divided into "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

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1. *Titol de Batxiller or Batxillerat* [Baccalaureat Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Secondary School
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

Tier One

1. *Diploma d'Ensenyament Professional* [Diploma of Professional Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Secondary School
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

Tier Two

1. *Titol de Batxiller Professional* or *Qualificacio Final de Batxillerat Professional* [Professional Baccalaureat]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Secondary School
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Graduate en Segona Ensenyanca* [Secondary School Graduation Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Arsimim Profesional në Nivelin 2*

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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GRADING SCALES

Descriptor			
Descriptor Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Assolit Excel-lent (AE)	Excellent	A	4
Assolit Bé Alt (AB+)	Very Good	B	3
Assolit Bé (AB)	Good	B	3
Assolit Just (AJ)	Borderline Pass	C	2
No Assolit Alt (NA)*	Poor	D	1
No Assolit (NA)	Fail	F	0
No Presentat (NP)	Did Not Sit for Exam	F	0

Numeric		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
8.5-10	A	4
7-8.4	B	3
6-6.9	B	3
5-5.9	C	2
0-4.9	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Angola

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-July or February-December
What is year nine called?	*9 classe*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Portuguese
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 (or 4) = 12 or 13	12 or 13 years total

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Ensino Geral Certificado de Habilitação Literária* [General Certificate of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificado [Curso Technico/Medio/Nivel III] Certificate* (Awarded after the successful completion of year 12; may state "equivalent to completion of 12 years of school or second cycle of secondary school." E.g., *Correspondente a 12 Classe do 2 Cicle do Ensino Secundario.*)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Technico Medio* [Middle Level Technician]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALE

Numeric		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16-20	A	4
13-15	B	3
10-12	C	2
0-9	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Anguilla

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Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form three, year nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 and then an optional +2 = 13	11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and then two or four years of upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

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Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Secondary Education Certificate* (CSEC) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. *General Certificate of Secondary Education* (GCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

3. *General Certificate of Education* (GCE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

4. *International General Certificate of Secondary Education* (IGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

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Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Two forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on-time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Two form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **two years** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) *Advanced Proficiency Examinations/Diploma* (CAPE) [Must pass **two** or more CAPE examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. *Advanced International Certificate of Education* (AICE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

CREDITING POLICIES

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Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

For school transcripts in years nine through 11 (from three through form five) **if alpha grades are present,** apply the CSEC grading scale below. For years 12 and 13 **if alpha grades are present,** apply the CAPE grading scale below.

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4	IV	D	1
II	B	3	V	D	1
III	C	2	VI	F	0

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Outstanding	A	4
B	Good	B	3
C	Fairly Good	C	2
D	Moderate	D	1
E	Weak	D	1
F	Poor	F	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4
II	A	4
III	B	3
IV	C	2
V	C	2
VI	D	1
VII	F	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Excellent	A	4
B	Very Good	A	4
C	Good	B	3
D	Satisfactory	C	2
E	Acceptable	C	2
F	Weak	D	1
G	Unsatisfactory	F	0

GCSE—Ordinary Level (O-Level) Examination						
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*		*Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4		E	C	2
B	B	3		F, G	D	1
C	B	3		H or Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2				

IGCSE						
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*		*Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4		E	C	2
B	B	3		F, G	D	1
C	B	3		Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2				

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*						
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*		*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4		IV	D	1
II	B	3		V	D	1
III	C	2		VI	F	0

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*			
Grade	***Translation***	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
A	Outstanding	A	4
B	Good	B	3
C	Fairly Good	C	2
D	Moderate	D	1
E	Weak	D	1
F	Poor	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	***Math***	***Science***	***Social Science***	***Additional Courses***
Communication Studies		Human and Social Biology	Caribbean Studies	Religious Education
			Environmental Science	

» The following course titles have been reviewed and are **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Commerce.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Antigua & Barbuda

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Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form three, year nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 and then an optional +2 = 13	11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and then two or four years of upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

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Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Secondary Education Certificate* (CSEC) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. *General Certificate of Secondary Education* (GCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

3. *General Certificate of Education* (GCE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

4. *International General Certificate of Secondary Education* (IGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

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Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. *Advanced International Certificate of Education* (AICE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

CREDITING POLICIES

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Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

For school transcripts in years nine through 11 (from three through form five) **if alpha grades are present,** apply the CSEC grading scale below. For years 12 and 13 **if alpha grades are present,** apply the CAPE grading scale below.

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4	IV	D	1
II	B	3	V	D	1
III	C	2	VI	F	0

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Outstanding	A	4
B	Good	B	3
C	Fairly Good	C	2
D	Moderate	D	1
E	Weak	D	1
F	Poor	F	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)					
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
I	A	4	V	C	2
II	A	4	VI	D	1
III	B	3	VII	F	0
IV	C	2			

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)			
Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	Excellent	A	4
B	Very Good	A	4
C	Good	B	3
D	Satisfactory	C	2
E	Acceptable	C	2
F	Weak	D	1
G	Unsatisfactory	F	0

GCSE—Ordinary Level (O-Level) Examination					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	H or Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

IGCSE					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Subject Points	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
10	A	4
8	B	3
6	B	3
4	C	2
2	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Half-Subject Points	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	C	2

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
Communication Studies		Environmental Science	Caribbean Studies	Religious Education
		Human and Social Biology		

» The following course titles have been reviewed and are **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Commerce.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Argentina

Background	
Academic Calendar	February-December
What is year nine called?	*Segundo Grado*
Where is year nine typically located?	Second year of upper secondary
Native Language(s)	Spanish
Graduation Timeline	
7 + 5 = 12 or 7 + 6 = 13	12 or 13 years total: seven years primary and five or six years secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Titulo de Bachiller* [Secondary School Graduation Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four or five years or eight or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Bachillerato Especiakizado* [Secondary School Graduation Certificate with Specialization]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four or five years or eight or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Certificado de Tecnico* [Technician Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four or five years or eight or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Perito Mercantil* [business/commercial expert]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four or five years or eight or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Certificado de Educacion Polimodal* [Certificate of Polimodal Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four or five years or eight or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Completion of Ciclo Basico* [Basic Cycle of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Completion of year seven

2. *Titulo de Tecnico Superior en Comercio Exterior*

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GRADING SCALES

Descriptor			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Sobresaliente	Outstanding	A	4
Muy Bueno	Very Good	A	4
Bueno	Good	B	3
Aprobado/Regular	Pass/Fair	C	2
Reprobado	Fail	F	0

Four Minimum-Pass Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
8-9.99	A	4
6-7.99	B	3
4-5.99	C	2
0-3.99	F	0

Six Minimum-Pass Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
8-9.99	A	4
7-7.99	B	3
6-6.99	C	2
1-5.99	F	0

The Eligibility Center will default to using the Six Minimum-Pass scale in academic certifications. If your school used the Four Minimum-Pass scale, please have the school either include their scale on the transcript submitted or provide a letter on school letterhead confirming this and **submit that letter to the NCAA Eligibility Center**. All documentation must be in the native language along with a certified line-by-line English translation.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» When it's unclear which grading scale was used by a secondary school, the approved Six Minimum-Pass scale will be used by default. If grades of 4 or 5 are issued, a task may be assigned for clarification.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Armenia

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-May
What is year nine called?	Form 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Armenian
Graduation Timeline	
4 + 5 + 3 = 12	12 years total: four years of primary, five years lower secondary, three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Mijnakarg Krtutyan Attestat* [Certificate of Complete Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four or five years or eight or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Hasunutian Vkaiakan* [Certificate of Maturity]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four or five years or eight or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Krtser Masnaget* [Junior Specialist] of middle professional education

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four or five years or eight or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Himnakan yndhanur krtutyan* [Certificate of Basic Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

5-Point Scale					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4	Excellent	A	4
4	B	3	Good	B	3
3	C	2	Satisfactory	C	2
2	D	0	Unsatisfactory	D	0
1	F	0	Total Unsatisfactory	F	0

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10-Point Scale			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
գերազանց	Excellent	A	4
լավ	Good	B	3
բավարար	Satisfactory	C	2
մոռանալ	Fail/Unsatisfactory	F	0

10-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
9.00-10.00	A	4
7.00-8.99	B	3
5.00-6.99	C	2
0.00-4.99	F	0

20-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
18.00-20.00	A	4
13.00-17.99	B	3
8.00-12.99	C	2
0.00-7.99	F	0

20-Point Scale			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
գերազանց	Excellent	A	4
լավ	Good	B	3
բավարար	Satisfactory	C	2
մոռանալ	Fail/Unsatisfactory	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Aruba

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	G3A, *9de jaar, klas/klasse 3*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Dutch, Papiamento, English, West Frisian
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 4 = 12 or 8 + 5 = 13	12 or 13 years total: eight years primary, four or five years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diploma von Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs* (HAVO) [Diploma of Higher General Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Diploma von Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs* (VWO) [Diploma of University Preparatory Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Diploma Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs* (MBO) [Diploma of Middle-level Vocational Education], Levels 1-4 (i.e., MBO1, MBO2, MBO3 or MBO4)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Brugperiode* [transitional period] completion
2. *Diploma Middlebaar Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs* (MAVO) [diploma of middle level general secondary education]
3. *Leerlingwezen* [apprenticeship training] completion
4. *Voorbereidend Beroepsonderwijs* (VBO) [preparatory vocational education] completion
5. *Voorbereidend Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs* (VMBO) [preparatory middle level vocational education] completion

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
10	A	4
9	A	4
8	A	4
7	B	3
6	C	2

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
5	D	1
4	F	0
3	F	0
2	F	0
1	F	0

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Uitmuntend	Excellent	A	4
Zeer Goed	Very Good	A	4
Goed	Good	A	4
Ruim Voldoende	Amply Satisfactory	B	3
Voldoende	Satisfactory	C	2
Binja Voldoende	Almost Satisfactory	D	1
Onvoldoende	Insufficient	F	0
Gering	Very Insufficient	F	0
Slecht	Bad	F	0
Zeer Slecht	Very Bad	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Australian Capital Territory (Australia)

Background	
Academic Calendar	February - December
What is year nine called?	Year 9, class 9, grade 9
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary/high school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 2 + 4 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, two years lower secondary, four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Australia Capital Territory Year 12 Certificate* (Prior to December 2015)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine))
Issuing Body	Australia Capital Territory Board of Senior Secondary Studies
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	December

2. *Australia Capital Territory Senior Secondary Certificate* (December 2015 and beyond)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Australia Capital Territory Board of Senior Secondary Studies
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	December

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

Credit will be awarded as follows:

Subject Area	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Semester*
All Core Areas	0.50 credits

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GRADING SCALE

Grade	*Translation*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Very High Standard Achievement	5	A	4
B	High Standard of Achievement	4	B	3
C	Sound Standard of Achievement	3	C	2
D	Limited Standard of Achievement	2	D	1
E	Very Limited Standard of Achievement	1/0	F	0
S	Student did not receive a grade for medical reasons, or; indicates transfer credit from a different source. No credit/grade will be awarded for courses with grade of "S" indicated.	-	-	-

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
	Financial Modeling and Trigonometry	Health Science	Health and Wellbeing (taken in years 11 and 12)	Religious Studies (taken in years 11 and 12)
	Math Applications (taken in years 11 and 12)		Sociology of Health and Medicine	
	Specialist Methods			

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Commerce.
- Essential Mathematics.
- Exercise Science.
- Outdoor and Environmental Education.
- Physical Education.
- Sports Development.
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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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New South Wales (Australia)

Background	
Academic Calendar	February - December
What is year nine called?	Year 9, class 9, grade 9
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary/high school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 2 + 4 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, two years lower secondary, four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *New South Wales Higher School Certificate and Record of Achievement*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body (January 2017 and after)	New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA)
Issuing Body (December 2016 and prior)	Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	December

2. *Level IV Certificate* in Tertiary Preparation

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body (January 2017 and after)	TAFE
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	Varies

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)

2. Higher school certificate when issued as an e-record

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

Credit will be awarded as follows:

Subject Area	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Semester*
All Core Areas	0.50 credits

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GRADING SCALES

New South Wales, Years 9 and 10 Transcripts *(May also apply to years 11 and 12 for some schools)*			
Descriptor	***Alpha***	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
Outstanding	A	A	4
High	B	B	3
Sound	C	C	2
Basic	D	D	1
Limited	E	F	0

New South Wales Higher School Certificate (HSC) and Record of Achievement		
Numeric Grade	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
90-100	A	4
70-89	B	3
50-69	C	2
30-49	D	1
0-29	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	***Math***	***Science***	***Social Science***	***Additional Courses***
	General Mathematics	Investigating Science	Aboriginal Studies (taken in years 11 and 12)	Malay Background Speakers (taken in years 11 and 12)
	Mathematics	Science Extension	Religion (taken in years 11 and 12)	
	Math Extension 1 and 2		Studies of Religion	

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification (may not be all inclusive):

- Commerce.
- Physical Education.
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.
- ***Note:*** When a summary page is submitted for a semester along with broken down reports for each subject, use the summary page in the certification.

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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Northern Territory (Australia)

Background	
Academic Calendar	February - December
What is year nine called?	Year 9, class 9, grade 9
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary/high school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 2 + 4 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, two years lower secondary, four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Northern Territory Certificate of Education* (NTCE) *and Record of Achievement*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Department of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	December

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

2. Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

Credit will be awarded as follows:

Subject Area	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Semester*
All Core Areas	0.50 credits

GRADING SCALE

Grade	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	17-20	A	4
B	14-16	B	3
C	11-13	C	2
D	8-10	D	1
E	0-7	F	0

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:
  - Commerce.
  - Physical Education.
  - ***Note:*** When a summary page is submitted for a semester along with broken down reports for each subject, use the summary page in the certification.

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Queensland (Australia)

Background	
Academic Calendar	February - December
What is year nine called?	Year 9, class 9, grade 9
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary/high school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 2 + 4 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, two years lower secondary, four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Queensland Certificate of Education and Senior Statement*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Queensland Curriculum Assessment Authority (QCAA)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	December

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)

2. *Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement*

CREDITING POLICIES

Credit will be awarded as follows:

Subject Area	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Semester*
All Core Areas	0.50 credits

GRADING SCALE

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Very High Achievement	A	4
B	High Achievement	B	3
C	Sound Achievement	C	2
D	Limited Achievement	D	1
E	Very Limited Achievement	F	0

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
	Essential Mathematics	Forensic Science	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Studies (taken in years 11 and 12)	Religion and Ethics (taken in years 11 and 12)
	General Mathematics (taken in years 11 and 12)	Investigative Science	Humanities (taken in years nine and 10)	
	Math B and C	Marine Studies (may be listed as "Marine Science)	Religion and Ethics (taken in years 11 and 12)	
	Mathematic Methods (taken in years 11 and 12)	Science at Home	Study of Religion (taken in years 11 and 12)	
	Specialist Mathematics (taken in years 11 and 12)	Science in Practice	Studies of Society and Environment (SOCE or SOSE)	
		Science of Survival		

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Commerce.
- Essential Mathematics.
- Mathematics (or Math) A.
- Marine Aquatic Practices.
- Numeracy.
- Science 21.
- ***Note:*** When a summary page is submitted for a semester along with broken down reports for each subject, use the summary page in the certification.

» Courses in Queensland designated at the "General" level are approved, so long as the remainder of the course title is approved per the NCAA's **Course Title Usage Guide**. For example, General Science 11 would be approved but General Art History 11 would be not approved. (Art History is not an approved title per the **Course Title Usage Guide.**)

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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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South Australia (Australia)

Background	
Academic Calendar	February - December
What is year nine called?	Year 9, class 9, grade 9
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary/high school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 2 + 4 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, two years lower secondary, four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *South Australian Certificate of Education* (SACE) and *Record of Achievement* (achieved by students in South Australia as well as the Northern territory)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Government of South Australia
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	December

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

Credit will be awarded as follows:

Subject Area	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Semester*
All Core Areas	0.50 credits

GRADING SCALE

Grade	*Translation*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Outstanding Achievement	20	A	4
A	Very High Achievement	17-19	A	4
B	High Achievement	14-16	B	3
C	Competent Achievement	11-13	C	2
D	Marginal Achievement	8-10	D	1
E	Low Achievement	3-7	F	0
-	Requirements Not Met	0-2	F	0

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
English Pathways	General Maths	Nutrition (Stages 1 and 2)	Ancient Studies (taken in years 11 and 12)	Religion Studies
	Math Applications		Religion (taken in year 11)	Studies in Religion
	Mathematical Methods (taken in years 11 and 12)		Society and Culture (Stages 1 and 2)	Spiritualities: Religion and Meaning (Stages 1 and 2)
	Specialist Mathematics (taken in years 11 and 12)		Spiritualities: Religion and Meaning (Stages 1 and 2)	

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Commerce.
- Design and Technology.
- Essential Mathematics.
- Personal Learning Project.
- Physical Education.
- Essential English taken at Stage 1 (11th grade) or Stage 2 (12th grade).
- ***Note:*** When a summary page is submitted for a semester along with broken down reports for each subject, use the summary page in the certification.

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Tasmania (Australia)

Background	
Academic Calendar	February - December
What is year nine called?	Year 9, class 9, grade 9
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary/high school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 2 + 4 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, two years lower secondary, four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Tasmanian Certificate of Education* (TCE) *and Statement of Marks*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Department of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	December

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

Credit will be awarded as follows:

Subject Area	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Semester*
All Core Areas	0.50 credits

GRADING SCALES

Year Nine and Year 10 Transcripts		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	C	2
D	D	1
E	D	1

Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE) and Statement of Marks

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Grade	*Translation*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
EA	Exception Achievement	4	A	4
HA	High Achievement	3.5	A	4
CA	Commendable Achievement	3	B	3
SA	Satisfactory Achievement	2.5	C	2
PA	Preliminary Achievement	2	D	1

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
English Foundations	Applied Math	Life Science (taken in years 11 and 12)	Intro to Sociology and Psychology (taken in years 11 and 12)	Religion and Philosophy Strand 3 (taken in years nine and 10)
	General Mathematics (take in years 11 and 12)	Physical Science Foundation (taken in years 11 and 12)		Religious Education Strand 3 (taken in years nine and 10)
	Math Bridge			Studies in Religion (taken in year 12 only)
	Maths Methods Foundations (taken in years 11 and 12)			

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Commerce.
- Housing and Design.
- Object Design.
- Physical Education.
- Sport Science.
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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Victoria (Australia)

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Background	
Academic Calendar	February - December
What is year nine called?	Year 9, class 9, grade 9
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary/high school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 2 + 4 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, two years lower secondary, four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Victorian Certificate of Education* (VCE) *and Statement of Results*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Government of Victoria-Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	December

2. *Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning Senior Level* (VCAL) *and Statement of Results*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Government of Victoria-Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	December

3. *Victorian Certificate of Education* (VCE) - Vocational Major (VM)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Government of Victoria-Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	December

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

Credit will be awarded as follows:

Subject Area	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Semester*
All Core Areas	0.50 credits

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GRADING SCALE

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	D	1
F, G, H	F	0
UG	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
Texts and Traditions	Further Math		International Perspectives	Religion and Society
	General Mathematics (taken in years 11 and 12)		Texts and Traditions	
	Math Methods			
	Specialist Math			

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Commerce.
- Foundations of Math.
- Health and Human Development.
- Physical Education.
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Western Australia (Australia)

Background	
Academic Calendar	February - December
What is year nine called?	Year 9, class 9, grade 9
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary/high school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 2 + 4 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, two years lower secondary, four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Western Australia Certificate of Education* (WACE) *and Statement of Results*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Government of Western Australia–School Curriculum and Standards Authority
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	December

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

Credit will be awarded as follows:

Subject Area	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Semester*
All Core Areas	0.50 credits

GRADING SCALE

Grade	*Translation*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Excellent Achievement	75-100	A	4
B	High Achievement	65-74.99	B	3
C	Sound Achievement	50-64.99	C	2
D	Limited Achievement	35-49.99	D	1
E	Inadequate Achievement	0-34.99	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
English General (taken in years 11 and 12)	Mathematics Applications (taken in years 11 and 12)	Biology General (taken in years 11 and 12)	Ancient History (ATAR) [taken in years 11 and 12]	Philosophy and Ethics (taken in year 11)
	Mathematics Essentials	Chemistry (ATAR) [taken in years 11 and 12]	Ancient History (General) [taken in years 11 and 12]	Philosophy and Ethics (ATAR) (taken in years 11 and 12)
		Chemistry (General) [taken in years 11 and 12]	Economics (ATAR) (taken in years 11 and 12)	Religion (taken in years 11 and 12)
		Human Biology General (taken in years 11 and 12)	Economics (General) (taken in years 11 and 12)	Religion and Life (taken in years 11 and 12)
		Integrated Science (ATAR) (taken in years 11 and 12)	International Perspectives	Religion and Life (ATAR) [taken in years 11 and 12]
		Integrated Science (General) [taken in years 11 and 12]	Modern History General (taken in years 11 and 12)	Religion and Life (General) [taken in years 11 and 12]
		Marine and Maritime Studies (taken in years 11 and 12)	Philosophy and Ethics (ATAR) (taken in years 11 and 12)	
		Physics (ATAR) [taken in years 11 and 12]	Philosophy and Ethics (taken in year 11)	
		Physics (General) (taken in years 11 and 12)	Politics and Law (ATAR) [taken in years 11 and 12]	
		Science in Practice (General) [taken in Years 11 and 12]	Politics and Law (General) [taken in years 11 and 12]	
			Psychology General (taken in years 11 and 12)	
			Religion and Life (ATAR) [taken in years 11 and 12]	
			Religion and Life (General) [taken in years 11 and 12]	

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Commerce.
- Health Studies General.
- Physical Education.
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Austria

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	*Klasse 9*, year nine, year one
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	German
Graduation Timeline	
4 + 4 or 5 + 4 or 5 = 12 or 13	Timeline varies based on graduation document earned. Lower school is four years and middle school is four years (five if a pre-vocational year nine option is completed). Students can take four or five years for upper secondary school.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Reifeprufungszeugnis* [Maturity Exam Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Zeugnis uber die Berufsreifeprufung/also Berufsreifeprufungszeugnis* [Vocational Maturity Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Reife-und Diplomprufungszeugnis* [Maturity and Diploma Exam Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Abschlussprufungszeugnis der berufsbildende mittlere schule* (BMS) [Vocational Intermediate School] (also called *Fachschule* trade or vocational school)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Studienberechtigungsprufung* or *Studienberechtigungszeugnis* [Study Qualifying Exam or Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

6. *Externistenreifeprüfungszeugnis* (External Maturity Examination Certificates)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Abschlusszeugnis* (completion certificate) from a *berufsschule* (vocational) or *polytechnische schuke* (pre-vocational)

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GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1	A	4
2	B	3
3	B	3
4	C	2
5	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Sehr Gut	Very Good	A	4
Gut	Good	B	3
Befriedigend	Satisfactory	B	3
Genugend	Sufficient	C	2
Nicht Genugend	Insufficient	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Azerbaijan

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	*Sinif 9, Il 9*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Azerbaijani
Graduation Timeline	
4 + 5 + 2 or 3 = 12 or 13	12 or 13 years total: four years primary, five years lower secondary, two or three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificate of Complete Secondary Education* from a professional lyceum general education track

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificate of Complete Secondary Education* from a professional lyceum in a vocational/technical track

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. Junior Specialist from a technical secondary school

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificate of Basic Education*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2
2	F	0
1	F	0

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Good	B	3
Satisfactory	C	2
Unsatisfactory	F	0
Totally Unsatisfactory	F	0

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Bahamas

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form 3, year nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 or 6 + 3 + 3 = 12 or 6 + 3 + 4 = 13	11, 12 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, two or three or four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Education* (BGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Bahamas Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	July

2. *General Certificate of Education, Ordinary Level* (GCE O-level) examinations [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Exam board or boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

3. *General Certificate of Education, Advanced Level* (GCE A-level) examination [Must pass **two** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Exam board or boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bahamas Junior Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	End of year nine

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GRADING SCALES

For school transcripts in years nine through 12, **if alpha grades are present**, apply the BGCSE/BJC grading scale below.

BGCSE (GCE) O-Level (BJC)		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
F, G	D	1
H or Ungraded	F	0

Advanced Level (A-Level/A2-Level)		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
N, O	F	0
U	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Bahrain

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Grade 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary/intermediate school
Native Language(s)	Arabic
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years: three years primary, three years lower secondary/ intermediate and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *General Certificate of Secondary Education*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	May/June

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *General Intermediate Education Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	May/June

GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*Descriptor Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
90 - 100	Excellent	A	4
80 - 89	Very Good	A	4
70 - 79	Good	B	3
60 - 69	Average	C	2
50 - 59	Below Average	D	1
0 – 49	Fail	F (Failure)	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Bangladesh

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year one, first year, year nine (9)
Where is year nine typically located?	Fourth year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Bengali
Graduation Timeline	
5 + 5 + 2 = 12	12 years total: five years primary, five years lower secondary, two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Higher Secondary Certificate* (HSC)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Diploma in Technology*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificate in Education* from a primary training institute
2. *Diploma in Commerce* from a commercial institute

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of the year nine)

3. Nurses Training Center, first and second year of the registered nurse program
4. *Secondary School Certificate* (SSC)
5. *Technical Certificate*
6. *Technical Diploma*
7. *Trade Certificate Vocational Training*
8. *Vocational Training Institute Certificate*

GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
60-100	A	4
50-59	B	3
40-49	C	2
33-39	D	1
0-32	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Barbados

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Grade 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary/intermediate school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 and then an optional +2 = 13	11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and then two or four years of upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This section is divided into two "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Secondary Education Certificate* (CSEC) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of the year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. *General Certificate of Secondary Education* (GCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of the year nine)
Issuing Body	Various Exam Boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

3. *General Certificate of Education* (GCE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of the year nine)
Issuing Body	Various Exam Boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

4. *International General Certificate of Secondary Education* (IGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of the year nine)
Issuing Body	Various Exam Boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

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Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Two forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Two form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **two years** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Advanced Proficiency Examinations/Diploma* (CAPE) [Must pass **two** or more CAPE exams in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. *Advanced International Certificate of Education* (AICE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various Exam Boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Barbados Secondary School Certificate*, Part One

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

For school transcripts in years nine through 11 (form three through form five), **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CSEC grading scale below. For years 12 and 13, **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CAPE grading scale below.

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4
II	B	3
III	C	2
IV	D	1
V	D	1
VI	F	0

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	C	2
D	D	1
E	D	1
F	F	0

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)		
Descriptor	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Outstanding	A	4
Good	B	3
Fairly Good	C	2
Moderate	D	1
Weak	D	1
Poor	F	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4
II	A	4
III	B	3
IV	C	2
V	C	2
VI	D	1
VII	F	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)		
Translation	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Very Good	A	4
Good	B	3
Satisfactory	C	2
Acceptable	C	2
Weak	D	1
Unsatisfactory	F	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	A	4
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
F	D	1
G	F	0

GCSE: Ordinary Level (O-Level) Examinations					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	H or Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

IGCSE					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

AICE For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) course		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2

AICE For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) course		
Subject Points	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
10	A	4
8	B	3
6	B	3
4	C	2
2	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) course*		
Half-Subject Points	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	C	2

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
Communication Studies		Environmental Science	Caribbean Studies	Religious Education
		Human and Social Biology		

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Commerce.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Belarus

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Класс 9, клас 9, class 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Belarusian, Russian
Graduation Timeline	
4 + 5 + 2 = 11 or 4 + 5 + 3 = 12 or 4 + 5 + 4 = 13	11, 12 or 13 years total: four years primary, five years lower secondary, and then two, three or four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Attestat O Srednom Obrazavanii* [Diploma of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Attestat O Srednom Spetsialnom Obrazavanii* [Diploma of Specialized Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Diploma of Vocational Education* from a vocational school (three years attendance)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Svidetel'stvo Bazovom Obrazovanii* [Certificate of Basic Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
9-10	A	4
7-8	B	3
4-6	C	2
0-3	F	0

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Good	B	3
Satisfactory	C	2
Unsatisfactory	F	0

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Belgium

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of upper secondary
Native Language(s)	French, Flemish, German
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 2 + 4 = 12 or 6 + 6 = 12 or 6 + 2 + 5 = 13	12 or 13 years total: six years primary, two years lower secondary, four or five years upper secondary, or six years primary and six years secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Superieur* (CESS) [Certificate of Higher Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four/five years or eight/10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Diploma von Hoger Secundaire Onderwijs* [Diploma of Higher Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Certificat de Qualification 6* [Orientation Certificate] *Wallonia* (CQ6)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Getuigschrift 6* [Certificate] *Flanders*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts* [Leaving Certificate of the Higher Level of Secondary Instruction]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four/five years or eight/10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

6. *Diploma Van Secondair Onderwijs*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four/five years or eight/10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

7. *Getuigschrift Van Hoger Secundair Onderwijs*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

8. *Studiegetuigschrift van het tweede leerjaar van de derde graad van het secundair onderwijs* [Certificate of the second stage of secondary education - Vocational]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Attestation d'Orientation* [Orientation Certificate]
2. *Orienteringattest* [Orientation Certificate]
3. *Certificat de l'Enseignement Secondaire Inferieur* [Certificate of Lower Secondary Education]
4. *Getuigschrift Van Lager Secundair Onderwijs* [Certificate of Lower Secondary Education]
5. *Certificat de Qualification* [Certificate of Qualification]
6. *Kwalificatiegetwigschrift* [Qualification Certificate]
7. *Getuigschift Van de Tweede Graad Van Het Secundair Onderwijs*
8. *Certificat d'enseignement Secondaire du Deuxieme Degrè*
9. *Certificat de Qualification de Sixième Annèe de L'enseignement Secondaire* (CE6P/CQ6)
10. *Abschlusszeugnis der Unterstufe des Sekundarunterrichts*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
18-20	A	4
16-17	A	4
14-15	B	3
10-13	C	2
8-9.99*	D	1
0-9	F	0

***Note:** Grades 8 to 9.99 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
90-100	A	4
80-89	A	4
70-79	B	3
50-69	C	2
0-49	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Avec Plus Grande Distinction/Met Grootste Onderscheiding	Highest Distinction	A	4
Avec Grande Distinction/Met Grote Onderscheiding	Greatest Distinction	A	4
Avec Distinction/Met Onderscheiding	Distinction	B	3
Suffisant/Met Voldoening	Sufficient	C	2
Ajourné/NA	Failed	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
		Science and Technology	Humanities	

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Belize

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year nine, year one
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 4 = 12 and an optional +2 = 14	12 or 14 years total: eight years primary, four years secondary and then an optional two years of sixth form/junior college

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This section is divided into two "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Secondary Education Certificate* (CSEC) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

Tier Two

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Advanced Proficiency Examinations/Diploma* (CAPE) [Must pass **two** or more CAPE examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	14 years (six years or 12 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Belize High School Diploma* (vocational)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *First Class Teacher's Certificate* (Belize)
3. *Junior Secondary School Diploma* (Belize)

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CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

For school transcripts in years nine through 12, **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CSEC grading scale below. For years 13 and 14, **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CAPE grading scale below.

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4	IV	D	1
II	B	3	V	D	1
III	C	2	VI	F	0

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Outstanding	A	4
B	Good	B	3
C	Fairly Good	C	2
D	Moderate	D	1
E	Weak	D	1
F	Poor	F	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4	V	D	1
II	B	3	VI	F	0
III	C	2			
IV	C	2			

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Excellent	A	4
B	Very Good	A	4
C	Good	B	3
D	Satisfactory	C	2
E	Acceptable	C	2
F	Weak	D	1
G	Unsatisfactory	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
Communication Studies		Environmental Science	Caribbean Studies	Religious Education
		Human and Social Biology		

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Commerce.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Benin

Background	
Academic Calendar	October-July
What is year nine called?	*Quatrieme, 4ème*
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 2 = 12 or 6 + 4 + 3 = 13	12 or 13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary, two or three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Baccalauréat/Baccalauréat de Enseignement Secondaire* [Secondary Education Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Baccalauréat de Technicien* [Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Secondaire Technique* [Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Diplôme de Technicien Industriel* (DTI) [Industrial Technician Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet d'Études du Premier Cycle* (BEPC) [Certificate of First Cycle Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificat d'Aptitude Professionelle* (CAP) [Certificate of Professional Competency]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16.00-20.00	A	4
14.00-15.99	A	4
12.00-13.99	B	3
10.00-11.99	C	2
8.00-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

***Note:** Conceded Pass—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Très Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	A	4
Assez Bien	Quite Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2
Ajourné	Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
		SVT		

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Bermuda

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year 9, key stage 3, form 3, Form III
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 and an optional +1 = 12 or +2 = 13	11, 12 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, and two-to-four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bermuda School Certificate* (BSC)/*Bermuda School Diploma* (BSD)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

The following section is divided into three "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier. Pursuing the Bermuda School Certificate is a separate path of study than the following tiers.

Tier One

1. *General Certificate of Secondary Education* (GCSE) or *International General Certificate of Secondary Education* (IGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more (I)GCSE examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Two forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on-time completion of year 12. Earning a Tier Two form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **one year** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. *General Certificate of Education*, Advanced Subsidiary Level (GCE AS-level) examinations [Must pass **two** or more AS-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. One Advanced Subsidiary (AS-level) examination and one Advanced (A-level) examination pass in **two** differing subjects (i.e., one AS-level in physics and one A-level in history)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

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Tier Three

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Three forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on-time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Three form proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **one year** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier Two document or **two years** beyond the on-time completion of a Tier One document.

1. General Certificate of Education, Advanced Level (GCE A-level) examinations [Must pass **two** or more A-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. International Advanced Level (A-level) examinations [Must pass **two** or more A-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or ten semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

GRADING SCALES

Bermuda School Certificate		
Numeric Grade	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
4.0	A	4
3.0	B	3
2.0	C	2
1.0	D	1
0.0	F	0

Bermuda School Certificate			
Grade	***Translation***	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
A	Outstanding	A	4
B	Very Good	B	3
C	Good	C	2
D	Satisfactory	D	1
E	Unsatisfactory	F	0

(International) General Certificate of Secondary Education		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
F	D	1
G	D	1
U/UG (Ungraded)	F	0

Advanced Subsidiary/Advanced Level		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
O	F	0

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Bhutan

Background	
Academic Calendar	March-December
What is year nine called?	IX
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of middle school
Native Language(s)	Dzongkha
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 2 + 2 + 2 =12	12 years total: six years primary, two years lower secondary, two years middle school and two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bhutan Higher Secondary Examination Certificate* (BHSEC)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bhutan Secondary Examination Certificate* (BCSE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Grade	*Descriptor*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Very good	A	4
B	Good	B	4
C	Satisfactory	C	3
D	Fair	D	2
E	Fail	F (Failure)	1

Numeric Grade	*Descriptor*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1, 2	Very good	A	4
3, 4, 5	Credit	B	3
6, 7	Pass	C	2
8, 9	Fail	F (Failure)	0

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Bolivia

Background	
Academic Calendar	February-December
What is year nine called?	Year 9, *tercero grado, 1 grado*
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of secondary school
Native Language(s)	Spanish
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 2 + 2 = 12 or 8 + 4 = 12 or 6 + 6 = 12	12 years total: eight years primary, two years middle and two years upper secondary; eight years primary and four years secondary or six years primary and six years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diploma de Bachiller en Humanidades* [Bachelor's Diploma in Humanities]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Bachillerato Tecnico* [Diploma from a Technical School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificado de Egreso* (coursework completion)
2. *Diploma de Tecnico Basico*

GRADING SCALES

7-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
7	A	4
6-6.99	A	4
5-5.99	B	3
4-4.99	C	2
3.6-3.9	D	1
0-3.5	F	0

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7-Point Scale			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excelente	Excellent	A	4
Muy Bueno	Very Good	A	4
Bueno	Good	B	3
Regular	Average	C	2
	Minimum for Promotion	D	1
Deficiente/Insufficiente	Deficient	F	0
Malo	Bad	F	0
Pesimo/Muy Mal	Very Poor	F	0

70-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
70	A	4
60-69	A	4
50-59	B	3
40-49	C	2
36-39	D	1
0-35	F	0

70-Point Scale			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excelente	Excellent	A	4
Muy Bueno	Very Good	A	4
Bueno	Good	B	3
Regular	Average	C	2
	Minimum for Promotion	D	1
Deficiente/Insufficiente	Deficient	F	0
Malo	Bad	F	0
Pesimo/Muy Mal	Very Poor	F	0

100-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
77-100	A	4
64-76	B	3
51-63	C	2
0-50	F	0

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Bonair

(Part of Netherland Antilles)

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	*G3A, 9de jaar, klas/klasse 3*
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary
Native Language(s)	Dutch, English, Papiamentu
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 4 = 12 or 8 + 5 = 13	12 or 13 years total: eight years primary and four or five years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diploma von Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs* (HAVO) [Diploma of Higher General Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Diploma von Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs* (VWO) [Diploma of University Preparatory Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Diploma Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs* (MBO) [Diploma of Middle Level Vocational Education], Levels 1-4 (i.e., MBO1, MBO2, MBO3 or MBO4)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brugperiode* [Transitional Period] completion
2. *Diploma Middlebaar Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs* (MAVO) [Diploma of Middle Level General Secondary Education]
3. *Leerlingwezen* [Apprenticeship Training] completion
4. *Voorbereidend Beroepsonderwijs* (VBO) [Preparatory Vocational Education] completion
5. *Voorbereidend Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs* (VMBO) [Preparatory Middle Level Vocational Education] completion

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
9	A	4
8	A	4
7	B	3
6	C	2
5	D	1
4	F	0
3	F	0
2	F	0
1	F	0

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Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Uitmuntend	Excellent	A	4
Zeer Goed	Very good	A	4
Goed	Good	A	4
Ruim Voldoende	Amply satisfactory	B	3
Voldoende	Satisfactory	C	2
Binja Voldoende	Almost satisfactory	D	1
Onvoldoende	Insufficient	F	0
Gering	Very insufficient	F	0
Slecht	Bad	F	0
Zeer Slecht	Very bad	F	0

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Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year 1
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 4 = 12	12 years total: eight years primary and four years secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Svjedocanstvo Svjedodzba o Zavrsnom Ispitu* (IV Stepen) [Certificate of final examination IV level]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Svjedodzba o Zavrsenom Obrazovanju* (IV Stepen) [Certificate of final examination IV level]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Diploma O Zavrsenoj Gimnaziji* [Diploma of completed high school]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Svjedodzba o Zavrsenom Obrazovanju* (II Stepen) [Certificate of final examination II level]
2. *Svjedodzba o Zavrsenom Obrazovanju* (III Stepen) [Certificate of final examination III level]

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Odilican	Excellent	A	4
Vrlo Doba	Very good	B	3
Dobar	Good	B	3
Dovoljan	Satisfactory	C	2
Nedovoljan	Unsatisfactory	F	0

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
		Energetics		

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Botswana

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year 1
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 4 = 12	12 years total: eight years primary and four years secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education* (BGCSE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Botswana Examinations Council
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	November

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Botswana Junior Certificate Examination*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Issued at the end of year 10 (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

Note: Must pass five or more BGCSE examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation.

GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	1-2	A	4
B	3-4	B	3
C	5-6	C	2
D, E	7-8	D	1
F, G	9	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- Course Title Usage guide.
- Determination of Credit resource.
- International initial-eligibility flyer.
- Student account task information.
- NCAA Guide of International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility.
- Country-specific webpages.
- Multi-country references.

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Brazil

Background	
Academic Calendar	January-December
What is year nine called?	Year 1 (*Premier ano of Ensino Medio*), *Ensino Medio 1*
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of secondary school (Ensino Medio)
Native Language(s)	Portuguese
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 3 = 11	11 years total: eight years lower and three years upper secondary

Country-specific documents that may be requested: In certain circumstances, the NCAA Eligibility Center may request additional documents to complete an academic certification in addition to the documents required for all students. This list may not be all-inclusive:

» *Ensino Fundamental.*

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Ensino Medio* [Graduation Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificado de Conclusao de Segundo Grau com Habilitacao Basica Professional*
[Certificate of Graduation from Upper Secondary School with Basic Vocational Training]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Certificado de Auxiliar Tecnico* [Certificate of Technical School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Diploma de Tecnico de Segundo Grau, Diploma de Tecnico de Novel Medio* [Diploma of Technician of Secondary Level]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Certificado de Conclusao de Segundo Grau com Habilitacao do Magisterio do Segundo Grau*
[Certificate of Graduation from Secondary School with Concentration in Teacher Training]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

6. *Diploma de Professor do Ensino Primario* [Diploma of Primary School Teacher]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

7. *Diploma de Conclusao de Curso Supletivo* [High School Diploma Equivalency Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Ensino Fundamental* [Primary School Certificate/Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Completion of year 8

CREDITING POLICIES

If course hours are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
120+ hours	1.00
90-119 hours	0.75
80-89 hours	0.67

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
60-79 hours	0.50
40-59 hours	0.34
30-39 hours	0.25

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
9-10	A	4
7-8.9	B	3
5-6.9	C	2
3-4.9	D	1
0-2.9	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellente/Superior Superior	Higher Superior	A	4
Bom/Media Superior	Average Superior	B	3
Aceptable/Media Media	Average Average	C	2
Insufficiente/Media Inferior	Low Average	D	1
Deficiente/Inferior Inferier	Inferior/Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
Writing		Energetics		

» **Click here** for the welcome email students receive with additional information on documents to submit for this country.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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British Virgin Islands

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form three, year nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 and an optional +2 = 13 or 8 + 4 = 12	11, 12 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and two or four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This section is divided into two "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

1. Secondary School Diploma

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Government of the Virgin Islands
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Secondary Education Certificate* (CSEC) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

3. General Certificate of Education (GCE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

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4. *International General Certificate of Secondary Education* (IGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Two forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Two form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **two years** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Advanced Proficiency Examinations/Diploma* (CAPE) [Must pass **two** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. *Advanced International Certificate of Education* (AICE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

For school transcripts in years nine through 11 (form three through form five), **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CSEC grading scale below. For years 12 and 13, **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CAPE grading scale below. (If transcript shows GCSE and AS/A-levels pattern, apply GCSE scale for years nine through 11, AS-level scale for year 12 and A-level scale for year 13).

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4	IV	D	1
II	B	3	V	D	1
III	C	2	VI	F	0

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)			
Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	Outstanding	A	4
B	Good	B	3
C	Fairly Good	C	2
D	Moderate	D	1
E	Weak	D	1
F	Poor	F	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)					
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
I	A	4	V	C	2
II	A	4	VI	D	1
III	B	3	VII	F	0
IV	C	2			

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)					
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
I	A	4	V	C	2
II	A	4	VI	D	1
III	B	3	VII	F	0
IV	C	2			

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)			
Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	Excellent	A	4
B	Very Good	A	4
C	Good	B	3
D	Satisfactory	C	2
E	Acceptable	C	2
F	Weak	D	1
G	Unsatisfactory	F	0

Ordinary Level (O-Level) Examination					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	D	D	1
B	B	3	E	D	1
C	C	2	F, G, H	F	0

Advanced Level (A-Level and AS-Level) Examination					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	D	C	2
B	B	3	E	C	2
C	B	3	O	F	0

GCSE—Ordinary Level (O-Level) Examination					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	H or Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

IGCSE					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

AICE For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2

AICE For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses		
Subject Points	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
10	A	4
8	B	3
6	B	3
4	C	2
2	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Half-Subject Points	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	C	2

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
Communication Studies		Environmental Science	Caribbean Studies	Religious Education
		Human and Social Biology		

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Commerce.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
» **Determination of Credit resource**.
» **International initial-eligibility flyer**.
» **Student account task information**.
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Bulgaria

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	*Клас 9*, class 9, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Bulgarian
Graduation Timeline	
4 + 4 + 4 = 12 or 4 + 4 + 5 = 13	12 or 13 years total: four years primary, four years lower secondary and four or five years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diploma za Zavarsheno Sredno Obrazavanie* [Diploma of Completion of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four/five years or eight/10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	*A gimnazia/sredno obshtoo obrazovatelno uchilishte* [gymnasium/academic secondary school]

2. *Kvalifikatsiran Rabotnik* [Qualified Worker]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Udostoverenie za Poluvissha Tekhnicheska Praktika* [Qualification for Technicians]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificate of Completion of Elementary/Basic Education*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Year eight

2. *Certificate of Completion of Elementary/Basic Education* (Vocational/Technical Schools)

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5.50-6.00	A	4
4.50-5.49	B	3
3.50-4.49	B	3
2.50-3.49	C	2
2.00-2.49	F	0

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Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Otlichen	Excellent	A	4
Mnogo Dobur	Very Good	B	3
Dobur	Good	B	3
Sreden	Average	C	2
Slab	Poor	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
- **Determination of Credit resource**.
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Burkina Faso

Background	
Academic Calendar	October-June
What is year nine called?	*Quatrieme, 4ème, 4e*, 4
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year or lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 2 = 12 or 6 + 4 + 3 = 13	12 or 13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary, and two or three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Baccalauréat/Diplôme de Bachilier de 'Enseignement du Second Degre* [Secondary Education Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Baccalauréat Technique* [Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Baccalauréat de Technicien* [Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Diplôme de Bachelier de Technicien* [Technical Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Brevet d'Études Professionelles* (BEP) [Certificate of Professional Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet d'Études du Premier Cycle* (BEPC) [Certificate of First Cycle Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine

2. *Certificat d'Aptitude Professionelle* (CAP) [Certificate of Professional Competency]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine

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CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16.00-20	A	4
14.00-15.99	A	4
12.00-13.99	B	3
10.00-11.99	C	2
8.00-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

Note: Conceded Pass—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Très Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	A	4
Assez Bien	Quite Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2
Ajourné	Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» Native language terms for years nine through 13:

Native Language	*School Year*
Quatrieme (4ème)	9
Troisieme (3ème)	10
Deuxieme/Seconde (2ème/2nde)	11

Native Language	*School Year*
Premiere (1er/1ere)	12
Terminale (Ter)	13

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Burundi

Background	
Academic Calendar	October-June
What is year nine called?	*Quartrieme, 4ème/4*
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French, Kirundi
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 1 = 11 or 6 + 4 + 3 = 13	11 or 13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and one or three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diplôme d'Etat* [State Diploma that gives access to University Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Technicien A2* [Completion of Upper Secondary Technical Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Technicien A3* [Completion of Lower Level Technical Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificat du Tronc Commun* [Common Track Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
90 – 100	A	4
80 – 89	A	4
70 – 79	B	3
60 – 69	C	2
50 – 59	C	2
0 – 49	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	Excellent	A	4
La plus grande distinction	The highest distinction	A	4
Grande distinction	High distinction	B	3
Distinction	Distinction	C	2
Satisfaction/Pass	Satisfactory	C	2
Fail	Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» Native language terms for years nine through 13:

Native Language	*School Year*
Quatrieme (4ème)	9
Troisieme (3ème)	10
Deuxieme/Seconde (2ème/2nde)	11

Native Language	*School Year*
Premiere (1er/1ere)	12
Terminale (Ter)	13

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Cameroon

***Background:* There are two differing educational systems in this country.**

Francophone System Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	*Quatrieme, 4ème*
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 3 = 13	13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

Francophone System Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Key Stage 3, KS3, form three
Where is year nine typically located?	Last year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
Varies	11, 12 or 13 years

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Francophone System

1. *Baccalauréat/Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Secondaire/Baccalauréat General* [Secondary Education Baccalaureat]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Secondaire Technique/Baccalauréat Technique/Diplome de Bachelier de Technicien* [Technical Baccalaureat]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Brevet de Technicien* [Technician Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Brevet de Professionnel* [Professional Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Brevet d'Etudes Professionnelles* (BEP) [Certificate of Professional Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

6. *Certificat de Probation* [Certificate of Probation] (sometimes referred to as *Probatoire*)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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7. *Certificat d'Aptitude Pedagogique d'Instituteur de l'ensiegnement Maternel et Primaire* (CAPIEMP) [pre-primary and primary teacher certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine for Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle (BEPC) holders) and two years or four semesters after on-time achievement of the Cameroon General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level examination (GCE O-level) holders (see Anglophone system).

Anglophone System

1. *Cameroon General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level* (GCE O-level) [Must pass **five** or more GCE O-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Board of Examinations
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	July

2. *Cameroon General Certificate of Education Advanced Level* (GCE A-level) [Must pass **two** or more GCE A-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation and to advance the expected date of high school graduation two years from the on-time completion of GCE O-level examinations)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Board of Examinations
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	July

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle* (BEPC) *du Second Degré* [Certificate of First Cycle Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (two years from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificat d'Aptitude Professionelle* (CAP) [Certificate of Professional Competency]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

Francophone System		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16-20	A	4
14-15.99	A	4
12-13.99	B	3
10-11.99	C	2
8-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

***Note:** Conceded Pass—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Très Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	A	4
Assez Bien	Quite Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2
Ajourné	Fail	F	0

Anglophone System *GCE O-Level Examinations*		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	C	2
D	D	1
E	D	1
F	F (Failure)	0

Anglophone System *GCE A-Level Examinations*		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
F	F (Failure)	0
O	F (Failure)	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» Native language terms for years nine through 13:

Native Language	*School Year*
Quatrieme (4ème)	9
Troisieme (3ème)	10
Deuxieme/Seconde (2ème/2nde)	11

Native Language	*School Year*
Premiere (1er/1ere)	12
Terminale (Ter)	13

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
TSQ		Energetics		

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Spelling.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
» **Determination of Credit resource**.
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Alberta (Canada)

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Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Typically grade 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Varies
Native Language(s)	English, French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years: Six years primary, three years lower secondary three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Alberta High School Diploma* (General or Advanced)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years, (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Alberta Education-Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	February (after first term), or July (after second term)

2. *Diplôme d'études Secondaires de L'Alberta* (Diploma of Secondary Education)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years, (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Alberta Education-Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	February (after first term), or July (after second term)

3. *Certificate of Achievement*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years, (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Secondary School
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	February (after first term), or July (after second term)

CREDITING POLICIES

Grade Nine Core-Course Credits	*U.S. Equivalent Credit*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

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4+	1.00
3	0.75

Grades 10-12 Core-Course Credits	*U.S. Equivalent Credit*	*Course Series*
5 Credits	1.00 Unit	S2 or S3
3 Credits	0.50 Units	S2 or S3
1 Credit	0.25 Units	S2 or S3

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GRADING SCALE

Grade	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	80-100	A	4
B	65-79	B	3
C	50-64	C	2
F	0-49	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» Additional information on course designations and course sequence is below:

Course Sequence	*Approved for Certification with Matching Course Title*
10, 20 and 30	Yes
10-1, 20-1, and 30-1	Yes
13, 23 and 33	Yes
10-2, 20-2 and 30-2	Yes
14 and 24	No
16, 26 and 36	No
10-4, 20-4 and 30-4	No
15, 25 and 35	Reviewed on a case-by-case basis
-4	No

» The following course titles are **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*
English 10-1	Applied Math 10	Biology 20
English 10-2	Applied Math 20	Biology 30
English 13	Applied Math 30	Biology 35 (IB)
English 20	Computer Science 1 (Math)*	Chemistry 20
English 20-1	Math 9 (.75 CU Max)	Chemistry 30
English 20-2	Mathematics 10-3	Computer Science 1 (SCI)*
English 23	Mathematics 10-a	Environmental Law Module (.25 CU Max)
English 30	Mathematics 10c	Marine Biology 35
English 30-1	Mathematics 20-1	Physics 20
English 30-2	Mathematics 20-2	Physics 30
English 33	Mathematics 20-3	Physics 35 (IB)
English 35 (IB)	Mathematics 30-1	Science 10
English 9	Mathematics 30-2	Science 20
English Language Arts 10	Mathematics 30-3	Science 30
English Language Arts 10-1	Mathematics 31	Science 9 (.75 CU Max)
English Language Arts 20-1	Mathematics 35	Structured Programming 1 (SCI)*
English Language Arts 30-1	Pure Mathematics 10	Structured Programming 2 (SCI)*
Francais 10-1	Pure Mathematics 20	
Francais 20-1	Pure Mathematics 30	
Francais 30-1	Structured Programming 1 (Math)*	
Humanities 9 ENG	Structured Programming 2 (Math)*	
Language Arts 9		
Literature 25		

Social Science				
Abnormal Psychology 35	Experimental Psychology 30	Micro-economics 30	Social Studies 13	Social Studies 9 (.75 CU Max)
Aboriginal Studies 10	Family Law Module (.25 CU Max)	Personal Psychology 20	Social Studies 20	Sociological Institutions 20
Aboriginal Studies 20	General Psychology 20	Political Thinking 20	Social Studies 20-1	Western Canadian History 20
Aboriginal Studies 30	General Sociology 20	Private Law Module (.25 CU Max)	Social Studies 20-2	Western World History 30
Applied Sociology 30	Humanities 9 SS (.75 CU Max)	Public Law Module (.25 CU Max)	Social Studies 23	World Geography 30
Canadian History 20	International Politics 30	Relationship Law Module (.25 CU Max)	Social Studies 30	You and the Law 2 Module (.25 CU Max)
Comparative Government 20	Labour Law Module (.25 CU Max)	Social Studies 10	Social Studies 30-1	You and the Law Module (.25 CU Max)
Criminal Law Module (.25 CU Max)	Local And Canadian Geography 20	Social Studies 10-1	Social Studies 30-2	
Cultural And Physical Anthropology 30	Macro-economics 30	Social Studies 10-2	Social Studies 33	

Additional Courses				
Blackfoot Lang & Cult 10	French 20	French Lang Arts 9 (.75 CU Max)	Japanese 30	Spanish Lang & Cul 20-9y
Blackfoot Lang & Cult 20	French 20-3y	German Lang & Cul 10	Japanese 9 (.75 CU Max)	Spanish Lang & Cul 30
Blackfoot Lang & Cult 30	French 20-6y	German Lang & Cul 20	Origins Of Western Philosophy 20	Spanish Lang & Cul 30-3y
Chinese Language & Cult 10	French 20-9y	German Lang & Cul 30	Philosophies of Man 30	Spanish Lang & Cul 30-6y
Chinese Language & Cult 20	French 30	German Lang Arts 9 (.75 CU Max)	Spanish Lang & Cul 10	Spanish Lang & Cul 30-9y
Chinese Language & Cult 30	French 30-3y	Italian 9 (.75 CU Max)	Spanish Lang & Cul 10-3y	Spanish Lang Arts 9 (.75 Max)
Contemporary Western Philosophy 20	French 30-6y	Italian Lang & Cul 10	Spanish Lang & Cul 10-6y	Ukrainian Lang Arts 10
French 10	French 30-9y	Italian Lang & Cul 20	Spanish Lang & Cul 10-9y	Ukrainian Lang Arts 20
French 10-3y	French Lang Arts 10	Italian Lang & Cul 30	Spanish Lang & Cul 20	Ukrainian Lang Arts 30
French 10-6y	French Lang Arts 20	Japanese 10	Spanish Lang & Cul 20-3y	World Religions 30
French 10-9y	French Lang Arts 30	Japanese 20	Spanish Lang & Cul 20-6y	

*Course can be used as mathmatics or science.

» The following course titles have been reviewed and are **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Career & Life Mgmt (Calm).
- Career in Life Management.
- Career Prep Level Courses (S1).
- Economics For Consumers 20.
- English 16.
- English 26.
- English 36.
- Health Care Services.
- Learning Strategies 15.
- Learning Strategies 25.
- Learning Strategies 35.
- Math 16.
- Math 26.
- Mathematics 14.
- Mathematics 24.
- Mathematics Preparation 10.
- Recreation Leadership.
- Religious Education 15.
- Religious Education 25.
- Religious Education 35.
- Religous Studies 15.
- Religous Studies 25.
- Religous Studies 35.
- Science 14 S1.
- Science 16.
- Science 24.
- Science 26.
- Social Studies 16.
- Social Studies 26.

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British Columbia (Canada)

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Graduation Timeline	
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ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Senior Secondary Graduation Diploma or Certificate* (Dogwood Diploma)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	British Columbia Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

2. *Diplôme de fin d'études Secondaires en Colombie-Britannique* (French Dogwood Diploma)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	British Columbia Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

3. *Provincial Senior Secondary School Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	British Columbia Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Secondary School Adjusted Program Certificate* of British Columbia Institute of Technology programs requiring only grade 10 for admission

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

Grade Nine Core-Course Credits	*U.S. Equivalent Credits*
All Core Courses	1.00 Unit

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Grade 10-12 Core-Course Credits	*U.S. Equivalent Credits*
4 Credits	1.00 Unit
3 Credits	0.75 Units
2 Credits	0.50 Units
1 Credit	0.25 Units

GRADING SCALE

Grade	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	86-100	A	4
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F	0-49	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» Courses labeled as co-op, enriched, challenge, mini, starworks or SW, as well as a corresponding approved-course title as listed on the approved core-course list, can be considered in the core-course evaluation.

» When the Eligibility Center staff receives an electronic transcript from the British Columbia Ministry of Education, staff must answer the student's security question in order to access the transcript. To avoid processing delays, please answer the security question "**What is my NCAA ID?**" with your NCAA ID. This will allow Eligibility Center staff the ability to download the transcript to your account.

» The following course titles are **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language				
AP English Lang/ Comp APLAN12/ APEN12	English 10 EN10	English First Peoples Writing 10 EFWR 10	IB Eng Lang and Lit A (SL) 11	IB Theory of Knowledge 12 (TOK 12- Eng)[2]
AP English Literature/ Comp 12/APELC12	English 11 EN11	English Literature 12 LIT12	IB English HL 11 IENH11	Language and Literature 9[1]
Composition 10	English 12 EN12	English Studies 12 ENST 12	IB English Lang/Lit A (HL) 11	Literary Studies 10 LTST 10
Composition 11	English First Peoples 10	Extended Essay[1]	IB English Literature (HL) 12 IENH12	Literary Studies 11 LTST 11
Composition 12 CMPS 12	English First Peoples 11	Film[1]	IB English Lang/Lit A (HL) 12	Spoken Language 11
Creative Writing 10 CTWR 10	English First Peoples 12	Francaise Langue Premiere 9	IB English Lang/Lit A (SL) 12	Spoken Language 12
Creative Writing 11 CTWR 11	English First Peoples Lit Studies 10 EFLS 10	Francais Langue Premiere 10	IB English Literature HL 11 IELS11	Writing 10 WR 10
Creative Writing 12 CTWR 12	English First Peoples Literary Studies and New Media 11 ELNM 11	Francais Langue Premiere 11	IB English Literature HL 12 IENH12	Writing 12 WR 12
English 9 EN9	English First Peoples Literary Studies and Spoken Language 11 ELSL 11	Francais Langue Premiere 12	IB Foundations English 10 EN10IB	
English 9 Tech	English First Peoples Literary Studies and Writing 11 EFLS 11	Humanities 9 (Eng) HUM9	IB Theory of Knowledge 11 (TOK 11- Eng)[2]	

Math				
Analytics and Approaches[1]	Computer Science 11	Geometry 12 GMT 12	IB Mathematics 12 SL	Principles of Math 11 MA11
AP Calculus AB 12 APCAL12	Computer Science 12	History of Mathematics 11	Mathematics 9 Tech	Principles of Math 12 MA12
AP Math Calculus AB APCALC12	Foundations of Math & Pre-Calc Grade 10	IB Foundations of Mathematics Grade 10	Mathematiques 9 (Mathematics 9)	Principles of Math 12 MA12E
AP Statistics 12 APSTA12	Foundations of Math & Pre-Calc Grade 9 FMP9	IB Mathematics 11 HL	Pre-Calculus Grade 11 PREC11	Principles of Math 9 MA9/PMA9
Applications and Interpretation[1]	Foundations of Mathematics Grade 11	IB Mathematics 11 SL	Pre-Calculus Grade 12 PREC12	Statistics 12 Stat 12
Calculus 12 CALC12	Foundations of Mathematics Grade 12	IB Mathematics 12 HL	Principles of Math 10 MA10/PMA10	

Science				
Anatomy and Physiology 12 ATPH 12	Chemistry 12 CH12	IB Biology (HL) 11 IBIH11	IB General Chemistry SL 12 IGCH12	SC NTRL 9
AP Biology 12 ABIO 12	Design Technology[1]	IB Biology (HL) 12 IBIH12	IB Physics (SL) 11	Science 9 SC9/SCN9
AP Chemistry 12 ACHE 12	Earth Science 11 ESC11	IB Biology (SL) 11	IB Physics (SL) 12	Science 10 SC10/ SCN10
AP Environmental Science 12 APENS12	Environment and Society1	IB Biology (SL) 12	IB Physics HL 11 IPHH11	Science 9 Tech
AP Physics 12 APHY 12	Environmental Science 11 EVSC 11	IB Chemistry (HL) 11	IB Physics HL 12 IPPH12	Science For Citizens
AP Physics B 12 APPHY12	Environmental Science 12 EVSC12	IB Chemistry (HL) 12	IB Science Foundations 10 SC10IB	Sports, Exercise and Health Science[1]
Biology 11 BI11	Environmental Studies 12 ES12	IB Environmental Systems 11	Life Sciences 11 LFSC 11	
Biology 12 BI12	Environmental Systems and Societies[1]	IB Environmental Systems 12	Physics 11 PH11	
Chemistry 11 CH11	Geology 12 GEOL12	IB General Chemistry SL 11 IGCH11	Physics 12 PH12	

Social Science				
20th Century World History 12 WH12	Criminology 12 YCRIM12	IB Foundations Social Studies 10	Information Technology in a Global Society 1	Sciences Humaines 9 Sch9
AP Comparative Govt/Politics 12 APCGP12	Economic Theory 12 ECT 12	IB Geography (HL) 11 IGGH11	Introduction to Civic Studies 11	Sciences Humaines 11 Sch11
AP European History 12 APHI12	Economics 12 EC12	IB Geography (SL) 11	Law Studies 12 LST 12	Sciences Humaines 10 SCH10
AP Human Geography APHG12	Explorations in Social Studies 11 EPSS11	IB Geography (HL) 12	Philosophy 12 PHIL 12	Social Justice 12
AP Macro-economics 12 APMA12	Francophone History and Culture 11 FRHI 11	IB Geography (SL) 12 IGGH12	Physical Geography 12 PGEO 12	Social Studies 9 SS9/SCH9
AP Micro-economics 12 APMI12	Genocide Studies 12 GENO12	IB History (HL) 11 IHIH11	Political Studies 12 PLST 12	Social Studies 10 SS10/SCH10
Asian Studies 12	Geography 11 GEO11	IB History (HL) 12 IHIH12	Psychology 11 YPSY11	Social Studies 11 SS11/ Sch11

Social Science (continued)				
BC First Nations Studies 12 FNS12	Geography 12 GEO12	IB History (SL) 11	Psychology 12 CPPSY12	Social Studies 9 Tech
BC First Peoples 12	History 12 HI12	IB History (SL) 12	Psychology 12 PSYC12	Urban Studies 12 RBST12
Comparative Civilizations CCN12	Human Geography 12 HGEO12	IB Theory of Knowledge 11 (TOK 11- SS) 2	Psychology 12/AP APPSY12	World Religions1
Comparative Cultures 12 CMCL12	Humanities 9 (SS) HUM9	IB Theory of Knowledge 12 (TOK 12- SS) 2	Psychology YPSYC10 A, B, C	
Comparative World Religions 12 WRL12	IB Business Management HL	Individuals & Societies 9	Psychology YPSYC11 A, B, C	
Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 INST12	IB Business Management SL	Individuals & Societies 10	Psychology YPSYC12 A, B, C	

Additional Courses				
AB Initio World Language[3]	French Langue Seconde - Immersion 10 FRAL10	IB Mandarin Chinese 12	Introductory Spanish 11 BSP11	Literary and Artistic Studies and New Media 10[5]
American Sign Language 10 ASL10	French Langue Seconde - Immersion 11 FRAL11	IB Spanish B (HL) 11	Italian 9 IT9	Literary and Artistic Studies and New Media 11[5]
American Sign Language 11 ASL11	French Langue Seconde - Immersion 9/FRAL9	IB Spanish B (HL) 12	Italian 10 IT10	Literary and Artistic Studies and Spoken Language 10[6]
American Sign Language 12 ASL12	French Langue Seconde -Immersion 12 FRAL12	IB Spanish B (SL) 11	Italian 11 IT11	Literary and Artistic Studies and Spoken Language 11[7]
American Sign Language 9 ASL9	German 10 GE10	IB Spanish B (SL) 12	Italian 12 IT12	Mandarin Chinese 10 MAN10
AP French Language 12 APFRL12	German 11 GE11	IB Spanish B AB Initio (SL) 11	Japanese 9 JA9	Mandarin Chinese 11 MAN11
French 9 FRAL 9	German 12 GE12	IB Spanish B AB Initio (SL) 12	Japanese 10 JA10	Mandarin Chinese 12 MAN12
French 10 FR10/ FRAL10	German 9 GE9	IB Theory of Knowledge 11 (TOK 11- Addl) [2]	Japanese 11 J1A1	Mandarin Chinese 9 MAN9
French 10 FR10E	IB Foundations French 10	IB Theory of Knowledge 12 (TOK 12- Addl)[2]	Japanese 12 JA12	Philosophy 9
French 11 FR11/FRAL11	IB French 11	Introductory American Sign Language BASL11	Korean 9 KE9	Spanish 10 SP10
French 11 FR11E	IB French 12	Introductory German BGE11	Korean 10 KE10	Spanish 11 SP11
French 12 FR12/ FRAL12	IB Japanese 11	Introductory Italian 11 BIT11	Korean 11 KE11	Spanish 12 SP12
French 12 FR12E	IB Japanese 12	Introductory Japanese BJA11	Korean 12 KE12	Spanish 9 SP
French Language and Culture 12	IB Mandarin Chinese 11	Introductory Korean BKE11	Literary and Artistic Studies and Composition 11[4]	World Language 3

1. This is an IB course title (can be used as plain title, or with “SL”, “HL” or any IB-related designation included with it).
2. Approved as English/Social Science/Additional Course.
3. Title can be used for any world language accompanied by “AB Initio” in the title. This is an IB course title (can be used as plain title or with “SL”, “HL” or any IB-related designation included with it).
4. This course is different than the PIR course, “New Media 10.” This full course title is approved.
5. This course is different than the PIR course, “New Media 11.” This full course title is approved.
6. This course is different than the PIR course, “Spoken Language 10.” This full course title is approved.
7. This course is different than the PIR course, “Spoken Language 11.” This full course title is approved.

» The following course titles have been reviewed and are **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Applications of Math 10 (AMA10).
- Applications of Math 11 (AMA11).
- Applications of Math 12 (AMA12).
- Apprenticeship Mathematics Grade 12.
- Christian Perspectives 11.
- Christian Perspectives 12l
- Civic Studies 11 (CS11)l
- Communications 11.
- Communications 12.
- Essentials of Math 10 (EMA10).
- Essentials of Math 11 (EMA11).
- Essentials of Math 12 (EMA12).
- Essentials of Math 9 (EMA9).
- Readers and Writers 9.
- Workplace Math 10.
- Workplace Math 11.

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Manitoba (Canada)

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Typically grade 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Lower Secondary School/Middle School
Native Language(s)	English, French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 2 = 12	12 years: Six years primary, four years lower secondary two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *High School Graduation Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Secondary School
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

2. *Diplôme d'Études Secondaires* (DES) [Diploma of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Secondary School
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

3. *Provincial Senior Secondary School Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Secondary School
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

CREDITING POLICIES

Unit Credits for Grades 9-12 will be Awarded as Follows	
Course Designation Characters	*U.S. Equivalent Credit*
0	Developed/approved by Ministry of Education for 1 credit
5	Developed/approved by Ministry of Education for 0.5 credits
1	Developed by a school/division/district and approved by the Ministry of Education (credit value awarded on a case-by-case basis)
2	Developed elsewhere and approved by Ministry of Education (credit value awarded on a case-by-case basis)

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GRADING SCALE

Grade	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	80-100	A	4
B	70-79	B	3
C	60-69	C	2
D	50-59	D	1
F	0-49	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» Course codes in Manitoba represent the grade level, who developed the course and for what credit and academic level. Please see the tables below for a breakdown of the course codes.

First Character in Course Code	
Character	Grade Level
1	Grade 9
2	Grade 10
3	Grade 11
4	Grade 12

Second Character in Course Code		
Character	Developing/Approving Body	Units of Credits
0	Ministry of Education	1.00
5	Ministry of Education	0.50
1	Developed by School/District and Approved by Ministry of Education	Credit Awarded on Case-by-Case Basis
2	Developed by Third Party and Approved by Ministry of Education	Credit Awarded on Case-by-Case Basis

Third Character in Course Code		
Character	Academic Level	Approved for Certification with Matching Course Title
F	Foundation	Yes
S	Specialized	Yes
G	General	Yes
U	University-based	Yes
M	Modified	No
I	Individualized	No
C	College-based	No
E	ESL	Reviewed on Case-by-Case Basis

» The following course titles are **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language				
ELA: Comp Focus 30S	ELA: Literary Focus 30S	ELA: Trans Focus 30S	English Lang Arts 20F	English Language Arts 30S
ELA: Comp Focus 40S	ELA: Literary Focus 40S	ELA: Transactional Focus 40S	English Language Arts 11G	
ELA: Literary Focus 20S	ELA: Literary Forms 40S	English Lang Arts 10F	English Language Arts 21G	

Science				
Biology 30S	Chemistry 30S	Physics 30S	Physics 30S	Science 20F
Biology 40S	Chemistry 40S	Physics 40S	Physics 40S	Science 20S

Social Science				
American History 20G	Geography 20G	Physical Geography 30G	Social Studies 10G	Sociology 31G
Canada in Contemporary World 10G	Geography 20S	Psychology 30S	Social Studies 20G	Sociology 41G
Canadian History 30G	Geography: World Human 40S	Psychology 31G	Social Studies 30G	SS: First Nation, Metic & Inuit Studies 40S
Canadian History 30S	History 30S	Psychology 40S	Social Studies 30S	Western Civilization History 40G
Economics 40S	History 40S	Psychology 41G	Social Studies: Global Issues 40	World Geography A Human Perspective 40S
Geographic Issues of 21st Century 20G	History of Canada 30F	Psychology AP 42S	Social Studies: World Issues 40G	World Human Geography 40G
Geography 20F	Law 40S	Sci Humane 10F	Social Studies: World Issues 40S	

Math				
Advanced Mathematics 45A	Calculus 45S	Intro to Calculus 45A	Mathematics 3204	Precalculus Math 40S
Applied Math 20S	Calculus/AP 42S	Mathematics 10F	Mathematics 3205	
Applied Math 30S	Essential Mathematics 30S*	Mathematics 2204	Precalculus Math 20S	
Applied Math 40S	Intro to Applied/ Precalculus Math 20S	Mathematics 2205	Precalculus Math 30S	

Additional Courses				
French 10F	French 30S	French: Communication and Culture 30S	German 30S	Spanish 20F

*__Informational note only:__ Change in status made on 12/7/2021 from “not acceptable” to “acceptable.”

» The following course titles have been reviewed and are **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Consumer Math 20S.
- Consumer Math 30S.
- Consumer Math 40S.
- English 1200I
- English 1202.
- English 2202I
- English 3202I
- Enterprise 3205I
- Essential Matematics 11 (EMA11.
- Essential Mathematics 10 (EMS10).
- Essential Mathematics 12 (EMA12).
- Essential Mathematics 40S.
- Mathematics 1206I
- Mathematics 2206I
- Mathematics 3206.
- Princ of Accounting 30S.
- Systems of Accounting 40S.
- Theatre Arts 2200.

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New Brunswick (Canada)

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Typically grade 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Lower Secondary School/Middle School
Native Language(s)	English, French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years: Six years primary, three years lower secondary three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *High School Diploma* (Anglophone)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Secondary School
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

2. *Diplôme d'Fin d'Études* (Francophone)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Secondary School
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

GRADING SCALE

Grade	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	86-100	A	4
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Course Codes

» Core courses completed in grades 11 and 12 are named by subject, and each is assigned a three-digit numerical code.

» The first two numbers designate the year of the courses (e.g., 11 or 12).

» The third number designates the level of difficulty. Core courses completed in grades 11 and 12 must be taught at the Enriched or Regular level. Courses with these codes can be considered in the academic certification process, if accompanied by an approved course title.

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» The following course titles are **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
Anglais 211	Advanced Mathematics w/Intro Calc 120	Biologie 411	Ancient & Medieval History 10	French Language Arts 10
Anglais 311	Calculus 120	Biologie 421	Canadian Geography 120	French Language Arts 11
Anglais 411	Foundations of Mathematics 110	Biology 111	Canadian History 122	French Language Arts 12
Anglais 9	Foundations of Mathematics 120	Biology 112	Droit 411	French Language Arts 9
English 10	Functions and Relations 111	Biology 121	Economics 120	SPAGL 411
English 11	Functions and Relations 112	Biology 122	FPS 111	
English 111	Geometry and Applications 111	Chemistry 111	FPS 211	
English 112	Geometry and Applications 112	Chemistry 112	Geographie 9	
English 121	Geometry, Measurement and Finance 10	Chemistry 121	Histoire Acadie 411	
English 122	Mathematics 10	Chemistry 122	Histoire Monde 211	
English 9	Mathematics 9	Chimie 311	Historie Canada 311	
Francais 231	Mathematiques 10	Chimie 411	Law 120	
Francais 331	Mathematiques 231	Enviromental Science 122	Modern History 112	
Francais 411	Mathematiques 311	Enviromental Science 123	Native Studies 120	
Francais 9	Mathematiques 321	Physics 111	Physical Geography 110	
Writing 110	Mathematiques 411	Physics 112	Political Science 120	
	Mathematiques 421	Physics 121	Social Studies 10	
	Number, Relations and Functions 10	Physics 122	Social Studies 9	
	Pre-Calculus 110	Physique 311	World Issues 120	
	Pre-Calculus A 120	Physique 411		
	Pre-Calculus B 120	Science 10		
	Trigometry and 3-Space 121	Science 9		
	Trigometry and 3-Space 122	Sciences 10		
		Sciences 9		
		Sciences Environment 411		

» The following course titles have been reviewed and are **not approved** for use in an academic certification:
  - Applications in Mathematics 113.
  - Environmental Science 123.
  - Modern History 113.
  - Patterns and Relations 113.
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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Newfoundland and Labrador (Canada)

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Typically grade 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Lower Secondary School/Middle School
Native Language(s)	English, French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years: Six years primary, three years lower secondary three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Provincial High School Graduation Certificate* (Honours, Academic or General)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Newfoundland and Labrador Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

2. *High School Graduation Diploma* or *Senior High School Graduation Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Newfoundland and Labrador Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

CREDITING POLICIES

Grade Nine Core-Course Credits	*U.S. Equivalent Credits*
English 9	1.00 Unit
Mathematics 9	1.00 Unit
Social Studies 9	0.67 Units
Science 9	0.67 Units
French 9	0.50 Units

Grade 10-12 Core-Course Credits	*U.S. Equivalent Credits*
2 Credits	1.00 Unit
1 Credit	0.50 Units

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GRADING SCALE

Grade	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	80-100	A	4
B	70-79	B	3
C	60-69	C	2
D	50-59	D	1
F	0-49	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Course Codes

- The first two characters in the numerical course code for grades 10 through 12 states the subject studied (e.g., 06 indicates French).
- The third character in the numerical course code for grades 10 through 12 states the course level (e.g., 1, 2 and 3 designate secondary level courses. Number 4 usually indicates Advanced Placement courses).
- The fourth character indicates the credit value of the course.
- The fifth character indicates the type of course completed.
- These course codes, along with an approved course title can be considered in the academic certification process.
- Courses designated with a 6 or 7 will not be used in the certification process.
- The sixth character in the numerical course code is a digit between 0 and 9 distinguishing courses in a subject area having the same level, credit value and type.
- The following course titles are **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
Canadian Literature	Math 1201/ Mathematiques 1231	Biologie 2231/Biologie 2231	Canadian Economy 2203	Accelerated French 2203
English 1201	Math 2200/ Mathematiques 2230	Biologie 3231/Biologie 3231	Canadian Geography 1202	Accelerated French 3203
English 2201	Math 2201	Biology 2201	Canadian History 1201	Enseignment Religieux 3131
English 3201	Math 3200/ Mathematiques 3230	Biology 3201	Canadian Issues 1209	Enseignment Religieux 3136
Folk Literature	Math 3201/ Mathematiques 3231	Chemistry 2202/ Chimie 2232	Canadian Law 2104	Ethical Issues 1104
Language Arts 9	Math 3208	Chemistry 3202/ Chimie 3232	Canadian Law 2204	Francais 1202
World Literature 3207	Mathematics 1204	Earth Systems 3209	Droit Canadienne 2234	Francais 2202
	Mathematics 2204	Environmental Science 3205	Economie Canadienne 2233	Francais 3202
	Mathematics 2205	Physics 2204/ Physique 2234	Geographie Du Canada 1232	(Core) French 1200
	Mathematics 3103	Physics 3204	Historie Du Canada 1231	(Core) French 2200
	Mathematics 3204	Science 1206/ Sciences 1236	Historie Mondiale 2236	(Core) French 3200
	Mathematics 3205	Science?Sciences 9 (.67 CU Max)	Historie Mondiale 3231	French 3201
	Mathematics 3207	Science De L'environement 3235	Newfoundland & Labrador (NL) Studies 2205	French 9 (.5 CU Max)

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
	Mathematics 9/ Mathematiques 9		Social Studies 9/ Social Humanies 9 (.67 CU Max)	World Religions 3101
			World Geography 3200	World Religions 3106
			World Geography 3202	Ethics and Philosophy 2101
			World History 3201	Francais (EFI) 9
			Social Studies 1201/ Sciences Humanies 1231	
			Social Studies 22021/ Science Humanies 2231	
			Social Studies 3201/ Social Humanies 3231	
			Ethics and Social Justice 2016	

» The following course titles have been reviewed and are **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Business Enterprise 1100.
- Christian Writings 2104.
- Consumer Studies.
- English 1200.
- English 1202.
- English 2202.
- English 3202.
- Enterprise 3205.
- Enterprise Education 3205.
- Mathematics 1206l
- Mathematics 2206l
- Mathematics 3206.
- Science 2200.
- Science 3200.
- Theatre Arts 2200l
- Writing 2203.

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Northwest Territories (Canada)

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Typically grade 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Varies
Native Language(s)	English, French
Graduation Timeline	

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Senior Secondary School Graduation Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Northwest Territory Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

2. *General High School Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Northwest Territory Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Junior High School Diploma* or Arctic College requiring less than completion of grade 12 for admission

CREDITING POLICIES

Grade Nine Core-Course Credits	*U.S. Equivalent Credit*
Language Arts/English 9	1.00 Unit
Mathematics 9	1.00 Unit
All other core courses	0.75 Units

Grade 10-12 Core-Course Credits	*U.S. Equivalent Credit*
5 Credits	1.00 Unit
3 Credits	0.50 Units
1 Credit	0.25 Units

GRADING SCALE

Grade	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	80-100	A	4
B	70-79	B	3
C	60-69	C	2
D	50-59	D	1
F	0-49	F	0

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Course Codes

Course Sequence	*Approved for Certification with Matching Course Title*
10, 20 and 30	Yes
10-1, 20-1 and 30-1	Yes
13, 23 and 33	Yes
10-2, 20-2 and 30-2	Yes
16, 26 and 36	No
15, 25 and 25	No
14 and 24	No Longer Offered

» The following course titles are **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*
English 10-1	Applied Mathematics 10	Biology 20	Northern Studies 10
English 10-2	Applied Mathematics 20	Biology 30	Northern Studies 10 (.5 CU Max)
English 20-1	Applied Mathematics 30	Chemistry 20	Social Studies 10-1
English 20-2	Calculus 35 (.5 CU Max)	Chemistry 30	Social Studies 10-2
English 30-1	Foundations of Mathematics 20-2	Physics 20/Physiques 20	Social Studies 10/Sciences Humaines 10
English 30-2	Foundations of Mathematics 30-2	Physics 30/Physiques 30	Social Studies 13
Francais 10-1	Mathematics 10C	Science 10	Social Studies 20-1
Francais 10-2	Mathematics 31	Science 20	Social Studies 20-2
Francais 20-1	Mathematics 9	Science 30	Social Studies 20/Sciences Humaines 20
Francais 20-2	Pre-Calculus 20-1	Science 9 (.75 CU Max)	Social Studies 23
Francais 30-1	Pre-Calculus 30-1		Social Studies 30-1
Francais 30-2	Pure Mathematics 10		Social Studies 30-2
Language Arts 9	Pure Mathematics 10B (.5 CU Max)		Social Studies 30/Sciences Humaines 30
	Pure Mathematics 20		Social Studies 33

Additional Courses				
Aboriginal Language 15 (.5 CU Max)	Francais 20	French 10	French Language Arts 10	Inuktitut Studies 35
Aboriginal Language 25 (.5 CU Max)	Francais 23	French 20	French Language Arts 20	
Aboriginal Language 35 (.5 CU Max)	Francais 30	French 30	French Language Arts 30	
Francais 10	Francais 33	French 9 (.75 CU Max)	Inuktitut Studies 15	
Francais 13	Francais 9 (.75 CU Max)	French Immersion 9 (.75 CU Max)	Inuktitut Studies 25	

» The following course titles have been reviewed and are **not approved** for use in an academic certification:
  - English 16.
  - English 26.
  - English 36.
  - Essentials of Mathematics 10.
  - Essentials of Mathematics 20.
  - Essentials of Mathematics 30.
  - Mathematics 10 Prep.
  - Mathematics 16.
  - Mathematics 26.
  - Science 15.
  - Science 16.
  - Science 25.
  - Science 26.
  - Social Studies 16.
  - Social Studies 26.

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Nova Scotia (Canada)

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Typically grade 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Varies
Native Language(s)	English, French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years: Six years primary, three years lower secondary three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *High School Graduation Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Nova Scotia Ministry of Education (or private school if attended)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

CREDITING POLICIES

Grade Nine Core-Course Credits	*U.S. Equivalent Credit*
All Core Courses	1.00 Unit

Grade 10-12 Core-Course Credits	*U.S. Equivalent Credit*
1 Credit	1.00 Unit
0.50 Credits	0.50 Units

GRADING SCALE

Grade	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	85-100	A	4
B	70-84	B	3
C	60-69	C	2
D	50-59	D	1
F	0-49	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» Core courses completed in grades 10-12 with the following credit types:
- ACAD (Academic) and ADV (Advanced) can be considered in the certification process if they are accompanied by an approved course title.
- GRAD (Graduation) will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- OPEN (Open) will not be used in the certification process.
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» The following course titles are **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*
Advanced English 11	Advanced Mathematics 11	Advanced Biology 10	African Canadian Studies 11
African Heritage Literature 12	Advanced Mathematics 12	Advanced Biology 11	Ancient History 10
AP English Literature and Composition 12	Calculus 12	Advanced Biology 12	Canadian History 11
Canadian Literature 12	Math Intl Baccalaureate 11	Advanced Chemistry 10	Economics 11
English 10	Mathematics 10	Advanced Chemistry 11	Economics 12
English 11	Mathematics 10 Plus (1 CU Max)	Advanced Chemistry 12	Gaelic Studies 11
English 12	Mathematics 11	Advanced Physics 11	Geography 10
English Pre IB 10	Mathematics 12	Advanced Physics 12	Geography 11
IB English A Language and Literature HL 12	Mathematics 9	Biology 11	Geography 12
IB English A Language and Literature SL 12	Mathematics Pre IB 10	Biology 12	Geography of Asia 10

Additional Courses			
Core French 10	French Extended Core 10	German 9	Latin 12
Core French 11	French Extended Core 11	German 10	Mikmaw 9
Core French 12	French Language Arts 12	German 11	Spanish 10
Francais Immersion 10	French Pre IB 10	German 12	Spanish 11
Francais Immersion 11	Gaelic 9	IB French 11	Spanish 12
Francais Immersion 12	Gaelic 10	Latin 9	
French 9	Gaelic 11	Latin 10	
French Extended Core 9	Gaelic 12	Latin 11	

» The following course titles have been reviewed and are **not approved** for use in an academic certification:
  - ELA 9.

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Nunavut (Canada)

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Typically grade 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Varies
Native Language(s)	English, French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years: Six years primary, three years lower secondary three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *High School Diploma* (General or Advanced)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Secondary School
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

CREDITING POLICIES

Grade Nine Core-Course Credits	*U.S. Equivalent Credits*
Language Arts/English 9	1.00 Unit
Mathematics	1.00 Unit
All Other Core Courses	0.75 Units

Grade 10-12 Core-Course Credits	*U.S. Equivalent Credits*
5 Credits	1.00 Unit
3 Credits	0.50 Units
1 Credit	0.25 Units

GRADING SCALE

Grade	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	80-100	A	4
B	65-79	B	3
C	50-64	C	2
F	0-49	F	0

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following course titles are **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*
English 10-1	Applied Mathematics 10	Biology 20	Humanities 9 SS (.75 CU Max)
English 10-2	Applied Mathematics 20	Biology 30	Northern Studies 15 (.5 CU Max)
English 20-1	Applied Mathematics 30	Chemistry 20	Social Studies 10
English 20-2	Foundations of Mathematics 20-1	Chemistry 30	Social Studies 13
English 30-1	Mathematics 31	Environmental Studies 35	Social Studies 20
English 30-2	Mathematics 9 (.75 CU Max)	Physics 20	Social Studies 23
English 9	Pre-Calculus & Foundations of Math 10C	Physics 30	Social Studies 30
Humanities 9 ENG	Pre-Calculus 20-1	Science 10	Social Studies 33
Inuit Language 10	Pure Mathematics 10	Science 20	Social Studies 9 (.75 CU Max)
Inuit Language 11	Pure Mathematics 20	Science 30	
Inuit Language 12	Pure Mathematics 30	Science 9 (.75 CU Max)	

Additional Courses			
Francais 10	French as Second Language 10	French Language Arts 20	Inuktitut 12
Francais 20	French as Second Language 20	French Language Arts 30	Inuktitut 9
Francais 30	French as Second Language 30	Inuktitut 10	Inuktitut 9 (.75 CU Max)
Francais/French 9 (.75 CU Max)	French Language Arts 10	Inuktitut 11	

» The following course titles have been reviewed and are **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Essentials of Math 10.
- Essentials of Math 11.
- Essentials of Math 12.
- Essentials of Math 20.
- Essentials of Math 30.
- Mathematics Prep 10.
- Reading 10.

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Ontario (Canada)

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Typically grade 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Varies
Native Language(s)	English, French
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 4 = 12	12 years: Six years primary, three years lower secondary three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Secondary School Diploma* (OSSD)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ontario Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

2. *Diplôme d'Études Secondaires* (DES) [Diploma of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ontario Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificate of Education or Nursing Assistant Certificate*

CREDITING POLICIES

Grade 9-12 Core-Course Credits	*U.S. Equivalent Credits*
Civics (CHV20)	0.50 Units
All other Core Courses	1.00 Unit

Note: See the "Important Information" section below for more information on Ontario's course codes.

GRADING SCALE

Grade	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	80-100	A	4
B	70-79	B	3
C	60-69	C	2
D	50-59	D	1
F	0-49	F	0

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Course Codes

» The first three characters in the course code indicate the subject area of the course (e.g., ENG = English). Please see the tables below for a further breakdown of the course codes:

Fourth Character in Course Code (non-ESL/classical/native language courses)	
Character	*Grade Level*
1	Grade 9
2	Grade 10
3	Grade 11
4	Grade 12

Fourth Character in Course Code (ESL/classical/native language courses)	
Character	*Grade Level*
A	Level 1
B	Level 2
C	Level 3
D	Level 4
E	Level 5

Fifth Character in Course Code (ESL/classical/native language courses)		
Character	*Academic Level*	*Approved for Certification with Matching Course Titles*
D	Academic	Yes
P	Applied	No
O	Open	No
E	Workplace Preparation	No
C	College Preparation	No
U	University Preparation	Yes
M	College/University Preparation	Yes
L	Locally Developed Courses	Reviewed on Case-by Case Basis

*Civics (CHV20) will be used in the certification process but only be awarded 0.50 units by the Ministry of Education.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following course titles are **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*
Canadian Literature EAT3M	Adv Functions & Intro Calculus MCB4U	Biology SBI3U
Canadian Literature ETC3M	Advanced Functions MHF4U	Biology SBI4U
English 9 ENG1D/EAE1D	Calculus & Vectors MCV4U	Chemistry SCH3U
English 10 ENG2D/EAE2D	Functions & Relations MCR3U	Chemistry SCH4U
English 11 ENG3U/EAU3U	Functions MCF3M	Earth & Space Science SES4U
English 12 ENG4U/EAE4U	Geometry & Discrete Math MGA4U	Environmental Science SVN3M
English Literature EAL4U	Grade 9 Mathematics MTH1W	Physics SPH3U

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*
English: Contemp Aboriginal Voices NBE3U	Mathematics & Data Management MDM4U	Physics SPH4U
French 9 (Native Language) FRA1D	Principles of Math 9 MPM1D	Science 9 SNC1D
French 10 (Native Language) FRA2D	Principles of Math 10 MPM2D	Science 10 SNC2D
French 11 (Native Language) FRA3U	Introduction to Computer Science ICS3U	Science 11 SNC3M
French 12 (Native Language) FRA4U	Computer Science ICS4U	Science 12 SNC4M
Studies In Literature ETS4U		Science 9 SNC1W
The Writer's Craft EWC4U		Introduction to Computer Science ICS3U
		Computer Science ICS4U

Social Science				
Aboriginal Governance NDG4M	Canadian History 20th Century CHC2D	Equity And Social Justice: Theory to Practice HSE4M	Ind & Families in a Div Society HHS4M	Understanding Canadian Law Clu3m
American History CHA3U	Challenge & Change in Society HSB4M	Families in Canada HHS4U	International Business BBB4M	World Cultures HSC4M
Analyzing Current Econ Issues CIA4U	Challenge & Change in Society HSB4U	Gender Studies HSG3M	Intro to Anthro, Psych & Soc HSP3M	World Geog: Human Patterns CGU4U
Canada: Hist, Identity, Culture CHI4U	Civics CHV2O (.5 Units)	Geography of Canada CGC1D	Intro to Anthro, Psych & Soc HSP3U	World Hist: The West & the World CHY4U
Canadian & Int'l Law CLN4U	Classical Civilization LVV4U	Geography Patterns & Issues CGD3M	Issues of Indigeus Peoples NDW4M	World History 16th Century CHW3M
Canadian & World Politics CPW4U	Current Aboriginal Issues NDA3M	Geomatics CGO4M	Physical Geography CGF3M	
Canadian and World Issues CGW4U	Environ & Resource Management CGR4M	Human Development Through the Lifespans HHG4M	The Individual & the Economy CIE3M	

Additional Courses				
Cantonese 1 LKDAD	French Immersion 1 FIF1D	Greek 2 LVGBU	Japanese 10 LKJBD	Mandarin 10 LKMBD
Cantonese 2 LKDBD	French Immersion 2 FIF2D	Greek 3 LBGCU	Japanese 11 LKJCU	Mandarin 11 LKMCU
Core French 1 FSF1D	French Immersion 3 FIF3U	Greek 3 LVGCU	Japanese 12 LKJDU	Mandarin 12 LKMDU
Core French 2 FSF2D	French Immersion 4 FIF4U	Greek 4 LBGDU	Japanese 9 LKJAD	Mandarin 9 LKMAD
Core French 3 FSF3U	German 1 LWGAD	Hebrew 1 LYHAD	Latin 1 LVLAD	Philosophy HZT4U
Core French 4 FSF4U	German 2 LWGBD	Hebrew 11 LYHCU	Latin 2 LVLBU	Philosophy: The Big Questions HZB3M
Croation LBCCU	German 3 LWGCU	Hebrew 2 LYHBD	Latin 3 LVLCU	Polish 10 LRPBD
Extended French 1 FEF1D	German 4 LWGDU	Italian 1 LWIAD	Lithuanian 10 LLUBD	Polish 11 LRPCU
Extended French 2 FEF2D	Greek 1 LBGAD	Italian 2 LWIBD	Lithuanian 11 LLUCU	Polish 12 LRPDU
Extended French 3 FEF3U	Greek 1 LVGAD	Italian 3 LWICU	Lithuanian 12 LLUDU	Polish 9 LRQAD
Extended French 4 FEF4U	Greek 2 LBGBD	Italian 4 LWIDU	Lithuanian 9 LLUAD	Portuguese 10 LWPBD

Additional Courses (continued)				
Portuguese 11 LWPCU	Russian 12 LRZDU	Spanish 12 LWSDU	Ukrainian 11 LRUCU	
Religious Education HRE4M	Spanish 10 LWS2D	Spanish 9 LWS1D	Ukrainian 12 LRUDU	
Russian 10 LRZBD	Spanish 10 LWSBD	Spanish 9 LWSAD	Vietnamese 10 LPVBD1	
Russian 11 LRZCU	Spanish 11 LWSCU	Ukrainian 10 LRUBD	World Religions HRT3M	

» The following course titles have been reviewed and are **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Applied Level Courses (P).
- Business Leadership Management Fundamentals.
- College & Apprenticeship Math (MAP4C).
- College Level Courses (C).
- Drama (ADA4M).
- Exercise Science (PSE4UI0
- Financial Accounting (BAT4M1).
- Financial Accounting Principles (BAF3M).
- Food And Nutrition Sci (HFA4M).
- Foundations of Mathematics (MFM1P) [*approved for use through the 2021-2022 academic school year*].
- Foundations of Mathematics (MFM2P) [*approved for use through the 2021-2022 academic school year*].
- Interdisciplinary Studies (IDP4U).
- Introduction to Kinesiology (PSKUU).
- Kinesiology (PSK4U1).
- Manufact Eng Tech (TMJ4M).
- Math for College Technology (MCT4C).
- Math for Everyday Life (MEL3E).
- Math for Everyday Life (MEL4E).
- Math of Personal Finance (MBF3C).
- Media Studies (EMS3O).
- Medieval/Ren Hist (IDC4U).
- Music (AMU3M).
- Music (AMU4M).
- Nutrition and Health (HFA4U).
- Nutrition and Health (NFA4U).
- Open Level Courses (O).
- Organizational Studies (BOH4M).
- Regional Geography (CGG3O).
- Religious Education (HRE3MI).
- Technological Design (TDJ3M).
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- Workplace Prep Level Courses (E).

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Prince Edward Island (Canada)

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Typically grade 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Varies
Native Language(s)	English, French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years: Six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Provincial Senior High School Graduation Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Prince Edward Island Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

CREDITING POLICIES

The third character in the course code on the transcript indicates the credit value awarded to a course. The third character credit values are outlined below:

Grade 9-12 Core-Course Credits	*U.S. Equivalent Credits*
1-4 Credits	1.00 Unit
5 Credits	0.50 Units

GRADING SCALE

Grade	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	80-100	A	4
B	70-79	B	3
C	60-69	C	2
D	50-59	D	1
F	0-49	F	0

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Course Codes

» The first three letters of the course code indicate the subject of study (e.g., MAT is Mathematics). Please see the tables below for a further breakdown of the course codes:

First Digit in Course Code	
Digit	*Grade Level*
4	Grade 10
5	Grade 11
6	Grade 12
8	Grade 11/12

Second Digit in Course Code		
Digit	*Level of Difficulty*	*Approved for Certification with Matching Course Titles*
0	Open	Reviewed on Case-by-Case Basis
1	Advanced Level	Yes
2	Academic Level	Yes
3	General Level	Reviewed on Case-by-Case Basis
4	Vocational	No
5	Practical Level	No
6	Modified	No

Third Digit in Course Code	
Digit	*Units of Credit*
1	1.00
2	1.00
3	1.00
4	1.00
5	0.50

» The following course titles are **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
English 421A/ ENG421A	Mathematics 9	Biology/BIO521A	Advanced Political Studies/POL621A	French 9
English 521A/ ENG521A	Mathematics/ MAT421A	Biology/BIO621A	Ancient and Medieval History/HIS421A	French Immersion 10/ FRE421F
English 621A/ ENG621A	Mathematics/ MAT421B	Chemistry/CHM521A	Canadian History FI / HIS421G	French Immersion 11/ FRE521F
English Language Arts 9	Mathematics/ MAT521A	Chemistry/CHM621A	Canadian History/ HIS621A	French Immersion 12/ FRE621F
Writing/WRT521A	Mathematics/ MAT521B	Human Biology/ BIO801A	Canadian Law Fi / LAW521F	French/FRE421A

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
	Mathematics/ MAT611B	Oceanography/ OCN621A	Canadian Law/ LAW531A	French/FRE521A
	Mathematics/ MAT621A	Physics/PHY521A	Geography of Canada/GEO421A	French/FRE621A
	Mathematics/ MAT621B	Physics/PHY621A	Global Issues/ GEO621A	
		Science /SCI421A	Global Studies/ GEO521A	
		Science /SCI521A	Introductory Economics/ECO621A	
		Science 9/9SCIA	Introductory Law/ LAW521A	
			Introductory Politics/ POL521A	
			Modern World Issues/ HIS631B	
			Modern World Survey/HIS521A	
			Pei History/HIS621B	
			Social Studies 9/9SOCA	
			World Geography/ Geo531a	

» The following course titles have been reviewed and are **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Agriscience (AGS801A).
- Animal Science (AGR621Al
- Animal Science (AGR801A).
- Applied Mathematics (MAT801A).
- Canadian Law (LAW531A).
- Canadian Studies 401 (CAS401).
- Communications (COTM801A).
- English 431a (ENG431A).
- English 531a (ENG531A).
- Global Issues (GEO631A).
- Life Skills English (LSK551A).
- Mathematics (MAT431A).
- Mathematics (MAT451Al
- Mathematics (MAT531A).
- Mathematics (MAT551A).
- Mathematics (MAT631A).
- Mathematics (MAT651A).
- Media (MED531A).
- Modern World Issues (HIS631B).
- Social Studies (SOC451A).
- Social Studies (SOC851A).
- World Survey (Part II) (HIS631Al

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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
» **Determination of Credit resource**.
» **International initial-eligibility flyer**.
» **Student account task information**.
» **NCAA Guide of International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility**.
» **Country-specific webpages**.
» **Multi-country references**.

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Quebec (Canada)

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Secondary 3/Sec 3/year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Varies
Native Language(s)	French, English
Graduation Timeline	
Varies	Timelines vary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This section is divided into two "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of high school graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. *Diplôme d'Études Secondaires* (DES) [Secondary School Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Quebec Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

2. *Diplôme d'Études Professionnelles* (DEP) [Diploma of Vocational Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Quebec Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

3. *Attestation de Spécialisation Professionnelle* (ASP) [Attestation of Vocational Specialization]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Quebec Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

4. *Attestation de Formation Professionelle* (AFP) [Attestation of Vocational Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Quebec Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

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Tier Two

1. *Attestation d'Études Collegiales* (AEC) [Attestation of Collegial Studies]* from a *College d'Enseignement Général et Professionnel* (CEGEP)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	CEGEP School
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

*If achieved, the document above would allow for advancement in the expected date of high school graduation as well as the advancement of the core curriculum time limitation by two years beyond a Tier One document's initial timeline only.

2. *Diplome d'Études Collegiales* (DEC) [Diploma of Collegial Studies]* from a *College d'Enseignement Général et Professionnel* (CEGEP)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	CEGEP School
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

*If achieved, the document above would allow for advancement in the expected date of high school graduation as well as the advancement of the core curriculum time limitation by two years beyond a Tier One document's initial timeline only.

3. *Diplome d'Études Collegiales* (DEC) [Diploma of Collegial Studies]* from a *College d'Enseignement Général et Professionnel* (CEGEP) from a Career Program

Expected Timeline of Completion	14 years (six years or 12 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	CEGEP School
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

*If achieved, the document above would allow for advancement in the expected date of high school graduation as well as the advancement of the core curriculum time limitation by three years beyond a Tier One document's initial timeline only.

4. *Pre-University Grade 12 Certificate**

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	School
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

*If achieved, the document above would allow for advancement in the expected date of high school graduation as well as the advancement of the core curriculum time limitation by one year beyond a Tier One document's initial timeline only.

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diplôme d'Études Secondaires/Enseignement Professionnel Court* [secondary school short vocational education diploma grade 10; also known as the *Certifcat d'études Professionnelles* (certificate of vocational studies since 1988)].
2. *Diplôme d'Études Secondaires/Enseignement Professionnel Long* [secondary school short vocational education diploma grade 11; also known as the *Diplôme d'études Professionnelles* (secondary diploma of vocational studies since 1988)].

CREDITING POLICIES

For Secondary 3, 4 and 5 coursework, unit values will be denoted in the last digit of the course code (e.g., Mathematiques 984306 would be awarded one full credit based on the last digit of the course code [6], which stands for six units, equaling one full credit).

Unit Credits for Secondary 3-5/Grades 9-11 will be awarded as follows:	
DEC Units of Credit	***U.S. Equivalent Credits***
6 Credits	1.00 Unit
4 Credits	0.75 Units
3 Credits	0.50 Units
2 Credits	0.34 Units
1 Credit	0.25 Units

Unit Credits for DEC/CEGEP will be awarded as follows:	
DEC Units of Credit	***U.S. Equivalent Credits***
2.25 Credits or more	1.00 Unit
2 Credits	0.75 Units
1.33-1.66 Credits	0.50 Units
1 Credit	0.34 Units

Unit Credits for Pre-University Grade 12 will be awarded as follows:	
Pre-University Grade 12 Units of Credit	***U.S. Equivalent Credits***
1 Credit	1.00 Unit

GRADING SCALE

Grade	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	80-100	A	4
B	70-79	B	3
C	60-69	C	2
F	0-59	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» Core courses awarded "ACC" will be awarded the lowest passing grade of 60 percent. Courses completed after September 1, 2019, that are awarded "ACC" will not be considered.

» If a student pursues the Diplome d'Études Collegiales (DEC) [diploma of collegial studies] from a *College d' Enseignement Général et Professionnel* (CEGEP) and passes 14 courses during the first regular academic year (fall and spring terms only), this allows the advancement of the expected date of high school graduation by one year. This does not allow the core curriculum time limitation to be advanced. This is only valid for students that graduate with the DES (Tier One of graduation) in June 2018, or prior.

» Winter 2018 graduates and prior may still advance the expected date of high school graduation using the logic, as mentioned above.

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (eight consecutive semesters from the initial start of secondary 3)
Issuing Body	CEGEP School
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

Course Codes

» The fourth digit in the course code on the Secondary 3-5 transcripts indicates the grade level at which the course was taken.

» Coursework from this province taken at the secondary 4 and 5 level will only be added from the Ministry of Education *Releve de Notes*.

» The following course titles are **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language				
AP English	E600FBM Personal Expression	E600SJR The Short Story	English 404	English 616
AP English Language & Literature	E600FRJP The Essay	E610 Honours English	English 406	English Enlightenment and Romanticism
Communication, Language, And Literature	E600SBM Contemporary American Novel	Ecriture Et Litterature	English 536	English Enriched
Creative Writing	E600SJR Survey Of Poetry Of Westrn World	English 12	English 604	English First Language 3e
English First Language 4e	English Language & Literature	English Second Language 5e	French First Language Local Program	Introduction to Literature
English First Language 5E	English Language And Culture	English, Advanced	French Immersion 584	Literary Genres
English For Social Science	English Literature, Science & the World	Francais 12 (Native Language)	French Immersion Local Program	Literary Themes
English II/ Intermediate I/ Pre-University	English Medieval and Renaissance Works	Francais Immersion Local Program	French Language and Culture	Literature and Imagination
English II/ Intermediate II/ Pre-Univ	English Mythology	Francais Litterature	French Language and Literature	Narratives of War
English Journalism Local Program	English Second Language 3e	French Culture and Literature	French, Primary Language of Instruction- 3e	North American Literature 534
English Lang Arts Local Pgm	English Second Language 4036	French First Lang Local Program	French, Primary Language of Instruction- 4e	Quebec Literature
English Lang Arts Local Program	English Second Language 4e	French First Language 3e	French, Primary Language of Instruction 5e	Reading & Analysis (First Language)
English Lang Arts Local Program (Des)	English Second Language 5054	French First Language 4e	Imaginative Literature (First Language)	Western Literary Genres
English Language & Communication	English Second Language 5055	French First Language 5e	Introduction to College English	Writing and Literature

Math				
ABC600 AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus AB	Calculus BC	Cultural, Social & Technical Math 5e	Factoring & Alg Fractions MTH 4106-1
Advanced Calculus	AP Calculus BC	Calculus I	Differential and Integral Calculus I	Finite Mathematics
Advanced Quantitative Methods	Bcc600 AP Calculus BC	Calculus II	Differential and Integral Calculus II	Four Operations/Alg Fractions MTH 4110-1

Math (continued)				
ABC600 AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus AB	Calculus BC	Cultural, Social and Technical Math 5e	Factoring & Alg Fractions MTH 4106-1
Advanced Calculus	AP Calculus BC	Calculus I	Differential and Integral Calculus I	Finite Mathematics
Advanced Quantitative Methods	Bcc600 AP Calculus BC	Calculus II	Differential and Integral Calculus II	Four Operations/Alg Fractions MTH 4110-1
Advanced Statistics	Calculus	Calculus III	Differential Calculus	GDM600 Geometry and Discrete Mathematics
Algebra And Trigonometry	Calculus & Vectors	Complement and Synthesis Mth 4111-2	Equations and Inequalities II MTH 4101-2	Geometry III MTH 4102-1
AP Calculus	Calculus And Advanced Functions	Cultural, Social & Technical Math 4e	Exponents and Radicals MTH 4105-1	Inc600 Intermediate Calculus
Integral Calculus	Math 342	Math 504	Principles of Logic and Mathematics	Statistics
Introduction to College Mathematics	Math 404	Math 506	Probability and Statistics	Statistics/AP
Linear Algebra	Math 406 Science	Math 514	Quadratic Functions Mth 4108-1	Straight Lines II Mth 4107-1
Linear Algebra & Vector Geometry	Math 414	Math 526	Quantitative Methods	Technical and Scientific Math 4E
Linear Algebra Ii	Math 416	Math 536	Science Math 4E	Technical and Scientific Math 5E
Math 306	Math 426	Math 536 (CEGEP)	Science Math 5E	Trigometry I MTH 4103-1
Math 314	Math 436	Math 544	Set, Relations & Functions MTH 4109-1	Vectors
Math 316	Math 436 (CEGEP)	Mathematics (Local Program)	Statisitics II MTH 4104-2	
Math 334	Math 453	Mdm600 Mathematics of Data Management	Statistical Methods	

Science				
AP Biology	Astrophysics	Biology General Option	Che610 Advanced Chemistry	Chemistry of the Environment
AP Chemistry	Bio600 Biology	Biology General Option II	Chemical Reactions I Che5042-2	Chemistry of the Human Body
AP Environmental Science	Biology (Local Program)	Biology of Sexuality	Chemical Reactions II Che5043-2	Chemistry of the Human Body II
AP Physics	Biology 12	Biology: Evolution & Diversity of Life	Chemistry	Earth System Science
Applied Science And Technology 3e	Biology 314	Biometry	Chemistry 504	Ecology
Applied Science And Teclogy 4e	Biology 5061-1 Human Respiratory	Bioorganic Chemistry	Chemistry 534	Electricity and Magnetism
Applied Science And Teclogy 5e	Biology 5062-2 Human Reproduction	Botany	Chemistry 534 (Cegep)	Electricity PSC4011-2
Astronomy	Biology 5065-2 Heredity	Cell Biology	Chemistry of Solutions	Entomology

Science (continued)				
Environmental Science 616	Human Genetics	Organic Chemistry	Physics 534 (CEGEP)	Science, Technology, and the Environment 3e
Environmental Science and Technology 4E	Intro To College Chemistry	Organic Chemistry II	Physics: Mechanics	Science, Technology, and the Environment 4e
Environmental Science and Technology 5e	Intro To College Physics	Phy610 Advanced Physics	Psycho-pathology	Science, Technology, and the Environment 5e
Force and Energy Phs5043-2	Intro To Oceagraphy	Physical Geology	Quantitative Methods Sci	Scientific Activities
Forensic Chemistry	Inverterbrate Zoology	Physical Science	Research Methods	Struct and Funct Multicell Organisms
Gases Che 5041-2	Ionic Phenomena Psc4012-2	Physical Science 343	Science (Local Program)	The Human Being
General Chemistry	Kinematics and Momentum PHS5042-2	Physical Science 344 (Local Program)	Science 9	Understanding Planet Earth
General Chemistry: States of Matter	Limnology	Physical Science 416	Science and Technology	Waves and Modern Physics
History and Methodology of Science	Mechanics	Physical Science 436 (CEGEP Only)	Science and Technology 3e	
Human Anatomy and Physiology	Microbiology	Physics	Science and Technology 4e	
Human Anatomy and Physiology Ii	Nuclear Technology Psc4010-2	Physics 504	Science and Technology 5e	
Human Biology	Optics Phs5041-2	Physics 534	Science and the Environment	

Social Science				
20th Century History and Civilization	Adult Criminology	American People	Ancient Greece from Troy to Alexander	AP European History
20th Century International Relations	Advanced Studies In Geography	Amerindians	Anthropology and Contemporary Issues	AP Human Geography
20th Century: Emergence of a New World	Advanced Studies In History	Ancient And Medieval World	AP Comparative Govt and Politics	AP Macroeconomics
AP Microeconomics	Culture, Politics and Geography	Geography- Mod World Opt	History of Western Civilization	Introduction to Sociology
Birth of the Modern World	Cultural Psychology	Geography of Montreal	Human Evolution	Introduction to the Ancient World
Canada & World Issues	Current Affairs	Global Politics	Ideologies and Political Regimes	Introduction to the Classical World
Canadian Economic Policy	Current Issues in Int'l Politics	His600 AP United States History	In Search of Lost Civilizations	Introduction to Western Civilization
Canadian History	Early Civ: Origin & Development	Histoire Contemporaine	Individual And Society	Juvenile Criminology
Canadian Politics	ECO600 AP Economics	History and Citizenship (Sec 3)	International Economic Relations	Knowledge

Social Science (continued)				
Cities and Urbanization	Ecological Economics	History & Citizenship 3E	International Political Events	Local History: Montreal Then And Now
Citizenship, History and Education 3e	Economic Geography	History & Citizenship 4e	International Politics	Lost Civilizations
Citizenship, History and Education 4e	Economics	History & Citizenship 5e	International Relations I	Macroeconomics
Citizenship, History and Education 5e	Economics 12	History (Local Prog.)	Introduction to Anthropology	Microeconomics
Comparative Politics	Economics of Slavery	History 20e	Introduction to Classics	Middle Ages in Europe
Comparative Politics/ AP	Economics/AP	History 404	Introduction to Criminology	Modern Political Ideas
Contemporary Economic Environment	Environmental Geography	History 512	Introduction to Econ Systems	Monde Contemporain
Contemporary World	Environmental Issues	History 534	Introduction to Economics	Native People of the Americas
Crime and Punishment	First Civilizations	History of Canada and the World	Introduction to Geography	People, Places, Nations
Crime and Social Control	General Psychology	History of Quebec and Canada	Introduction to Methodology	Peoples of the World
Criminal and Civil Law	Geography	History of Russia and the USSR	Introduction to Politics	Planetary Challenge
Cultural Diversity	Geography of the World Economy	History of the United States	Introduction to Psychology	Politics of Globalization
Politics: Quebec - Americas	Quant Methods In Soc Sci	Social Studies 9	The Quebec Economy	Topics in the History of Civilization
Post-Classical History	Race and Racism	Sociology	The World Since 1945	Topics in the History of Quebec
Psy600 Introduction To Psychology	Rome From Republic To Empire	Sociology of Science and Social Change	Third World History	Twentieth Century World: Age of Conflict
Psychological Disorders	Science Humanities	Sociology of Unequal Relations	Topics in Ancient Greek History	Underground Economy
Psychology	Social and Economic History	Sociology: Change & Challenge In Society	Topics in Ancient Roman History	Western Civilization
Psychology of Cults	Social Problems	The City: Urban Geography	Topics in History of Civilization	World Geography
Psychology	Social and Economic History	Sociology: Change & Challenge In Society	Topics in Ancient Roman History	Western Civilization
Psychology of Cults	Social Problems	The City: Urban Geography	Topics in History of Civilization	World Geography
Psychology of Mental Health	Social Psychology	The Mediterranean: Geography of a Region	Topics in History of the United States	World Views
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Psychology of Women	Social Sciences (Local Prog.)	The Middle East: A Regional Geography	Topics in the History of Canada	World: Land and People

Additional Courses				
Advanced German I	Chinese II	Environmental Philosophy	French Second Language Option	Hebrew 532
Advanced Italian	Elementary German I	Fre600 Francais	German I	Hebrew I
Advanced Russian I	Elementary German II	French Language and Communication	German II	Hebrew II
Advanced Spanish	Elementary Italian I	French Language and Culture	German III	Intermediate German I
Ancient Philosophy	Elementary Italian II	French Second Lang (Local Pgm)	German IV	Intermediate German II
Basic French	Elementary Russian I	French Second Language (Local Prog)	Greco-Roman Heritage	Intermediate Italian I
Basic Spanish	Elementary Russian II	French Second Language 3E	Greek I	Intermediate Italian II
Beginners Spanish I	Elementary Spanish I	French Second Language 4E	Greek II	Intermediate Russian I
Chinese I	Elementary Spanish II	French Second Language 5e	Hebrew 422	Intermediate Russian II
Intermediate Spanish I	Italian Mother Tongue I	Modern Philosophy	Social and Political Philosophy	Spanish 414
Intermediate Spanish II	Italian Mother Tongue II	Phi600 Philosophy	Spa600 Introduction to Spanish	Spanish 454
Introduction to Philosophy	Latin (Class 3)	Philosophical Questions	Spanish (Local Program)	Spanish 504
Introduction To World Religions	Latin (Class 4)	Philosophy	Spanish 304	Spanish I
Italian	Latin (Class 5)	Philosophy and Rationality	Spanish 314	Spanish II
Italian I	Mandarin	Philosophy and the Crisis of Modernity	Spanish 342	Spanish III
Italian II	Modern Languages: Italian I	Polish 444	Spanish 354	Spanish Iv
Italian III	Modern Languages: Italian II	Religions of the East	Spanish 404	Unlocking the World Spirit
Italian Iv	Modern Languages: Spanish I	Russian	Spanish 412	World Religions

» The following course titles have been reviewed and are **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- AP Computer Science A.
- AP Studio Art - 12.
- Business Organisational Studies.
- Drama – 12.
- E600F Jr Essential English Writing.
- Environmental Issues.
- Ethics and Religious Culture.
- Intro to Technology 060314.
- Moral Education.
- Music – 12.
- Personal and Social Education.
- Science of Everyday Life.

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Saskatchewan (Canada)

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Typically grade nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Varies
Native Language(s)	English, French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years: Six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Official transcript, issued by Saskatchewan Learning, showing that the student has graduated.

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Grade 10 or 11 standing

CREDITING POLICIES

Grade Nine Core-Course Credits	*U.S. Equivalent Credit*
English 9	1.00 Unit
Mathematics 9	1.00 Unit
Mathematics 9 Plus	1.00 Unit
French 9	1.00 Unit
All other core courses	0.75 Units

Grade 10-12 Core-Course Credits	*U.S. Equivalent Credit*
1 Credit	0.75 Units

GRADING SCALE

Grade	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Course Codes

» Courses with codes of 10, 20, 30, 10A, 20A, 30A, 10IB, 20IB or 30IB, as well as corresponding approved course titles, will be considered in the certification process.

» Courses with codes of 11, 21, 31, 18, 28 or 38, regardless of course title, will not be used in the certification process.

» The following course titles are **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
Creative Writing 20R (.75 CU Max)	Calculus 30R (.75 CU Max)	Biology 20R (.75 CU Max)	Economics 20 (.75 CU Max)	French 10R (.75 CU Max)
Creative Writing 30R (.75 CU Max)	Foundations of Math & Precalc 10 (.75 CU)	Biology 30R (.75 CU Max)	Economics 30 (.75 CU Max)	French 20R (.75 CU Max)
Eng Lang Arts 20R (.75 CU Max)	Foundations of Mathematics 20 (.75 CU)	Chemistry 20R (.75 CU Max)	Geography 10R (.75 CU Max)	French 30R (.75 CU Max)
Eng Lang Arts A 10R (.75 CU Max)	Foundations KF Mathematics 30 (.75 CU)	Chemistry 30R (.75 CU Max)	Geography 30R (.75 CU Max)	French 9
Eng Lang Arts A 30R (.75 CU Max)	Math 10 F/P (Foundations & Precal) (.75 CU)	Computer Science 20 (.75 CU Max)	History 10R (.75 CU Max)	German 10R (.75 CU Max)
Eng Lang Arts B 10R (.75 CU Max)	Math Plus 10R (.75 CU Max)	Computer Science 30 (.75 CU Max)	History 20R (.75 CU Max)	German 20R (.75 CU Max)
Eng Lang Arts B 30R (.75 CU Max)	Math Plus 20R (.75 CU Max)	Earth Science 30R (.75 CU Max)	History 30: Canadian StudiesR (.75 CU Max)	German 30R (.75 CU Max)
English 9	Math Plus 9 R	Environmental Science 20R (.75 CU Max)	History 9 (.75 CU Max)	German 9
English 9 Second Semester	Math Plus A 30R (.75 CU Max)	Environmental Science 30 (.75 CU Max)	Law 30 (.75 CU Max)	Japanese 10R (.75 CU Max)
Francais Immersion 10 (.75 CU Max)	Math Workplace and Apprenticeship 10	Environmental Science 30R (.75 CU Max)	Native Studies 10R (.75 CU Max)	Japanese 20R (.75 CU Max)
Francais Immersion 20 (.75 CU Max)	Mathematics 10R (.75 CU Max)	Health Science 20 (.75 CU Max)	Native Studies 20R (.75 CU Max)	Japanese 30R (.75 CU Max)
Francais Immersion 30 (.75 CU Max)	Mathematics 20R (.75 CU Max)	Physical Science 20R (.75 CU Max)	Native Studies 30R (.75 CU Max)	Mandarin 10R (.75 CU Max)
Francais Immersion 9	Mathematics 9	Physics 20R (.75 CU Max)	Psychology 20 (.75 CU Max)	Mandarin 20R (.75 CU Max)
	Mathematics A 30R (.75 CU Max)	Physics 30R (.75 CU Max)	Psychology 30 (.75 CU Max)	Mandarin 30R (.75 CU Max)
	Mathematics B 30R (.75 CU Max)	Science 10R (.75 CU Max)	Social Studies 10R (.75 CU Max)	Russian 10R (.75 CU Max)
	Mathematics C 30R (.75 CU Max)	Science 9 (.75 CU Max)	Social Studies 20R (.75 CU Max)	Spanish 10R (.75 CU Max)
	Pre-Calculus 20 (.75 CU Max)		Social Studies 30: Canadian StudiesR (.75 CU Max)	Spanish 20R (.75 CU Max)
	Pre-Calculus 30 (.75 CU Max)		Social Studies 9 (.75 CU Max)	Spanish 30R (.75 CU Max)

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
	Math: Workplace and Apprenticeship 20 (.75 CU Max)			
	Math: Workplace and Apprenticeship 30 (.75 CU Max)			

» The following course titles have been reviewed and are **not approved** for use in an academic certification:
  - AP Computer Science A.
  - Eng Lang Arts 21M.
  - Eng Lang Arts A 11M.
  - Eng Lang Arts A 31M.
  - Eng Lang Arts B 11M.
  - Eng Lang Arts B 31M.
  - English 9M.

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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Yukon Territory (Canada)

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Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Typically grade nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Varies
Native Language(s)	English, French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years: Six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Yukon Certificate of Graduation*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

CREDITING POLICIES

Grade Nine Core-Course Credits	*U.S. Equivalent Credit*
All Core Courses	1.00 Unit

Grade 10-12 Core-Course Credits	*U.S. Equivalent Credit*
4 Credits	1.00 Unit
3 Credits	0.75 Units
2 Credits	0.50 Units
1 Credit	0.25 Units

GRADING SCALE

Grade	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	86-100	A	4
B	73-85	B	3
C	50-72	C	2
F	0-49	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Course Codes

» Core courses must match the core-course list verbatim to be considered in the academic certification.

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*
AP English Lang/Comp APLAN12/APEN12	AP Math Calculus AB APCALC12	Biology 11 BI11	AP European History 12 APHI12
English 10 EN10	Calculus 12 CALC12	Biology 12 BI12	Comparative Civilizations CCN12

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» The following course titles are **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*
English 11 EN11	Foundations of Math & Pre-Calculus 10	Chemistry 11 CH11	Economics 12 EC12
English 12 EN12	Foundations of Mathematics 11	Chemistry 12 CH12	First Nations Studies 12 FNS12
English 9 EN9	Foundations of Mathematics 12	Earth Science 11 ESC11	Geography 12 GEO12
English First Peoples 10	Pre-Calculus 11	Environmental Studies 12 ES12	History 12 HI12
English First Peoples 11	Pre-Calculus 12	Geology 12 GEOL12	Humanities 9 (SS) HUM9
English First Peoples 12	Principles of Math 10 MA10/PMA10	Physics 11 PH11	Law 12
English Literature 12 LIT12	Principles of Math 11 MA11	Physics 12 PH12	Psychology 11 YPSY11
Humanities 9 (Eng) HUM 9	Principles of Math 12 MA12/MA12E	Science 10 SC10/SCN10	Psychology 12 CPPSY12
Writing 12 WR12	Principles of Math 9 MA9/PMA9	Science 9 SC9/SCN9	Psychology 12/AP APPSY12
			Social Studies 10 SS10/SCH10
			Social Studies 11 SS11/SCH11
			Social Studies 9
			Social Studies 9 SS9/SCH9

Additional Courses			
American Sign Language 10 ASL10	French 10 FR10E	French 9 FR9/FRAL9	Introductory American Sign Language BASl11
American Sign Language 11 ASL11	French 11 FR11/FRAL11	German 10 GE10	Introductory German Language 11 BGE11
American Sign Language 12 ASL 12	French 11 FR11E	German 11 GE11	Introductory Italian Language 11 BIT11
American Sign Language 9 ASL9	French 12 FR12/FRAL12	German 12 GE12	Introductory Japanese Language 11 BJA11
French 10 FR10/FRAL10	French 12 FR12E	German 9 GE9	Introductory Korean Language 11 BKE11
Introductory Spanish Language 11 BSP11	Japanese 11 JA11	Korean 9 KE9	Spanish 11 SP11
Italian 10 IT10	Japanese 12 JA12	Mandarin Chinese 10 MAN10	Spanish 12 SP12
Italian 11 IT11	Japanese 9 JA9	Mandarin Chinese 11 Man11	Spanish 9 SP9
Italian 12 IT12	Korean 10 KE10	Mandarin Chinese 12 MAN12	
Italian 9 IT9	Korean 11 KE11	Mandarin Chinese 9 MAN9	
Japanese 10 JA10	Korean 12 KE12	Spanish 10 SP10	

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Cape Verde (Cabo Verde)

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Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June/July
What is year nine called?	*9°, 9 año*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of middle secondary education or third year of secondary school
Native Language(s)	Portuguese
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 2 +2 + 2 = 12	12 years total: six years of basic education, two years lower secondary education, two years of middle secondary education and two years of upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificado da Habilitações Literárias* (Certificate of Literary Qualifications)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (eight consecutive semesters from initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Secondary School
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificat de Fin d'Etudes de Base* (CFEB) [Certificate of End Basic Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Awarded after completion of six years of basic education
Issuing Body	Year six certificate
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	Basic (primary) school

GRADING SCALES

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16-20	A	4
13-15	B	3
10-12	C	2
1-9	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

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Cayman Islands

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Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form three, year nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 and an optional +2 = 13	11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and then two or four years of upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This section is divided into two "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Secondary Education Certificate* (CSEC) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. *General Certificate of Secondary Education* (GCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

3. *General Certificate of Education* (GCE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

4. *International General Certificate of Secondary Education* (IGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

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Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Two forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Two form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **two years** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Advanced Proficiency Examinations/Diploma* (CAPE) [Must pass **two** examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. *Advanced International Certificate of Education* (AICE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

For school transcripts in years 9-11 (form three to form five), **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CSEC grading scale below. For years 12 and 13, **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CAPE grading scale below.

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4	IV	D	1
II	B	3	V	D	1
III	C	2	VI	F	0

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Outstanding	A	4
B	Good	B	3
C	Fairly Good	C	2
D	Moderate	D	1
E	Weak	D	1
F	Poor	F	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)					
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
I	A	4	V	C	2
II	A	4	VI	D	1
III	B	3	VII	F	0
IV	C	2			

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)			
Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	Excellent	A	4
B	Very Good	A	4
C	Good	B	3
D	Satisfactory	C	2
E	Acceptable	C	2
F	Weak	D	1
G	Unsatisfactory	F	0

GCSE: Ordinary Level (O-Level) Examination					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	H or Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

IGCSE					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Subject Points	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
10	A	4
8	B	3
6	B	3
4	C	2
2	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Half-Subject Points	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	C	2

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
Communication Studies		Environmental Science	Caribbean Studies	Religious Education
		Human and Social Biology		

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Commerce.

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Central African Republic

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Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form three, year nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 2 = 12 or 6 + 4 + 3 = 13	12 or 13 years total: six years primary, four years lower and secondary, two or three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Baccalauréat/Diplôme de Bachilier de l'Enseignement du Second Degre* [Secondary Education Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Baccalauréat de Technicien* [Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Baccalauréat Technique* [Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Diplôme de Technicien d'Agriculture Tropicale* [Agricultural Technical Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Certificat d'Aptitude Professionelle* (CAP) [Certificate of Professional Competency]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet d'Études Fondamentales 2* (BEF 2) [Certificate of Basic Studies 2] (formerly known as the *Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle* [Certificate of First Cycle Studies])

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16.00-20	A	4
14.00-15.99	A	4
12.00-13.99	B	3
10.00-11.99	C	2
8.00-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

***Note:** Conceded Pass—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Très Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	A	4
Assez Bien	Quite Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2
Ajourné	Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» Native language terms for years nine through 13:

Native Language	*School Year*
Quatrieme (4ème)	9
Troisieme (3ème)	10
Deuxieme/Seconde (2ème/2nde)	11

Native Language	*School Year*
Premiere (1er/1ere)	12
Terminale (Ter)	13

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Chad

Background	
Academic Calendar	October-June
What is year nine called?	Quatrieme, 4ème
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French, Arabic
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 3 = 13	13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Baccalauréat* [Baccalaureate of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Baccalauréat de Technicien* [Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Brevet de Technicien* [Technician Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle* (BEPC) [Certificate of First Cycle Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificat d'Aptitude Professionelle* (CAP) [Certificate of Professional Aptitude]

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16.00-20	A	4
14.00-15.99	A	4
12.00-13.99	B	3
10.00-11.99	C	2
8.00-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

***Note:** Conceded Pass—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Très Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	A	4
Assez Bien	Quite Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2
Ajourné	Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» Native language terms for years nine through 13:

Native Language	*School Year*
Quatrieme (4ème)	9
Troisieme (3ème)	10
Deuxieme/Seconde (2ème/2nde)	11

Native Language	*School Year*
Premiere (1er/1ere)	12
Terminale (Ter)	13

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Chile

Background	
Academic Calendar	March-December
What is year nine called?	Primer año de Enseñanza Media, First year, 1° media
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Spanish
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 2 + 2 = 12	12 years total: eight years primary, two years lower secondary, two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Licencia de Educacion Media/Licencia de Enseñanza Media* [Certificate of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
6-7	A	4
5-5.9	B	3
4-4.9	C	2
0-3.9	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Muy Bueno	Very Good	A	4
Bueno	Good	B	3
Suficiente	Sufficient	C	2
Insuficiente	Insufficient	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
			Philosophy and Psychology	

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People's Republic of China

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Academic Calendar	September-July
What is year nine called?	Year 3, class 3, junior 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Chinese, Mandarin
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Certificate of Results of General Examination for High School Graduates* (HUIKAO) with verification of results directly from the China Qualifications Verification Authority (CDGDC)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	China Academic Degrees and Graduate Education Development Center (CDGDC)

2. *Graduation Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Graduation Certificate* from a junior (lower) middle school

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
90-100	A	4
80-89	B	3
70-79	C	2
60-69	D	1

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellence	A	4
Good	B	3
Average/Fair	C	2
Pass/ Satisfactory	D	1

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» If a grade is issued that is greater than 100 (typically in the subjects of Chinese, English or mathematics), the grade will be considered out of 150 and a percentage will be determined that can be applied to the approved 100-point scale.

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Colombia

Background	
Academic Calendar	February-December
What is year nine called?	Year 9 of 11, *noveno grado*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of middle school
Native Language(s)	Spanish
Graduation Timeline	
5 + 4 + 2 = 11	11 years total: five years primary school, four years middle school and two years secondary school

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bachillerato/Bachiller* [Secondary School Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Titulo de Maestro/Maestro Superior/Normalista Superior* [Title/Diploma of Teacher/Advanced Teacher/Advanced Educator]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificado de Aptitud Profesional* [Certificate of Professional Aptitude]
2. *Certificado de Equivalencia del Grado de Bachiller* [Certificate of Equivalence to the Bachiller Diploma]
3. *Diploma de Experto* [Diploma of Expert] from a secondary-level commercial, industrial or technical school
4. *Certificado de Conclusion del Ciclo Basico* [Certificate of Completion of Lower Secondary School]

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excelente	Excellent	A	4
Bueno/Sobresaliente	Outstanding	B	3
Aceptable	Acceptable	C	2
Deficiente	Deficient	F	0

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Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Superior	Superior	A	4
Alto	High	B	3
Básico	Basic	C	2
Baja	Low	F	0

5-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
4.5-5	A	4
4-4.49	B	3
3-3.99	C	2
0-2.99	F	0

10-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
9-10	A	4
8-8.9	B	3
6-7.9	C	2
0-5.9	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» If a grade is issued that is greater than 100 (typically in the subjects of Chinese, English or mathematics), the grade will be considered out of 150 and a percentage will be determined that can be applied to the approved 100-point scale.

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Democratic Republic of the Congo

Background	
Academic Calendar	October-June
What is year nine called?	*3ème, troisieme*, year 3, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Swahili, Lingala, French, Kongo, Luba-Kasai
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diplôme d'État d'Études Secondaires du Cycle Long* [State Diploma of Long-Cycle Secondary Education] (Academic or Vocational Track)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Examen d'Etat* [State Exams] from a technical secondary school

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Brevet d'Instituteur* [Lower Primary School Teacher Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Diplôme d'État Section Pédagogique* [State Diploma for Teaching in Upper Primary Schools]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet de Fin d'Études Secondaires* [Certificate of Completion of Secondary Studies] in vocational fields

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificat/Brevet* [Certificate] in technical subjects

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Certificat d'Etudes Primaires* [Certificate of Primary Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Six years (awarded upon the completion of primary school which is at the end of year six)

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CREDITING POLICIES

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Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
90 - 100	A	4
80 - 89.9	A	4
70 - 79.9	B	3
50 - 69.9	C	2
0 - 49	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.s. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
La plus grande distinction	With a highest distinction	A	4
Grande distinction	High distinction	A	4
Distinction	Distinction	B	3
Satisfaction	Satisfaction	C	2
Fail	Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following chart shows the typical school years commonly listed on a transcript in the native language, and to which school years they correspond.

Native Language School Year Name	*School Year*	*Location*
3ème/Troisieme (3rd)	9	Final year of Middle School/Lower Secondary School
4ème/Quatrieme (4th)	10	First year of High School/Upper Secondary School
5ème/Cinqieme (5th)	11	Second year of High school/Upper Secondary School
6ème/Sixieme (6th)	12	Third year of High School/Upper Secondary School

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
» **Determination of Credit resource**.
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Republic of the Congo

Background	
Academic Calendar	October-June
What is year nine called?	Quatrieme, 4ème
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 3 = 13 or 6 + 4 + 4 = 14	13 or 14 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary, three or four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Baccalauréat* [Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificat de Fin d'Études Sécondaires* [Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Baccalauréat Technique* [Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 or 14 years (five/six years or 10/12 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Brevet de Technicien* [Technician Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle* (BEPC) [certificate of lower secondary studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16-20	A	4
14-15.99	A	4
12-13.99	B	3
10-11.99	C	2
8-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

***Note:** Conceded Pass—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Très Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	A	4
Assez Bien	Quite Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2
Ajourné	Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» Native language terms for years nine through 13:

Native Language	*School Year*
Quatrieme (4ème)	9
Troisieme (3ème)	10
Deuxieme/Seconde (2ème/2nde)	11

Native Language	*School Year*
Premiere (1er/1ere)	12
Terminale (Ter)	13

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Costa Rica

Background	
Academic Calendar	February-December
What is year nine called?	*Tercer Grado*, year 9, 9 ano
Where is year nine typically located?	Third/final Year of Basic Education, Lower Secondary School
Native Language(s)	Spanish
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11	11 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bachillerato/Bachiller* [Secondary School Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Diploma de Conclusión de Estudios de Educación Diversificada* [Diploma of Conclusion of Studies of Diversified Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Certificado de Conclusión de Estudios de Educación Media* en a specialized area [Secondary School Certificate in a specialized area]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Técnico en el Nivel Medio* [Mid-Level Technician]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Certificado de Conclusión de Estudios de Educación General Básica* [Certificate of Completion of General Basic Education Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificado de Conclusión de Estudios Básica por Suficiencia* [Certificate of Completion of Basic Studies by Competency]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
9.0-10.0	A	4
8.0-8.9	B	3
7.0-7.9	C	2
6.5-6.9	D	1
0-6.4	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)

Background	
Academic Calendar	September/October-June
What is year nine called?	*Quatrieme, 4ème*
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 3 = 13	13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Baccalaureat* [Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Diplome de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degre* [Diploma of Bachelor of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Baccalaureat Technique* [Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle* (CAP) [Certificate of Professional Competency]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle* (BEPC) [Certificate of First Cycle Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16.00-20	A	4
14.00-15.99	A	4
12.00-13.99	B	3
10.00-11.99	C	2
8.00-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

***Note:** Conceded Pass—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Très Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	A	4
Assez Bien	Quite Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2
Ajourné	Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The academic school years for years nine through 13 are referred to as the following. (*Always reference native language transcripts to establish initial start of year nine.*)

Native Language	*School Year*
Quatrieme (4ème)	9
Troisieme (3ème)	10
Deuxieme/Seconde (2ème/2nde)	11

Native Language	*School Year*
Premiere (1er/1ere)	12
Terminale (Ter)	13

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Croatia

Background	
Academic Calendar	September/October-June
What is year nine called?	First time first class, first time first grade
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Croatian
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 4 = 12	12 years total: eight years primary and four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Svedodzba o Zavrsnom Ospity* [Certificate of Final Examination]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Svedodzba o Zavrsnom Srednjem Obrazovanju* [Certificate of Completion of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Maturalna Svjedodzba or Matura* [Maturity Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Svjedodzba o zavrsnome radu* [Diploma of Final Thesis]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Svjedodzba o Zavrsenom Obrazovanju* [Certificate of Completion of Education] two-year program from *industrijska/obrtnicka skola* (industrial/craftsman school)

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Svjedodzba o Zavrsenom Obrazovanju* [Certificate of Completion of Education] three-year program from *industrijska/obrtnicka skola* (industrial/craftsman school)

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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GRADING SCALES

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Odlican	Excellent	A	4
Vrlo Dobar	Very Good	B	3
Dobar	Good	B	3
Dovoljan	Sufficient	C	2
Nedovoljan	Insufficient	F	0

5-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	F	0

10-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
9	B	3
8	B	3
6-7	C	2
0-5	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
		Energetics		German with Correspondence
		Technology and Ecology		
		Thermodynamics		

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Cuba

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-July
What is year nine called?	Year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Spanish
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12 (Academic) or 6 + 3 + 4 = 13 (Vocational)	12 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three or four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Titulo de Bachiller/Bachillerato* [Title of Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Titulo de Tecnico Medio* [Title of Intermediate-level Technician]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Tituo de Perito* [Title of Non-technical Expert]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Normal de Jardin de la Infancia* [Kindergarten Teacher Certification]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Maestro de Educacion Primaria or Maestro Primaria* [Primary School Teacher Certification]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Diploma de Secundaria Basica* [Basic Secondary Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
90-100	A	4
80-89	B	3
70-79	C	2
60-69	F	0
0-59	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excelente (E)	Excellent	A	4
Muy Bueno (MB)	Very good	B	3
Bueno (B)	Good	C	2
Insuficiente (I)	Insufficient	F	0
Deficiente (D)	Deficient	F	0

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Curaçao

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	G3A, *9de jaar, klas/klasse 3*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school if on a general/academic track. Third year of lower secondary school if on a vocational track.
Native Language(s)	Dutch, Papiamento, West Frisian
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 or 6 + 3 + 3 = 12 or 6 + 4 + 2 = 12 or 6 + 4 + 3 = 13 or 6 + 4 + 4 = 14	Varies (11, 12, 13, or 14); see document-specific timelines below

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diploma von Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs* (HAVO) [Diploma of Higher General Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Diploma von Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs* (VWO) [Diploma of University Preparatory Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Diploma Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs* (MBO Level 2 or MBO Level 3) [Diploma of Middle-Level Vocational Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

4. *Diploma Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs* (MBO Level 4, general/academic track) [Diploma of Middle-Level Vocational Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

5. *Diploma Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs* (MBO Level 4, specialist track) [Diploma of Middle-Level Vocational Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	14 years
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brugperiode* (Transitional Period) Completion
2. *Diploma Middlebaar Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs* (MAVO) [Diploma of Middle-Level General Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Leerlingwezen* (Apprenticeship Training) Completion
4. *Voorbereidend Beroepsonderwijs* (VBO) [Preparatory Vocational Education] Completion

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Voorbereidend Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs* (VMBO) [Preparatory Middle-Level Vocational Education] Completion

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

6. *Diploma Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs* (MBO Level 1) [Diploma of Middle-Level Vocational Education]

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
9	A	4
8	A	4
7	B	3
6	C	2

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	D	1
4	F	0
3	F	0
2	F	0
1	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Uitmuntend	Excellent	A	4
Zeer goed	Very good	A	4
Goed	Good	A	4
Ruim voldoende	Amply satisfactory	B	3
Voldoende	Satisfactory	C	2
Binja Voldoende	Almost satisfactory	D	1
Onvoldoende	Insufficient	F	0
Gering	Very insufficient	F	0
Slecht	Bad	F	0
Zeer Slecht	Very Bad	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Cyprus

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Turkish, Greek, English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 +2 = 11 or 6 + 3 + 3 =12	11 or 12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and two or three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Apolyterion* [Certificate of Completion] from an upper secondary school

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Pistopyitico Isodinamias* [Equivalency Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Lise Diplomasi* [Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Diplomasi* [Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificate of Completion* from lower secondary school

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Bitirme Belgesi* [Completion Certificate]

GRADING SCALES

5-Point Scale		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2
1-2	F	0

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10-Point Scale			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
9-10	Very Good	A	4
7-8	Good	B	3
5-6	Average	C	2
0-4	Weak/Deficient and Fail	F	0

20-Point Scale			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
19-20	Excellent	A	4
16-18	Very Good	B	3
13-15	Average	C	2
10-12	Below Average	D	1
0-9	Fail	F	0

100-Point Scale			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
95-100	Excellent	A	4
80-94	Very Good	B	3
65-79	Average	C	2
50-64	Below Average	D	1
0-49	Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» All private schools in Cyprus issue their own leaving credentials which are not issued by the Ministry of Education.

» Some students from Cyprus may choose to take the examination that leads to the secondary educational qualification of another country. The most commonly sought foreign qualifications are the *Apolyterio* (see section on **Greece**) or the GCSE or GCE Advanced Level. (See section on the **United Kingdom**.)

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.

» **Determination of Credit resource**.

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Czech Republic

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-May
What is year nine called?	*Třida* IX, 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of primary school
Native Language(s)	Czech
Graduation Timeline	
9 + 4 = 13	13 years total: nine years primary and four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Vysvedceni o Maturitni Zkousce* [Maturity Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Vysvedceni* [Report Card] from year nine of a Basic School [Completion of Lower Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Vy 'ucni list: Vy 'svedceni o Zaverecne Zkousce* [Completion Certificate from an Apprentice School]

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1	A	4
2	B	3
3	B	3
4	C	2
5	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Vy 'borny '	Excellent	A	4
Chvalitebny '	Very Good	B	3
Dobry '	Good	B	3
Dostatecny '	Satisfactory	C	2
Neostatecny '	Unsatisfactory	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» **Click here** for the welcome email students receive with additional information on documents to submit for this country.

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Denmark

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	*Klasse* 9, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Danish
Graduation Timeline	
9 + 2 = 11 or 10 + 2 = 12 or 9 + 3 = 12 or 10 + 3 = 13	11, 12 or 13 years* total: nine years primary, and two or three years upper secondary *If the student completes a year-10 transition year (and presents the correct documentation) – the timeline would be extended to include one additional year of primary; ten years primary; and two or three years upper secondary.

Country-specific documents that may be requested: In certain circumstances, the NCAA Eligibility Center may request additional documents to complete an academic certification in addition to the documents required for all students. This list may not be all-inclusive:

» Year 9 *Afgangsbevis* (Certificate).

» Year 10 *Afgangsbevis* (Certificate).

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bevis for Studentereksamen* (STX) [Certificate of Student Examination]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years* (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) *If a transition year is completed and a Year 10 *Afgangsbevis* is presented, then the graduation timeline would extend to year 13 (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine).

2. *Bevis for Hojere Forberedelseseksamen* (HF) [Higher Preparatory Examination]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years* (three years of six semesters from the initial start of year nine) *If a transition year is completed and a Year 10 *Afgangbevis* is presented, then the graduation timeline would extend to year 12 (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine).

3. *Hojere Handelseseksamen* (HHX) [Higher Commercial Examination]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years* (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) *If a transition year is completed and a Year 10 *Afgangsbevis* is presented, then the graduation timeline would extend to year 13 (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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4. *Hojere Teknisk Eksamen* (HTX) [Higher Technical Examination]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years* (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) *If a transition year is completed and a Year 10 Afgangsbevis is presented, then the graduation timeline would extend to year 13 (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Eux diploma* [Vocational studies resulting in the Eux diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years* (three years of six semesters from the initial start of year nine) *If a transition year is completed and a Year 10 Afgangbevis is presented, then the graduation timeline would extend to year 12 (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine).

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Afgangsbevis/Klassebevis* [Leaving certificate after grades nine or 10]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine or 10 years (one/two years or two/four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Afgangsprove/Klasseprove* [Leaving examination after grades nine or 10]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine or 10 years (one/two years or two/four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Hojere Grunduddannelser* [Basic commercial or technical/vocational course]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine or 10 years (one/two years or two/four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Landbrugsskole Gront Bevis* [Agricultural School Green Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine or 10 years (one/two years or two/four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Social-og Sundheds Assistent* [Health Science Assistant]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine or 10 years (one/two years or two/four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

6. *Social-og Sundheds Hjoelper* [Health Science Helper]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine or 10 years (one/two years or two/four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

7. *Svendebrev* [Journeyman's Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine or 10 years (one/two years or two/four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

8. *Udvidede Afgangsbevis/Klassebevis* from a Folkeskole [Lower Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine or 10 years (one/two years or two/four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

9. *Udvidede Afgangsprove/Klasseprove* [Advanced Leaving Examination after grade 10]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine or 10 years (one/two years or two/four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Exceptionally Independent and Excellent Performance	A	4
Independent and Excellent Performance	A	4
Excellent, but not Particularly Independent Performance	A	4
Good Performance, a Little Above Average	B	3
Average Performance	C	2
Mediocre Performance, Slightly Below Average	C	2
Just Acceptable Performance	D	1
Hesitant and Not Satisfactory Performance	F	0
Very Hesitant, Very Insufficient and Unsatisfactory Performance	F	0
Completely Unacceptable Performance	F	0

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent Performance	A	4
Very Good Performance	B	3
Good Performance	B	3
Fair Performance	C	2
Minimum Acceptable Performance	D	1
Inadequate Performance	F	0
Unacceptable Performance	F	0

7-Point Scale					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
12	A	4	02	D	1
10	B	3	00	F	0
7	B	3	-3	F	0
4	C	2			

10-Point Scale					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
13	A	4	7	C	2
11	A	4	6	D	1
10	A	4	5	F	0
9	B	3	3	F	0
8	C	2	0	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/ Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
			Classical Studies	

» For upper secondary school transcripts that have four columns of grades titled as "1st term", "2nd term", 3rd term/end of year" and "exam/end of year test":

- 1st term = semester 1.
- 2nd term = semester 2.
- 3rd term/end of year = final yearly grade.
- The year listed at the top of this transcript corresponds with the start of the year.

  Example: 1y (2025) = 2025-2026.

» **Click here** for the welcome email students receive with additional information on documents to submit for this country.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
» **Determination of Credit resource**.
» **International initial-eligibility flyer**.
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Djibouti

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	*Quatrieme, 4ème*
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French, Arabic
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 3 = 12 or 6 + 4 + 4 = 13	12 or 13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and three or four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Baccalauréat General/Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Secondaire* [Secondary Education Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Baccalauréat Technologique* (BT) [Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Baccalauréat Professionnel* (BP) [Professional Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Brevet d'Etudes Professionnelles* (BEP) [Certificate of Professional Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet d'Etudes Fondamentales* (BEF) [Certificate of Fundamental Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificat d'Apprentissage et de Perfectionnement* (CAP) [Certificate of Apprenticeship and Improvement]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16.00-20	A	4
14.00-15.99	A	4
12.00-13.99	B	3
10.00-11.99	C	2
8.00-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

***Note: Conceded Pass**—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Très Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	A	4
Assez Bien	Quite Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2
Ajourné	Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The academic school years for years nine through 13 are referred to as the following. (Always reference native language transcripts to establish initial enrollment of year nine.)

Native Language	*School Year*
Quatrieme (4ème)	9
Troisieme (3ème)	10
Deuxieme/Seconde (2ème/2nde)	11

Native Language	*School Year*
Premiere (1er/1ere)	12
Terminale (Ter)	13

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Dominica

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form three, year nine, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 and an optional +2 = 13	11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and then two to four years of upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This section is divided into two "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Secondary Education Certificate* (CSEC) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation.]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. *General Certificate of Secondary Education* (GCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation.]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

3. *General Certificate of Education* (GCE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation.]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

4. *International General Certificate of Secondary Education* (IGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation.

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

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Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Two forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Two form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **two years** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Advanced Proficiency Examinations/Diploma* (CAPE) [Must pass two or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation.]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. *Advanced International Certificate of Education* (AICE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

CREDITING POLICIES

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Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

For school transcripts in years nine through 11 (form three through form five), **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CSEC grading scale below. For years 12 and 13, **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CAPE grading scale below.

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4
II	B	3
III	C	2
IV	D	1
V	D	1
VI	F	0

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Outstanding	A	4
B	Good	B	3
C	Fairly Good	C	2
D	Moderate	D	1
E	Weak	D	1
F	Poor	F	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4
II	A	4
III	B	3
IV	C	2
V	C	2
VI	D	1
VII	F	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Excellent	A	4
B	Very Good	A	4
C	Good	B	3
D	Satisfactory	C	2
E	Acceptable	C	2
F	Weak	D	1
G	Unsatisfactory	F	0

GCSE: Ordinary Level (O-Level) Examination					
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	H or Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

IGCSE: Ordinary Level (O-Level) Examination					
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
subject points	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
10	A	4
8	B	3
6	B	3
4	C	2
2	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
half-subject points	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	C	2

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/ Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
Communication Studies		Environmental Science	Caribbean Studies	Religious Education
		Human and Social Biology		

» The following course titles have been reviewed and are **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Commerce.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Dominican Republic

Background	
Academic Calendar	August-June
What is year nine called?	Year nine, premier grado
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school or third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Spanish
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 2 + 4 = 12 or 6 + 4 + 2 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, two years lower secondary, four years upper secondary or six years primary, four years lower secondary, two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bachiller/Bachillerato* [Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Maestro Normal/Mastro Normal Primario* [Primary School Teacher]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificado de Estudios Intermedios* [Certificate of Intermediate School Studies]

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
90-100	A	4
80-89	B	3
70-79	C	2
0-69	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excelente	Excellent	A	4
Muy Bueno	Very Good	B	3
Bueno	Good	C	2
Deficiente	Deficient	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Ecuador

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June (mountain regions) or April-December (coastal regions)
What is year nine called?	*Decimo Año*, 10th year
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of primary school
Native Language(s)	Spanish
Graduation Timeline	
9 + 3 = 12	12 years total: nine years primary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bachiller/Bachillerato* [Secondary School Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificado del Ciclo Básico* [Certificate from Basic or First Cycle of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

10-Point Scale

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4	7 - 7.99	C	2
9 - 9.99	A	4	0 - 6.99	F	0
8 - 8.99	B	3			

20-Point Scale

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
18 - 20	A	4
15.00 - 17.99	B	3
12.00-14.99	C	2
10.00 - 11.99	D	1
0.0 - 9.99	F	0

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80-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
75-80	A	4
65-74	B	3
55-64	C	2
45-54	D	1
0-44	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Egypt

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-May
What is year nine called?	Class 3, *3ème*, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Arabic, French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificate of Completion of General Secondary Education* (Science and Math Tracks)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate* (Science and Math Tracks)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Shehaadat Itmaam El-Diraasa El-Thaanawiya El 'Aama* [Certificate of Completion of General Secondary Education] (Arts Track)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate* (Arts Track)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Technical Secondary School Diploma in Commercial Preparation*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

6. *Technical Secondary School Diploma in Agricultural Preparation*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

7. *Technical Secondary School Diploma in Industrial Preparation*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

8. *Armed Forces Vocational Training Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

9. *Teacher's Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Al-Azhar Primary Education Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Basic Education Completion Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Al-Azhar Preparatory Education Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. Completion of only three years of a five-year program from technical school

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Certificate of Completion* of the compulsory period of study

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

6. *Certificate of Completion of Basic Education/Vocational Preparation*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

7. *Vocational certificate*

CREDITING POLICIES

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Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALE

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
80-100	A	4
65-79	B	3
50-64	C	2
40-49	D	1
0-39	F (Failure)	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» If a transcript presents maximum and minimum grade columns, the grade awarded will be considered out of the maximum grade available for that course. A percentage will be determined that can be applied to the 100-point scale.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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El Salvador

Background	
Academic Calendar	January-November
What is year nine called?	*9 Grado, Noveno Ano*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of primary school
Native Language(s)	Spanish
Graduation Timeline	
9 + 2 = 11	11 years total: nine years primary, two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bachiller/Bachillerato* [Academic Secondary School Graduation Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Diploma de Educación Media* [Diploma of Secondary School Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Cicle III* [Ninth-Year Primary School Cycle]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Diploma de Educación Básica* [Diploma of Basic (Primary/Lower Secondary School) Education]

GRADING SCALES

Schools must indicate (either on the transcript or on an official letter on school letterhead) whether the minimum passing grade per year is a five (5) or a six (6):

Five-Minimum Pass		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
9 - 10	A	4
7 - 8	B	3
5 - 6	C	2
1 - 4	F	0

Six-Minimum Pass		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
9 - 10	A	4
7 - 8	B	3
6	C	2
1-5	F	0

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» Native language terms for years nine through 12:

Native Language School Year Name	*School Year*	*Location*
9 Grado/Noveno Ano	9	Final year of primary school
1 Bachillerato/Premier ano de Bachillerato	10	First year of high school/Upper secondary school
2 Bachillerato/Segundo ano de Bachillerato	11	Second year of high school/Upper secondary school
3 Bachillerato/Tercer ano de Bachillerato	12	Third year of high school/Upper secondary school

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Eritrea

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-July
What is year nine called?	Year 9, year 1
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	English, Arabic
Graduation Timeline	
5 + 3 + 4 = 12	12 years total: five years primary, three years lower secondary and four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Eritrean Secondary Education Certificate Examination*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
75-100	A	4
65-74	B	3
50-64	C	2
0-49	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Excellent	A	4
B	Very Good	B	3
C	Good	C	2
F	Failure	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Estonia

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	*Klassi* 9, 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Estonian
Graduation Timeline	
9 + 3 = 12	12 years total: nine years primary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Gumnaasiumi Loputunnistus* [Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate] accompanied by the *Hinneteleht* [Supplement] and the *Riigieksamutunnistus* [National Exam]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Loputunnistus Pohihariduse Basil Kutekeskhariduse Omandamise Kohta* [Certificate on Acquiring Vocational Secondary Education Based on Basic Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Pohikooli Loputunnistus* [Certificate of Basic Shool]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
2	F (Failure)	0
1	F (Failure)	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Vaga Hea	Very Good	A	4
Hea	Good	B	3
Rahuldav	Satisfactory	C	2
Puudulik	Poor/Fail	F (Failure)	0
Nõrk	Weak/Fail	F (Failure)	0

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Ethiopia

Background	
Academic Calendar	October-July
What is year nine called?	Year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Amharic, English
Graduation Timeline	
4 + 8 = 12	12 years total: four years primary and eight years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Ethiopian University Entrance Examination Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Ethiopian General Education Certificate Examination/Ethiopian Higher Education Entrance Examination*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Ethiopian School Leaving Certificate*
2. *Ethiopian General Secondary Education Leaving Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
90-100	A	4
80-89	B	3
60-79	C	2
50-59	D	1
0-49	F	0

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	C	2
D	D	1
F	F	0

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» Most schools within Ethiopia operate on the Ethiopian calendar instead of the common Gregorian calendar that is typical in the U.S. There are many online tools available to convert the calendar dates. This may be required to identify accurate school years for the student.

Example: Friday, October 4, 2009, (□□□, 4, 2009) on the Ethiopian calendar is Friday, October 14, 2016, on the Gregorian calendar.

» Often students present British-patterned educational documents from this country (IGCSEs, AS- or A-levels, etc.). For information on how to assess the eligibility of students presenting these documents, please see the **United Kingdom** country listing.

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European Baccalaureate

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Typically year nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Typically ninth year of primary school or second year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Varies dependent upon the country in which the school is located
Graduation Timeline	
9 + 2 + 2 = 13 or 6 + 7 = 13	13 years total: nine years primary, two years lower secondary, two years upper secondary or six years lower secondary and seven years of upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *European Baccalaureate Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
9-9.99	A	4
8-8.99	A	4
7-7.99	B	3

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
6-6.99	C	2
5.00-5.99	D	1
<5.00	F (Failure)	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

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Faroe Islands

Background	
Academic Calendar	August to June
What is year nine called?	9, *Flokkur* or *Klasse* 9
Where is year nine typically located?	The final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Faroese and Danish
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 or 6 + 4 + 2 = 12*	11 or 12 years* total: nine years primary, three or four years lower secondary, two years upper secondary. *If the student completes a year 10 transition year (and presents the correct documentation), the timeline would be extended to include one additional year of lower secondary followed by two years upper secondary.

Country-specific documents that may be requested: In certain circumstances, the NCAA Eligibility Center may request additional documents to complete an academic certification in addition to the documents required for all students. This list may not be all-inclusive:

» Year 9 *Afgangsbevis* (Certificate).

» Year 10 *Afgangsbevis* (Certificate).

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Gymnasialt Miðnámsprógv*, commonly referred to as a *studentsprógv* (Upper Secondary Leaving Certificate or Certificate of Student Graduation)

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine). *If a transition year is completed and a Year 10 *Afgangsbevis* is presented, then the graduation timeline would extend to year 12 (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine).

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Afgangsbevis/Klassebevis* [Leaving Certificate after grades nine or 10]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine or 10 years (one/two years or two/four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

» For upper secondary school transcripts that have four columns of grades titled as “1st term”, “2nd term”, 3rd term/end of year” and “exam/end of year test”:

1st term = semester 1.

2nd term = semester 2.

3rd term/end of year = final yearly grade.

The year listed at the top of this transcript corresponds with the start of the year.

Example: 1y (2025) = 2025-2026.

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Fiji

Background	
Academic Calendar	February-November
What is year nine called?	Form 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English, Fijian (vosa vakaviti), Hindi
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 2 = 12 or 6 + 4 +3 = 13	12 or 13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and two or three years upper secondary

Students from Fiji may also present documentation in line with **New Zealand**'s educational system. If this occurs, refer to the **New Zealand** entry in this guide for more information on that educational system.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Fiji School Leaving Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Fiji Year 12 Certificate Examination*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Fiji Form Seven Examination/Fiji Year 13 Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Junior Certificate Examination*

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Fiji Eighth Year Examination*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Earned upon completion of the eighth year of schooling

3. *Fiji Vocational Training Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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GRADING SCALES

Secondary School					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1	A	4	6	C	2
2	A	4	7	C	2
3	B	3	8	C	2
4	B	3	9	C	2
5	B	3			

Secondary School		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Very Good	A	4
Good	B	3
Highly Satisfactory	B	3
Satisfactory	B	3
Sufficient	C	2
Fair	C	2

Seventh Form Examination (Year 13 Certificate)		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
80-100	A	4
65-79	B	3
50-64	C	2 (lowest passing grade)
0-49	F	0

Seventh Form Examination (Year 13 Certificate)		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	C	2 (lowest passing grade)
F	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
		Basic Science 9		
		Basic Science 10		

» The following course titles have been reviewed and are **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Commercial Science 9.
- Commerical Science 10.

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Finland

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-May
What is year nine called?	Year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Finnish
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Lukion Päästötodistus/Dismissionsbetyg/Avgangsbetyg Fran Gymnasiet* [Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Ylioppilastutkintotodistus/Studentsexamensbetyg* [Matriculation Examination Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Teknikko* [Technician] or *Teknillisen Koulun Päästötodistus* [Vocational Secondary School Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Ammatillinen Perustutkinto* [Initial Vocational Qualification]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Tutkintotodistus* or *Qualification Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

6. *Päästötodistus Aikuislukio* (Upper Secondary Leaving Certificate for Adults)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Kauppakoulu* [Vocational School Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Peruskoulun Paastotodistus* [Basic School Graduation Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	9 years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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GRADING SCALES

Lukion Paastotodistus/Dismissionsbetyg					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4	6	C	2
9	A	4	5	D	1
8	B	3	4	F (Failure)	0
7	B	3			

Lukion Paastotodistus/Dismissionsbetyg			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Erinomainen	Outstanding, Excellent	A	4
Kiitettävä	Very Good	A	4
Hyvä	Good	B	3
Tyydyttävä	Acceptable, Satisfactory	B	3
Kohtalainen	Fair	C	2
Välttävä Just	Adequate, Sufficient	D	1
Heikko, Hylätty	Weak, Fail	F (Failure)	0

Ylioppilastutkintotodistus/Studentsexamensbetyg (Matriculation Examination Certificate)			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Laudatar	Praiseworthy	A	4
Eximia cum' laude Approbatur	Approved with Exceptional Honors	A	4
Magna cum' laude Approbatur	Approved with Great Honors	B	3
Cum laude Approbatur	Approved with Honors	B	3
Lubenter Approbatur	Approved with Satisfaction	C	2
Approbatur	Approved	D	1
Improbatur	Not Approved	F (Failure)	0

Ylioppilastutkintotodistus/Studentsexamensbetyg (Matriculation Examination Certificate)					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
7	A	4	3	C	2
6	A	4	2	D	1
5	B	3	1	F (Failure)	0
4	B	3			

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» For yearly transcripts, all grades reported per course per year must be averaged to determine the overall final grade awarded for the course. If a grade of an "S" is reported in combination with numeric grades, the "S" grade should be treated as the minimum passing grade on the grading scale. All final grades with decimal points will be rounded down to the nearest whole number.

Example 1: Math scores received are as follows: 6 7 9 6 8 7

- All numbers added together total 43, divided by the six grades equals 7.1666. Rounded down to a seven, the final grade awarded for math would be a "B" grade on the 10-point scale.

Example 2: Math scores received are as follows: 6 7 9 S 8 7

- All numbers added together total 42. This is because the "S" represents a "pass" and the minimum passing grade on the 10-point scale is a five. The total (42) divided by the six grades equals seven. The final grade awarded for this math would be a "B" grade.

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France

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	*Troisieme annee, 3ème*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French
Graduation Timeline	
5 + 4 + 3 = 12 or 5 + 4 + 4 = 13	12 or 13 years total: five years primary, four years lower secondary, three or four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diplome de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degre* [Diploma of Bachelor of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Diplome de Baccalaureat de l'Enseignement Secondaire* [Diploma of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Diplome du Baccalaureat General* [Diploma of General Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Diplome de Baccalaureat de Technicien/Diplome de Baccalaureat Technologique* [Diploma of Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Diplome de Baccalaureat Professionnel* [Diploma of Professional Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or ten semesters from the initial start of year nine)

6. *Brevet de Technicien* [Technician's Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

7. *Certificat de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires* [Certificate of Completion of Secondary Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet des Colleges* [Certificate of Lower Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificat de Formation Generale* (CFG) [Certificate of General Instruction]
3. *Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle* (CAP) [Certificate of Professional Competence]
4. *Brevet de d'Etudes Professionnelle* [Certificate of Professional Studies]

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16-20	A	4
14-15.99	A	4
12-13.99	B	3

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10-11.99	C	2
8-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

***Note:* Conceded Pass**—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Très Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	A	4
Assez Bien	Quite Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2
Ajourné	Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» If a transcript shows a column titled "student" or "pupil" with grades listed below it, consider this as the acceptable reported column of grades for that term.

- The academic school years for years nine through 12 are referred to as the following. *(Always reference native language transcripts to establish initial enrollment of year nine.).*

Native Language	*School Year*
Troisieme (3ème)	09
Deuxieme/Seconde (2ème/2nde)	10

Native Language	*School Year*
Premiere (1er/1ere)	11
Terminale (Ter)	12

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
		Scientific Education (Year 11 or 12)		
		SVT		

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Gabon

Background	
Academic Calendar	September/October-June/July
What is year nine called?	*Troisieme, 3ème*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French, Sango language
Graduation Timeline	
5 + 4 + 3 = 12	12 years total: five years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Baccalauréat* [Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Baccalauréat Technique/Baccalauréat Technologique* [Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Brevet de Technicien* (BT) [Technician Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Certificat d'Aptitude Pédagogique* (CAP) [Certificate of Pedagogical Aptitude]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet d'Études Premier Cycle* (BEPC) [First Cycle Studies Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	College d'Enseignment General [General Lower Secondary School]

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16.00-20	A	4
14.00-15.99	A	4
12.00-13.99	B	3

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10.00-11.99	C	2
8.00-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

***Note:* Conceded Pass**—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Très Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	A	4
Assez Bien	Quite Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2
Ajourné	Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The academic school years for years nine through 12 are referred to as the following. *(Always reference native language transcripts to establish initial enrollment of year nine.)*

Native Language	*School Year*
Troisieme (3ème)	09
Deuxieme/Seconde (2ème/2nde)	10

Native Language	*School Year*
Premiere (1er/1ere)	11
Terminale (Ter)	12

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The Gambia

Background	
Academic Calendar	September/October-July
What is year nine called?	Form III, form 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *West African Examinations Council Senior Secondary School Leaving Certificate* (SSSLC) [The Gambia]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	West African Examinations Council
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Individual Subject Passes from Upper Secondary School

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1	Excellent	A	4
2	Very good	A	4
3	Good	B	3
4	Credit	B	3
5	Credit	C	2
6	Credit	C	2
7, 8	Pass	D	1
9	Fail	F	0

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A1	A	4
B2	A	4
B3	B	3
C4	B	3
C5	C	2

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
C6	C	2
D7	D	1
E8	D	1
F9	F (Failure)	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Georgia

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	IX
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Georgian
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Sashualo Skolis Atestati* [Secondary School Certificate]*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Sashualo Specialuri Sastsavleblis Diplomi* [Diploma from a Special Secondary School]*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Sashualo Ganatlebis Atestati* [Certificate of Secondary School Education]*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

*State exams must accompany the certificate/diploma noted here. These are issued by the National Examinations Center.

4. *Prophesiul-Teknikuri Sastavleblis Diplomi* [Diploma from Vocational-Technical school]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Prophesiul-Teknikuri Sastavleblis Diplomi Danartit* [Diploma from Vocational-Technical School with Supplement]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Arasruli sashaulo Ganatieblis Motsmoba* [Certificate of Incomplete Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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GRADING SCALES

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Good	B	3
Satisfactory	C	2
Unsatisfactory	F	0

5-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2
2	F	0

10-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
9 - 10	A	4
7 - 8	B	3
5-6	C	2
2 - 4	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» No state exams were administered from 2003-2010 due to war.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
» **Determination of Credit resource**.
» **International initial-eligibility flyer**.
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Germany

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	*Klasse 9*
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	German
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 2 + 2 = 12 or 8 + 5 = 13	12 or 13 years: eight years primary, two years lower secondary and two years upper secondary or eight years primary, two years lower secondary and three years upper secondary.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife* [Certificate of General Higher Educational Maturity] (verbally referred to as the "*Abitur*")

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four/five years or eight/10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Zeugnis der Fachgebundenen Hochschulreife* [Certificate of Subject-Restricted Higher Educational Maturity]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four/five years or eight/10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Zeugnis der Fachhochschulreife* [Certificate of Maturity for a University of Applied Sciences]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four/five years or eight/10 semesters from the initial start of year nine) The graduation timeline can be advanced up to two semesters after the date of *Fachhochschulreife* is achieved if the PSA pursues the vocational internship requirement directly after achieving the academic credential without suspending enrollment at any point from the time the academic credential was achieved.

4. *Abschlusszeugnis* [Completion Certificate] (from a technical school)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four/five years or eight/10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Zeugnis from Krankenpflegeschule* [Certificate from a nursing school],
Schule fur technische Assistenten in der Medizin [School for Medical Technical Assistant],
Schule fur Physiotherapeuten [School for Physical Therapists] or other type of school for medical paraprofessionals

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four/five years or eight/10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

6. Secondary Stage II *Berufsfachschule* [School Leaving Certificate of full-time vocational school]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four/five years or eight/10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

An *Abschlusszeugnis* [Completion Certificate], *Zeugnis* [Certificate] or *Abgangszeugnis* [Leaving Certificate for those who Failed the Final Examination] from the types of schools listed below:

Berufsaufbauschule [Extended Vocational School]	*Hauptschule* [Main (lower secondary) School]
Berufsfachschule [Vocational Technical School]	*Mittelschule* [Middle School]
Berufsgrundbildungsjahr (BGJ) [Vocational Basic Education Year]	*Realschule* [Intermediate or Middle School]
Berufsschule [Vocational School]	*Regelschule* [Norm School]
Berufsschule Berufsgrundbildungsjahr (BGJ) [Vocational Basic Education Year]	*Regionale Schule* [Regional School]
Berufsschule Berufsvorbereitungsjahr (BVJ) [Vocational Preparation Year]	*Sekundarschule* [Secondary School]
Gesamtschule [Comprehensive School]	*Wirthschaftsschule* [Commercial School]

GRADING SCALES

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Sehr Gut	Very Good	A	4
Gut	Good	B	3
Befriedigend	Satisfactory	B	3
Ausreichend	Sufficient	C	2
Mangelhaft	Unsatisfactory/Poor	D	1
Ungenugend	Insufficient/Fail	F (Failure)	0

6-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1	A	4
2	B	3
3	B	3
4	C	2
5	D	1
6	F (Failure)	0

15-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
13-15	A	4
10-12	B	3
7-9	B	3
4-6	C	2
1-3	D	1
0	F (Failure)	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:
  - Religion.
- For transcripts issued in the middle of the year and at the end of the year, consider the end of year report as final yearly grades.
- For years 11 and up, coursework can be entered from the transcripts or the *Abitur*.
- The coursework listed on the *Abitur* is in the format of semesters. If the four semesters of the *Abitur* represent more than two years' worth of time, a course dates task may be assigned.
- Course titles that state "____ from 6th grade (or any grade lower than *klasse* 9)" will not be used in the certification.
- For years nine and 10, if all grades issued are between 1-6, the 6-point grading scale will be used.
- If a student takes more than two years to complete the study of the *Abitur*, a timeline related task may be assigned to determine the schedule of completion for classes associated with that credential.
- **Click here** for the welcome email students receive with additional information on documents to submit for this country.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Ghana

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-July
What is year nine called?	JSS 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of junior secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years junior secondary and three years senior secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Senior Secondary School Certificate Examinations* (SSSCE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *West Africa Senior School Certificate Examinations* (WASSCE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	West Africa Examinations Council
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Auxiliary Grade Nurses Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificate B* (Teacher Education)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Common Entrance Examination*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Middle School Leaving Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Nurses and Midwives Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

6. *Basic Education Certificate* of junior secondary school

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
1	A	4
2	A	4
3	B	3
4	B	3

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
5-6	C	2
7-8	D	1
9	F (Failure)	0

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C		
D		

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
E	C	2
F	D	1
F	F (Failure)	0

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Excellent	A	4
Very Good	A	4
Good	B	3
Credit	B	3

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Credit	C	2
Pass	D	1
Fail	F (Failure)	0

WAEC SSCE Scales

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
1	A	4
2	A	4
3	B	3
4	B	3
5	C	2

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
6	C	2
7	D	1
8	D	1
9	F (Failure)	0

WAEC Scales

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A1	A	4
B2	A	4
B3	B	3
C4	B	3

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
C5	C	2
C6	C	2
D7	D	1
E8	D	1

WAEC Scales

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Excellent	A	4
Very Good	A	4
Good	B	3
Credit	B	3

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Credit	C	2
Pass	D	1
Fail	F (Failure)	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The academic school years in Ghana appear on the transcript as follows:
  - JSS = Junior Secondary School.
  - SSS = Senior Secondary School.
  - Native terms for years seven through 13 are as follows:

Native Language	*School Year*
JSS 1	07
JSS 2	08
JSS 3	09

Native Language	*School Year*
SSS 1	10
SSS 2	11
SSS 3	12

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Greece

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year 9, class 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Greek
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Apolyterio* [Certificate of Completion] (awarded by a *Lykeio* Upper Secondary School)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Apolyterio* [Certificate of Completion] (awarded by a *Gymnasium* Lower Secondary School)

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
18.0-20	A	4
16.0-17.99	B	3
13.0-15.99	B	3

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10.0-12.99	C	2
8-9.99*	D	1
0-7.99	F (Failure)	0

***Note:** **Conceded Pass**—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

Translation	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Very Good	B	3
Good	B	3
Pass	C	2
Fail	F (Failure)	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» If several columns of grades are present on a transcript, the column including a final average grade issued may be used to award credit to the PSA.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Grenada

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form three, year nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 or 6 + 3 + 4 = 13	11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and then two or four years of upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This section is divided into two "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Secondary Education Certificate* (CSEC) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. *General Certificate of Secondary Education* (GCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

3. *General Certificate of Education* (GCE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in seperate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

4. I*nternational General Certificate of Secondary Education* (IGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

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Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Two forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Two form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **two years** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Advanced Proficiency Examinations/Diploma* (CAPE) [Must pass **two** examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. *Advanced International Certificate of Education* (AICE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

For school transcripts in years nine through 11 (form three through form five), **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CSEC grading scale below. For years 12 and 13, **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CAPE grading scale below.

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4	IV	D	1
II	B	3	V	D	1
III	C	2	VI	F	0

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Outstanding	A	4
B	Good	B	3
C	Fairly Good	C	2
D	Moderate	D	1
E	Weak	D	1
F	Poor	F	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4
II	A	4
III	B	3
IV	C	2
V	C	2
VI	D	1
VII	F (Failure)	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Excellent	A	4
B	Very Good	A	4
C	Good	B	3
D	Satisfactory	C	2
E	Acceptable	C	2
F	Weak	D	1
G	Unsatisfactory	F (Failure)	0

GCSE Ordinary Level (O-Level) Examination					
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	H or Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

IGCSE					
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Subject Points	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Subject Points	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
10	A	4
8	B	3
6	B	3
4	C	2
2	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Half-Subject Points	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	C	2

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/ Nativelanguage	***Math***	***Science***	***Social Science***	***Additional Courses***
Communication Studies		Environmental Science	Caribbean Studies	Religious Education
		Human and Social Biology		

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:
  - Commerce.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Guatemala

Background	
Academic Calendar	January-October
What is year nine called?	*Tercero Grado*, 3rd grade
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary (basic) school
Native Language(s)	Spanish
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11	11 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bachillerato/Bachiller en Ciencias y Letras* [Secondary School Diploma in Sciences and Letters]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Perito Comercial, Industrial, Agrícola, Técnico* [Certificate/Diploma – Completion of technical/vocational secondary education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Maestro de Educación* [Completion of technical/vocational education in teaching]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diplomado* [Diploma]
2. *Ciclo de cultura general* [Lower Secondary School] (any documents from a lower secondary school)

GRADING SCALES

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excelente	Excellent	A	4
Muy Bueno	Very Good	B	3
Bueno	Good	C	2
Mínimo	Minimum	D	1
Reprobado	Fail	F	0

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
90-100	A	4
80-89	B	3
70-79	C	2

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
60-69	D	1
0-59	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Guinea (Guinea-Conakry)

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Background	
Academic Calendar	September/October-June
What is year nine called?	*Quatrieme, 4ème*
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 3 = 13	13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Baccalauréat Deuxième Partie* [Baccalaureate Second Part]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Baccalauréat Première Partie* [Baccalaureate First Part]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Brevet d'Etudes Professionnelles* (BEP) [Certificate of Professional Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle* (BEPC) [First Cycle Studies Diploma] (earned after year 10 from a *College d'Enseignement* General or General Lower Secondary School)

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16.00-20	A	4
14.00-15.99	A	4
12.00-13.99	B	3

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10.00-11.99	C	2
8.00-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

***Note:* Conceded Pass**—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Très Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	A	4
Assez Bien	Quite Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2
Ajourné	Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The academic school years for years nine through 12 are referred to as the following. *(Always reference native language transcripts to establish initial enrollment of year nine.)*

Native Language	*School Year*
Quatrieme (4ème	9
Troisieme (3ème)	10
Deuxieme/Seconde	11

Native Language	*School Year*
Premiere (1er/1ere)	12
Terminale (Ter)	13

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Guyana

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form three, year nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 or 6 + 3 + 4 = 13	11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and then two-to-four years of upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

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Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Secondary Education Certificate* (CSEC) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. *General Certificate of Secondary Education* (GCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

3. *General Certificate of Education* (GCE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

4. *International General Certificate of Secondary Education* (IGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

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Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Two forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Two form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **two years** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Advanced Proficiency Examinations/Diploma* (CAPE) [Must pass **two** examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. *Advanced International Certificate of Education* (AICE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

For school transcripts in years nine through 11 (form three through form five), **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CSEC grading scale below. For years 12 and 13, **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CAPE grading scale below.

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4
II	B	3
III	C	2
IV	D	1
V	D	1
VI	F	0

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Outstanding	A	4
B	Good	B	3
C	Fairly Good	C	2
D	Moderate	D	1
E	Weak	D	1
F	Poor	F	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4
II	A	4
III	B	3
IV	C	2
V	C	2
VI	D	1
VII	F (Failure)	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Excellent	A	4
B	Very Good	A	4
C	Good	B	3
D	Satisfactory	C	2
E	Acceptable	C	2
F	Weak	D	1
G	Unsatisfactory	F (Failure)	0

GCSE Ordinary Level (O-Level) Examination					
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	H or Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

IGCSE		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4z
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
F, G	D	1
Ungraded	F	0

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
subject points	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
8	B	3
6	B	3
4	C	2
2	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Half-subject points	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	C	2

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/ Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
Communication Studies		Environmental Science		Religious Education
		Human and Social Biology		

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Commerce.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
» **Determination of Credit resource**.
» **International initial-eligibility flyer**.
» **Student account task information**.
» **NCAA Guide of International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility**.
» **Country-specific webpages**.
» **Multi-country references**.

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Haiti

Background	
Academic Calendar	October-June
What is year nine called?	*9eme, 4ème*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Haitian Creole, French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 6 = 12 or 6 + 7 = 13 (classical system) 9 + 3 = 12 or 9 + 3 + 1 = 13 (reformed system)	12 or 13 years total: timeline varies, see various timelines below

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Baccalauréat* [Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Baccalauréat Deuxième Partie* [Secondary School leaving Certificate, Part II]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Certificat de Fin d'Études Secondaires Classiques, Deuxième Partie* [Certificate of Completion of Classical Studies, Part II]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Baccalauréat I* [Secondary School Leaving Certificate, Part I]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Brevet Superièur* [Advanced Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

6. *Diplôme de Technicien* [Technician's Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

7. *Diplôme d'Instituteur* [Teacher's Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

8. *Diplôme d'Enseignement Secondaire* [Diploma of Secondary Instruction]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

9. *Diplôme de Fin d'Études Normales* [Normal School Completion Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet de Technicien* [Certificate of Technician]
2. *Brevet Siple or Élémentaire* [Basic Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Brevet Supérieur* [Higher certificate, grade II]
4. *Brevet d'Aptitude Professionelle* [Certificate of Professional Competency]
5. *Certificat d'Aptitude a l'Enseignement Professionel* (CAEP) or *Diplôme d'Enseignement Professionnel* [Certificate of Aptitude for Vocational Teaching or Diploma of Vocational Teaching]
6. *Certificat d'Aptitude Professionelle* [Certificate of Vocational Competency]
7. *Certificat d'Études Primaires* (CEP) [Certificate of Primary Studies]
8. *Diplôme d'Enseignement Agricole* [Diploma of Agricultural Education]
9. *Diplôme d'Infiermière Auxiliare* [Diploma of Auxiliary Nurse]
10. *Certificat de Fin d'Études Secondaires Classiques, premiere partie* [Certificate of Completion of Classical Secondary Studies, Part I]
11. *Diplôme d'Études' Secondaires, premiere partie* [Diploma of Secondary Education, Part I]

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
17-20	A	4
14-16.9	B	3
12-13.9	C	2
10-11.9	D	1
0-9.9	F (Failure)	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The "conceded pass" that exists in other French-based countries' grading scales does NOT exist in Haiti.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
» **Determination of Credit resource**.
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Honduras

Background	
Academic Calendar	February-November
What is year nine called?	*Tercer Curso Ciclo Comun*, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Spanish
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 or 6 + 3 + 3 = 12	11 or 12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and two or three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bachillerato/Bachiller en Ciencias y Letras* [Secondary School Diploma in Sciences and Letters]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Bachiller en Administratcion de Empresas* [Diploma in Business Administration]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Perito Mercantil y Contador Publico/Contador Privado* (accounting)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Bachiller en Ciancias Agricolas* [Diploma in Agriculture]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Bachiller Tecnico Pecuario* [Technical Diploma in Animal Husbandry]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

6. *Bachiller Tecnico in a specialized area* [Technical Diploma in a Specialized Area]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificato Final de Ciclo Comun General* [Access to next phase of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of ÷Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Secreitaria Taquimecanograficta* [Secretarial Studies]
3. *Auxiliar de Enfermal/Enfermera Practica* [Nurse's Aide/Practical Nurse]
4. *Ciclo Diversificado* [Diversified Cycle]

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GRADING SCALES

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Sobrasaliente	Excellent	A	4
Muy Bueno	Very good	B	3
Bueno	Good	C	2
Aplazado	Conditional Pass	F (Failure)	0
Insuficiente	Fail	F	0

5-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2
2	F (Failure)	0
1	F	0

100-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
91-100	A	4
81-90	B	3
60-80	C	2
40-59	F (Failure)	0
0-39	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- » **Course Title Usage guide**.
- » **Determination of Credit resource**.
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Hong Kong

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-July
What is year nine called?	Year 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Chinese (Mandarin), English
Graduation Timeline	
6 +5 = 11 or 6 + 3 + 3 = 12 or 6 + 6 = 12 or 6 + 5 + 2 = 13	11, 12 or 13 years total: timeline varies, see various timelines below

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education* (HKDSE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (HKALE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. Hong Kong Advanced Supplementary Level Examination (HKASLE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination* (HKCEE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

HKDSE Category A Examinations					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4	2	D	1
4	B	3	1	D	1
3	C	2	0/Ungraded	F	0

HKDSE Category B Examinations		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Attained with Distinction	C	2
Attained	D	1
Unattained	F	0

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HKDSE Category C Examinations					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	D	D	1
B	B	3	E	D	1
C	C	2	U	F	0

HKALE					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F	D	1
C	B	3	U	F	0
D	C	2			

HKASLE					
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
4	A	4	2	C	2
3	B	3	1	D	1

HKASLE					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	D	D	1
B	B	3	E	D	1
C	C	2			

HKCEE					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F	D	1
C	B	3	H	F	0
D	C	2			

HKCEE *For the subjects of English and Chinese only*					
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
5	A	4	2	D	1
4	B	3	1	D	1
3	C	2	0/Ungraded	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/ Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
			Liberal Studies	

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Applied Science.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
» **Determination of Credit resource**.
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Hungary

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	*Osztály 9, Évfolyam 9*, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Hungarian
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 2 + 2 = 12 or 8 + 2 + 3 = 13	12 or 13 years total: eight years primary, and two years lower secondary and two or three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Gimnáziumu Érettségi Bizonyítvány* [Gymnasium Maturity Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Skakközépiskolai Érettségi-Képesitö Bizonyívány* [Technical Secondary School Maturity Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bizonyítvány* [certificate] from a *Gépíró és Gyorsíró Szakiskola* [Training School for Shorthand or Typing] or other similar types of special training schools
2. *Egészségügyi Szakiskolai Bizonyítvány* [Vocational Health School Certificate]
3. *Szakkozepiskolai Technikuskepesitio Bizonyitvany* [Technical Secondary School Technician's Certificate]
4. *Szakmunkas Bizonyitvany* [Skilled Worker's Certificate]
5. *Technikus* [title of "Te"]

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2
2	D	1
1	F (Failure)	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Jeles	Excellent	A	4
Jó	Good	B	3
Közepes	Average	C	2
Elégséges	Sufficient	D	1
Elégtelen	Insufficient	F (Failure)	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- » **Course Title Usage guide**.
- » **Determination of Credit resource**.
- » **International initial-eligibility flyer**.
- » **Student account task information**.
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- » **Country-specific webpages**.
- » **Multi-country references**.

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Iceland

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Background	
Academic Calendar	September-May
What is year nine called?	year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Second year of lower secondary
Native Language(s)	Icelandic
Graduation Timeline	
7 + 3 + 4 = 14	14 years total: seven years primary, three years lower secondary and four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Studentsprof* [University Matriculation Examination]

Expected Timeline of Completion	14 years (six years or 12 semesters from the initial start of year 9)

2. *Lokaprof* [Final Examination Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	14 years (six years or 12 semesters from the initial start of year 9)

3. *Sveinsprof* [Technical Secondary School Diploma]
4. *Verslunarprof* [Business Diploma]
5. *Verslunarmenntaprof* [Applied Business Studies Diploma]

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Landsprof* [Upper Secondary School Admissions Examination]
2. *Framhaldsdeildir* [Continuation Classes]
3. *Grunnskolaprof* [Year 10 Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Unglingaprof* [Lower Secondary School Leaving Examination]

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
8-10	A	4
6-7	B	3
4-5	C	2

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
3	D	1
0-2	F (Failure)	0

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Good	B	3
Satisfactory	C	2

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Pass	D	1
Fail	F (Failure)	0

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» Multiyear transcripts may be considered as usable documentation, as long as the transcript is not the *Studentsprof* itself.

» Terms may be represented as seasons: Fall is represented by "*Falla*," "F/H" or "*Haust*" and Spring is represented by "*Vor*" or "V." This terminology can assist in determining the format of the transcripts.

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Art History.
- Social Awareness.

» **Click here** for the welcome email students receive with additional information on documents to submit for this country.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.

» **Determination of Credit resource**.

» **International initial-eligibility flyer**.

» **Student account task information**.

» **NCAA Guide of International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility**.

» **Country-specific webpages**.

» **Multi-country references**.

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India

Background	
Academic Calendar	June-March or July-April
What is year nine called?	Class IX
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English, Hindi
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 2 + 2 = 12	12 years total: eight years primary, two years lower secondary and two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Higher Secondary Certificate* (HSC) [Arts or Sciences group]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *All-India Senior School Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Predegree certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Preprofessional Certificate* (predental, preengineering, premedical, preagriculture)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Preuniversity Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

6. *Senior Secondary School Certificate* (National Institute of Open Schooling)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

7. *Higher Secondary School Certificate* (all streams other than arts and sciences)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

8. *Intermediate Certificate for Goa*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

9. *Intermediate Certificate for Andhra Pradesh*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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10. *Indian School Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

11. *Certificate of Vocational Education Examination* (CVE-12)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *All-India Higher Secondary Certificate* (earned after standard grade XI)

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *All-India Secondary School Certificate* (AISSC)

Expected Timeline of Completion	Varies

3. Diploma in education where admission is based on the 10-year secondary school certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Health Visitor* or *Multipurpose Diploma*
5. *High School Leaving Certificate* (HSLC)
6. *Higher Secondary Certificate* earned or *Intermediate School Certificate* after fewer than 12 years of schooling
7. *Indian Certificate of Secondary Education*
8. *Matriculation Certificate*
9. *Preuniversity Certificate* earned after Standard Grade XI

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

10. *Secondary School Certificate* (SSC)
11. *Secondary School Leaving Certificate* (SSLC)
12. *Secondary School Certificate* (National Institute of Open Schooling)
13. Central Board of Secondary Education's (CBSE) *Secondary School Examination Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation* (CCE)
14. *Indian Certificate of Secondary Education* (Year 10)

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
60-100	A	4
50-59	B	3
40-49	C	2
35-39	D	1
0-34	F (Failure)	0

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	C	2
D	D	1
F	F (Failure)	0

Indian School Certificate		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
1-2	A	4
3-6	B	3
7-8	C	2
9	F (Failure)	0

Central Board of Secondary Education's (CBSE) Secondary School Examination Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE)					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A1	A	4	C2	C	2
A2	A	4	D	D	1
B1	B	3	E1	F (Failure)	0
B2	B	3	E2	F (Failure)	0
C1	C	2			

National Institute for Open Schooling Senior Secondary School Examination 2014 and After					
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
91-100	A	4	41-50	C	2
81-90	A	4	33-40	D (minimum pass)	1
71-80	B	3	16-32	F	0
61-70	B	3	0-15	F	0
51-60	C	2			

National Institute for Open Schooling Senior Secondary School Examination 2014 and after		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	A	4
C	B	3
D	B	3
E	C	2
F	C	2
G	D (minimum pass)	1
H	F	0
I	F	0

National Institute for Open Schooling Senior Secondary School Examination 2014 and after		
Description	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Outstanding	A	4
Excellent	A	4
Very Good	B	3
Good	B	3
Average	C	2
Fair	C	2
Marginal	D (minimum pass)	1
Needs Improvement	F	0
Needs More Improvement	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/ Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
		Science and Technology	Environment Education	

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Indonesia

Background	
Academic Calendar	July-June
What is year nine called?	IX, 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Indonesian
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar - Sekolah Menengah Umum Tingkat Atas* (STTB SMA) [SMA is also referred to as 'Ijazah Paket C']

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar - Madrasah Aliyah* (STTB MA) (Madrash Menegah Tingkat Atas) [Certificate of Completion – Islamic General/Academic Upper Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Ijazah - Sekolah Menengah Atas/Madrasah Aliyah* (SMA MA) [Certificate of Graduation from Academic/Islamic Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar - Sekolah Menengah Ekonomi Atas* (STTB SMEA) [Certificate of Completion – Commercial Upper Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar - Sekolah Menengah Kejuruan* (STTB SMK) [Certificate of Completion – Vocational Upper Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

6. *Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar - Sekolah Menengah Kesejahteraan Keluarga* (STTB SMKK) [Certificate of Completion – Home Economics Upper Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

7. *Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar - Sekolah Teknik Menengah* (STTB STM) [Certificate of Completion – Technical Upper Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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8. *Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar - Sekolah Pendidikan Guru* (STTB SPG)
[Certificate of Completion - Teacher Training Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

9. *Ijazah - Sekolah Menengah Kejuruan/Madrasah Aliyah Kejuruan* (SMK MAK)
[Certificate of Graduation from Vocational/Islamic Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar - Sekolah Menengah Tingkat Pertama* (STTB SMTP)
[Certificate of Completion - Lower Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar - Madrasah Tsanawiyah* (STTB MT) [Certificate of Completion - Islamic Lower Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Ijazah - Sekolah Menengah Pertama/Madrasah Tsanawiyah* (SMP MT) [Certificate of Graduation from Junior Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
9 - 9.9	A	4
8 - 8.9	B	3
7 - 7.9	B	3
6 - 6.9	C	2
5 - 5.9	D	1
4 - 4.9	F	0
3 - 3.9	F	0
2 - 2.9	F	0
1 - 1.9	F	0

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Sepuluh	A	4
Sembilan	A	4
Delapan	B	3
Tujuh	B	3
Enam	C	2
Lima	D	1
Empat	F	0
Tiga	F	0
Dua	F	0
Satu	F	0

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Istimewa	Excellent	A	4
Sangat baik/Baik sekali	Very good	A	4
Baik	Good	B	3
Lebih dari cukup	Above average	B	3
Cukup	Average	C	2
Hampir Cukup	Below average	D	1
Kurang	Fail	F	0
Kurang sekali	Fail	F	0
Buruk	Fail	F	0
Buruk sekali	Fail	F	0

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International Baccalaureate

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Background	
Academic Calendar	September-July or January-November
What is year nine called?	Typically year 9 or class 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Typically ninth year of lower secondary or third year of upper secondary
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
9 + 2 + 2 = 13	13 years total: nine years primary, two years lower secondary and two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *International Baccalaureate Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	International Baccalaureate (IBO)

2. *Career-related Program* (CP) *Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *International Baccalaureat Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *International Baccalaureat Middle Years Certificate*

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
7	A	4
6	A	4
5	B	3
4	C	2

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
3	D	1
2	F (Failure)	0
1	F (Failure)	0

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Very Good	A	4
Good	B	3
Satisfactory	C	2

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Mediocre	D	1
Poor	F (Failure)	0
Very Poor	F (Failure)	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/ Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
Theory of Knowledge	Computer Science	Environment and Society (may also appear as "Env and Soc")	Peace and Conflict	Theory of Knowledge
Extended Essay	Analytics and Approaches	Computer Science	Theory of Knowledge	Any world language including '*ab initio*' as part of the title
Film	Applications and Interpretation	Design Technology	Business Managment	
Literature and Performance		Sports, Exercise, and Health Science	Information Technology in a Global Society	
		Environmental Systems and Societies	World Religions	
		Environment and Society		

IB Diploma verification and results must come directly from IBO electronically to the Eligibility Center. Contact IBO to request your IB Diploma with results be sent electronically. For more information on how to go about requesting your results, visit **ibo.org**.

Note: The NCAA will NOT accept school-produced or generated diplomas/results.

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Iran

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-July
What is year nine called?	First class
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Persian
Graduation Timeline	
5 + 3 + 3 = 11 or 5 + 3 + 4 = 12	11 or 12 years total: five years primary, three years lower secondary, three or four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Preuniversity Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Technicians Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Metevaseth* [National High School Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Trade Certificate*

GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
17.0 - 20.0	A	4
14.0 - 16.9	B	3
12.0 - 13.9	C	2
10.0 - 11.9	D	1
0.0 - 9.9	F	0

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Iraq

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form III, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Kurdish, Arabic
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Adadiyah* [Sixth Form Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificate of Preparatory Studies*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Vocational Secondary School Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificate of Technician*
2. *Third Form Baccalaureate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Certificate of Intermediate Studies* (Ninth Grade only)

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
90 – 100	A	4
80 – 89	A	4
70 – 79	B	3

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
60 – 69	C	2
50 – 59	D	1
0 – 49	F (Failure)	0

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Very good	A	4
Good	B	3

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Average	C	2
Fair/Pass	D	1
Fail	F (Failure)	0

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Ireland

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English, Gaelic, Irish
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 or 6 + 3 + 3 = 12*	11 or 12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, two or three years upper secondary*

*A transition year option is available in schools in Ireland after the completion of year nine and prior to entering the final two years of schooling. If a transition year is taken, the expected timeline for completion becomes 12 years. Students who do not complete a transition year are expected to graduate in 11 years (six consecutive semesters from the initial start of year nine).

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Ráiteas ar Thorthaí Sealadacha ag Scrúdú na hArdteistiméireachta* [Statement of Provisional Results at the Leaving Certificate Examination]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 or 12 years (three/four years or six/eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	State Examinations Commission

2. *Senior Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 or 12 years (three/four years or six/eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	State Examinations Commission

3. *Leaving Certificate Applied*

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 or 12 years (three/four years or six/eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Leaving Certificate Vocational Program* (LCVP)

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 or 12 years (three/four years or six/eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Further Education and Training Awards Council* (FETAC) *Level 5 Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 or 12 years (three/four years or six/eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Junior Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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GRADING SCALES

Leaving Certificates—for examinations taken at the "Higher" level Issued 2017 and after					
New Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*New Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1	A	4	5	C	2
2	A	4	6	C	2
3	B	3	7	F	0
4	B	3	8	F	0

Leaving Certificates—for examinations taken at the "Ordinary" level Issued 2017 and after					
New Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*New Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1	A	4	5	C	2
2	A	4	6	D	1
3	B	3	7	F	0
4	C	2	8	F	0

FETAC Level 5 Certificate		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Distinction	A	4
Merit	B	3
Pass	C	2

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/ Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
		Agricultural Science	C.S.P.E.	
		Computer Science		

» The following are less commonly known course titles **not approved** for use in an academic certification:
  - Engineering.

» For the format of Irish transcripts, consider "Christmas" or "*Michaelmas*" as semester one grades and "Summer" as semester two grades.

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Israel

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	9 הנשה, 9 הקלחמ
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Hebrew, Arabic
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Teudat Bagrut* [Matriculation Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Teudat Gemer Tichonit* or *Teudat Hagamar Hatichonit* [Certificate of Completion of Secondary Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Teudat Gemer Masmat* [Final Diploma from Secondary/Vocational Track]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Yearly transcripts/grade reports
2. Professional worker certificate
3. *Teudat Gemer Masmam* (final diploma from the practical technical/vocational track)
4. Title of practical nurse from a hospital nursing program

GRADING SCALES

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Very Good	A	4
Good	B	3
Almost Good	B	3

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Satisfactory	C	2
Almost Satisfactory	D	1
Fail	F	0

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10-Point Scale					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4	6	C	2
9	A	4	5	D	1
8	B	3	0-4	F	0
7	B	3			

100-Point Scale					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
95-100	A	4	55-64	C	2
85-94	A	4	45-54	D	1
75-84	B	3	0-44	F	0
65-74	B	3			

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» Most schools within Israel operate on the Hebrew calendar instead of the common Gregorian calendar that is typical in the U.S. There are many online tools available to convert the calendar dates. This may be required to identify accurate school years for the student.

Example: Iyar 3, 5785 (Hebrew calendar) is Thursday, May 1, 2025, on the Gregorian calendar.

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Italy

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-July
What is year nine called?	*Classe 1, Prima*
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Italian
Graduation Timeline	
5 + 3 + 5 = 13	13 years total: five years primary, three years lower secondary and five years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diploma/Certifica di Esame di Stato/Diploma di Maturità* [Diploma/Certificate of State Examination/Diploma of Maturity]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Attestato di Idoneità* [Affidavit of Equivalence]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Diploma di Maturità Magistrale* [Teacher Training Maturity Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Diploma di Esame di Stato/Diploma di Maturità Professionale* [Diploma of State Examination/Diploma of Professional Maturity]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Diploma di Licenza di Danzatore* [Dancer's Graduation Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

6. *Diploma di Infermiera Professionale* [Diploma of Professional Nurse]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

7. *Diploma di Abilitazione all'Insegnamento nelle Scuole del Grado Preparatorio* [Diploma of Qualification for Teaching in Preparatory-level Schools]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diploma di Qualifica Professionale* [Diploma of Vocational Training]
2. *Diploma di Maestro d'Arte* [Diploma of Master of Art]
3. *Diploma di Abilitzione all'Insegnamento nelle Scuole del Grado Preparatorio* [Diploma of Competence in Preschool]
4. *Ginnasio* [Junior High school] Completion

Expected Timeline of Completion	Eight years

5. *Conservatorio* [Conservatory of Music]

GRADING SCALES

Grade (in words)	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Nove - Dieci	9-10	A	4
Otto	8	B	3
Sette	7	B	3
Sei	6	C	2
Cinque	5	F (Failure)	0
Quattro	4	F (Failure)	0
Tre	3	F (Failure)	0
Due	2	F (Failure)	0
Uno	1	F (Failure)	0
Zero	0	F (Failure)	0

10-Point Scale					
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
9-10	A	4	4	F (Failure)	0
8	B	3	3	F (Failure)	0
7	B	3	2	F (Failure)	0
6	C	2	1	F (Failure)	0
5	F (Failure)	0	0	F (Failure)	0

100-Point Scale					
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
90-100	A	4	40-49	F (Failure)	0
80-89	B	3	30-39	F (Failure)	0
70-79	B	3	20-29	F (Failure)	0
60-69	C	2	10-19	F (Failure)	0
50-59	F (Failure)	0	0-09	F (Failure)	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/ Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
English Language and Culture				

» For transcripts that list periodic and annual/final grades, use the overall grade/mark column of grades under the annual/final heading as final yearly grades.

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Jamaica

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form three, year nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 or +2 = 13	11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and then two or four years of upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This section is divided into two "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Secondary Education Certificate* (CSEC) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. *General Certificate of Secondary Education* (GCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

3. *General Certificate of Education* (GCE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

4. *International General Certificate of Secondary Education* (IGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

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Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Two forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Two form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **two years** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Advanced Proficiency Examinations/Diploma* (CAPE) [Must pass two or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. *Advanced International Certificate of Education* (AICE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Secondary School Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. Jamaican School Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

For school transcripts in years nine through 11 (form three through form five), **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CSEC grading scale below. For years 12 and 13, **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CAPE grading scale below.

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4	IV	D	1
II	B	3	V	D	1
III	C	2	VI	F	0

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)			
Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	Outstanding	A	4
B	Good	B	3
C	Fairly Good	C	2
D	Moderate	D	1
E	Weak	D	1
F	Poor	F	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)					
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
I	A	4	V	C	2
II	A	4	VI	D	1
III	B	3	VII	F (Failure)	0
IV	C	2			

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)			
Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	Excellent	A	4
B	Very Good	A	4
C	Good	B	3
D	Satisfactory	C	2
E	Acceptable	C	2
F	Weak	D	1
G	Unsatisfactory	F (Failure)	0

GCSE Ordinary Level (O-Level) Examination					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	H or Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

IGCSE					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Subject Points	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
8	B	3
6	B	3
4	C	2
2	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Half-subject Points	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	C	2

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/ Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
Communication Studies		Environmental Science	Caribbean Studies	Religious Education
		Human and Social Biology		

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Commerce.
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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
» **Determination of Credit resource**.
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Japan

Background	
Academic Calendar	April-March
What is year nine called?	Year 3, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Last year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Japanese
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Upper Secondary School Graduation Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Special Training School Upper Secondary Course Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Certificate of Completion* (Awarded after successful completion of the first three years of a **five**-year technical college program)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. General Education Diploma (**Click here** for additional information on GED policies.)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Lower Secondary School Certificate of Completion*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Special Training School General Course Certificate of Completion – Adult Education*

GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
2	D	1
1	F (Failure)	0

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/ Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
Classics (may be listed as Classics A or Classics B)				

» For courses with "Basic" in the title, that term should be disregarded and the remainder of the title should be used to determine if the course is core and eligible for use in the academic certification.

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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.

» **Determination of Credit resource**.

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Jordan

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year 9, year 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Arabic
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 2 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Tawjhi* [General Secondary Education Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Technical Secondary Certificate*
2. Industrial/Vocational Training School

GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
80 - 100	A	4
70 - 79	B	3
60 - 69	C	2
50 - 59	D	1
0 - 49	F (Failure)	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
- **Determination of Credit resource**.
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Kazakhstan

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Класс 9, 9- й год
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of primary school
Native Language(s)	Kazakh, Russian
Graduation Timeline	
9 + 2 = 11	11 years total: nine years primary and two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Attestat o Srednem Obrazovanii* [Certificate of Complete Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Diplom o Srednem Spetsialnom Obrazonavii* [Diploma of Secondary Specialized/Vocational/Technical Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Basic Education Transcript/Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2
2	F	0
1	F	0

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Good	B	3
Satisfactory	C	2
Unsatisfactory	F	0
Fail	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- Course Title Usage guide.
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Kenya

Background	
Academic Calendar	January-November/December
What is year nine called?	Form I
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	English, Kiswahili
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 4 = 12	12 years total: eight years primary and four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education* (KCSE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Kenya National Examinations Council
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	November/December

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *School-issued Graduation Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Kenya Certificate of Primary Education* (KCPE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	Issued at the end of year eight
Issuing Body	Kenya National Examinations Council

GRADING SCALE

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A, A-	A	4
B+, B, B-	B	3
C+, C, C-, D+	C	2
D, D-	D	1
E	F (Failure)	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:
  - Agricultural Science.
  - Christian Religious Education (CRE).

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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Republic of Korea (South Korea)

Background	
Academic Calendar	March-February
What is year nine called?	Year 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Korean, English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificate of Graduation* from an upper secondary school

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. High School Graduation Qualification Examination

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificate of Graduation* from a lower secondary school

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificate of Graduation* from a higher civil school

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Su	A	4
Wu/U	A	4
Mi	B	3
Yang	C	2
Ga/Ka	D	1

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5-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	A	4
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	D	1

100-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
90-100	A	4
80-89	A	4
70-79	B	3
60-69	C	2
0-59	D	1

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Kosovo

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Klasa 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Albanian, Serbian, Turkish, Romani, Bosnian
Graduation Timeline	
5 + 4 + 3 = 12	12 years total: five years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diplomë për Kryerjen E Shkollës së Mesmet të Pergjithshme-Gjimnazit* [Diploma of Completion of General Secondary School-Gymnasium]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Diplomë për Kryerjen e Shkollës së Mesme të Lartë-Gjimnazit* [Diploma for Completion of Middle and High School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Diplomë për shkollës së Mesme Profesional* [Diploma of Completion of Professional Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Diplomë për Kryerjen e Shkollës së Mesme Profesionale* [Diploma for Completion of Secondary Professional School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Diplomë për Kryerjen E Shkollës së Mesme* [Diploma of Completion of Secondary Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

6. *Diplomë awarded by Gjimnazit* [Diploma of Completion of Gymnasium]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diplomë/Svjedocanstvo* [Diploma/Certificate] with technician or skilled worker qualification

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GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	B	3

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
2	C	2
1	F (Failure)	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Shkelqyeshem	Excellent	A	4
Shume mire	Very good	B	3
Mire	Good	B	3
Mjaftueshem	Satisfactory	C	2
Pamjeftueshem	Unsatisfactory	F (Failure)	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Kuwait

Background	
Academic Calendar	September/October-June
What is year nine called?	Year 9, year 1, 1st Year
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Arabic
Graduation Timeline	
4 + 4 + 4 = 12	12 years total: four years primary, four years lower secondary and four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *General Secondary Education Certificate* (science track)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Intermediate School Certificate*
2. Noncommissioned Officer's Institute
3. Lieutenant Training Institute
4. Police Academy
5. Military Academy
6. Ground Forces Institute
7. Air Forces Institute
8. Vocational Education
9. Nursing Institute
10. Technical Training Center Assistant Technician Studies

GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
85 – 100	A	4
70 – 84	B	3
60 – 69	C	2

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
50 – 59	D	1
0 – 49	F (Failure)	0

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Very good	B	3
Good	C	2

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Pass	D	1
Fail	F (Failure)	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Kyrgyzstan

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Класс 9, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Kyrgyz, Russian
Graduation Timeline	
4 + 5 + 2 = 11	11 years total: four years primary, five years lower secondary and two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Attestat o Srednem* [Polnom] *Obshchem Obrazovanii* [Certificate of Secondary/Completed General Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Diplom o Srednem Professionalnom Obrazovanii* [Diploma of Secondary Professional/Vocational Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Svidetel Stvo o Nepolnom Srednem Obrazovanii* [Certificate of Incomplete/Lower Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Svidetel Stvo* [Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
2	F (Failure)	0
1	F (Failure)	0

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Good	B	3
Satisfactory	C	2

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Unsatisfactory	F (Failure)	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- » Course Title Usage guide.
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Latvia

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-May
What is year nine called?	*Klase 9*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of primary school
Native Language(s)	Latvian
Graduation Timeline	
9 + 3 = 12	12 years total: nine years primary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Atestats par Visparejo Videjo Izglitibu* [Certificate of General Secondary Education] and *Results Annex*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Diploms par Profesionalo Videjo Izglitibu* [Diploma of Secondary Vocational Education] from an *Arodvidusskola* [Vocational Secondary School] or *Arodgimnasija* [Vocational Gymnasium]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Atestats par Pamatizglitibu* [Basic Education Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Aplieciba par Profesionalo Pamatizglitibu* [Certificate of Basic Vocational Education]
3. *Diploma par Arodpamatizglitibu* [Diploma of Basic Vocational Education]

GRADING SCALES

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Olzcili	With distinction	A	4
Teicami	Excellent	A	4
Loti Labi	Very good	B	3
Labi	Good	B	3
Grandriz Labi	Almost good	C	2
Viduveji	Satisfactory	C	2
Grandriz Viduveji	Almost satisfactory	D	1
Neapmierinosi	Unsatisfactory	F	0

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Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
9	A	4
8	B	3
7	B	3

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
6	C	2
5	C	2
4	D	1
1-3	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Lebanon

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year 3, year nine, *troisieme*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Arabic
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Baccalauréat* [Certificate of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

2. *Attestation de Candidature* [Attestation of Candidacy for Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of National Education and Fine Arts

3. *General Secondary Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper Secondary School

4. *Baccalauréat Technique* [Technical Baccalaureat]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

5. *Teaching Baccalauréat*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper Secondary School

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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet* from an *Ecole Professionnelle* [Certificate from a Vocational School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years total (three trimesters or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Brevet* from an *Ecole Technique Professionnelle* [Certificate from a Technical Vocational School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years total (three trimesters or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Brevet Professionnelle* (BP) [Vocational Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years total (three trimesters or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. Three-year program at teacher training school or primary teacher training institute
5. *Higher Primary Certificate*

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

20-Point Scale					
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16 - 20	A	4	10 - 11.99	C	2
14 - 15.99	A	4	8.5 - 9.99*	D*	1*
12 - 13.99	B	2	0 - 9.99	F	0

100-Point Scale					
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
80 - 100	A	4	50 - 59	C	2
70 - 79	A	4	40 - 49*	D*	1*
60-69	B	3	0 - 49	F	0

***Note:** Grades between 8.5 - 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to a U.S. grade of "D") only if the overall grade-point average is a 10.0 or higher 40-49 are considered passing when overall average is a 50 or higher.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Lesotho

Background	
Academic Calendar	January-November
What is year nine called?	Year 2
Where is year nine typically located?	Second year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Sesotho, English
Graduation Timeline	
7 + 3 + 2 = 12	12 years total: seven years primary, three years lower secondary and two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Lesotho General Certificate of Secondary Education* (LGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more separate LGCSE examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

2. *Cambridge Overseas School Certificate at the Ordinary Level* (COSC O-level) [Must pass **five** or more O-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Junior Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Lesotho General Certificate of Education (LGCSE)			
Grade	*Descriptor*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A*	Excellent	A	4
A	Very Good	A	4
B	Good	B	3
C	Fairly Good	B	3
D	Moderate	C	2
E	Limited	C	2
F	Very Limited	F	0
G	Weak	F	0

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Cambridge Overseas Certificate (COSC)		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1	A	4
2	B	3
3-6	C	2
7-8	D	1
9	F	0

Cambridge Overseas Certificate (COSC)		
Descriptor	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Good	B	3
Credit	C	2
Pass	D	1
Fail	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
- **Determination of Credit resource**.
- **International initial-eligibility flyer**.
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Liberia

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-July
What is year nine called?	Grade 9, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Liberia Senior High School Certificate* (LSHSC)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	West Africa Examinations Council
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	December

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Liberia Junior High School Certificate* (LJHSC)

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1	A	4
2	A	4
3	B	3
4	B	3

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5-6	C	2
7-8	D	1
9	F (Failure)	0

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Very good	A	4
Good	B	3
Credit	B	3

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Credit	C	2
Pass	D	1
Fail	F (Failure)	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Liechtenstein

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June/July
What is year nine called?	*Klasse 9*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	German
Graduation Timeline	
9 + 3 = 12	12 years total: nine years primary/lower secondary and three years upper secondary

\ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Maturazeugnis* (“*Matura*”) *Maturity Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years total (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Government of Liechtenstein (Fürstentum Liechtenstein)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

GRADING SCALES

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
6	A	4
5.5	A	4
5	B	3
4.5	B	3
4	C	2
3.5	F (failure)	0
3	F	0
2.5	F	0
2	F	0
1.5	F	0
1	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
- **Determination of Credit resource**.
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Lithuania

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Class 9, class five (if out of six years of lower secondary school)
Where is year nine typically located?	Fifth year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Lithuanian
Graduation Timeline	
4 + 6 + 2 = 12	12 years total: four years primary, six years lower secondary and two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brandos Atestatas* [Maturity Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years total (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper Secondary School (typically on Ministry letterhead)

2. *Taikomuju Mokslu Vidurines Mokyklos Brandos Atestats* [Maturity Certificate of Applied Sciences Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years total (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper Secondary School (typically on Ministry letterhead)

3. Qualifications obtained after successful completion of vocational achool (if "Secondary Education Obtained" [*Igijo Vidurini Issilavinima*] is inscribed)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years total (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper Secondary School (typically on Ministry letterhead)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Paragrindinio Issilavinimo Paztmejimo* [Year 10 Basic Education Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Pagrindines Mokyklos Baigimo Pazymejimas* (PMP) [Certificate of Completion of Basic Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Metu Profesines Vidurines Mokyklos Kolegijos Atestatas* [Certificate of Vocational Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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GRADING SCALES

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
9-10	A	4
7-8	B	3

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
4-6	C	2
1-3	F (Failure)	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Labai gerai	Very Good	A	4
Gerai	Good	B	3
Patekinamai	Satisfactory	C	2
Neislaikyle	Fail	F (Failure)	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Luxembourg

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-July
What is year nine called?	*Cinquieme, 5ème*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Luxembourgish, German, French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12 or 6 + 3 + 4 = 13	2 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, and three or four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diplôme de Fin D'etudes Secondaires* [Diploma of Secondary Education Completion]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Diplôme de Fin D'etudes Secondaires Techniques* [Diploma of Technical Secondary Education Completion]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. *Diplôme de Technician* (DT) [Technician Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

4. *Diplôme d'aptitude Professionnelle* (DAP) [Diploma of Vocational Proficiency]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

5. *Certificat de Capacité Professionnelle* (CCP) [Certificate of Vocational Proficiency]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

6. *Certificat d'aptitude Technique et Professionnelle* (CATP) [Certificate of Technical and Vocational Proficiency]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

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7. *Certificat de Capcité Manuelle* (CCM) [Certificate of Manual Proficiency]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Certificate documenting completion of grade nine

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificat d'initiation Technique et Professionnelle* (CITP) [Certificate of Preliminary Technical and Vocational Certificate]

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
52 - 60	A	4
48 - 51	A	4
40 - 47	B	3

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
36 - 39	B	3
30 - 35	C	2
1 - 29	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	Excellent	A	4
Trés bien	Very good	A	4
Bien	Good	B	3
Assez bien	Fairly good	B	3
Passable	Pass	C	2
	Fail	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Macau

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	S3 or year/grade 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Chinese (Cantonese or Mandarin) Portuguese
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years: six years primary, three years lower secondary/intermediate and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Senior Secondary Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Varies
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *General Intermediate Education Certificate*

GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
90 - 100	A	4
80 - 89	B	3
70 - 79	C	2
60 - 69	D	1
0 - 59	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
- **Determination of Credit resource**.
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Macedonia

Background	
Academic Calendar	September/October-June
What is year nine called?	Year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Macedonian
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 4 = 12 or 8 + 5 = 13	12 or 13 years total: eight years primary and four or five years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diploma of Passed State Maturity Exams*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years total (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Republic of Macedonia

2. *Svidetelstvo za Zavrseno Sredno Obrazovanie* [Certificate of Completion of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years total (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper Secondary School

3. *Svidetelstvo za Polozen Maturski Ispit* [Certificate of Passed Maturity Examination]
(This document can be earned only upon attainment of the Secondary School Leaving Certificate.)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years total (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper Secondary School

4. Any diploma listed above in vocational programs from *Technico/Ekonomsko Uciliste (Cetrigodisnil)* [Technical/Economic School—**two** years]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years total (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper Secondary School

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Svietelstvo za Zavrsen Sredno Obrazovanie za Zanimanje [Certificate of Completion of Secondary Education for Vocation] from *Techniko Uciliste/Uciliste za Zanimanja (Dvogodisnil)* [Technical/Vocational School—two years[

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Svietelstvo za Zavrsen Sredno Obrazovanie za Zanimanje* [Certificate of Completion of Secondary Education for Vocation] from *Techniko Uciliste/Uciliste za Zanimanja (Trigodisnil)* [Technical/Vocational School—three years]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Uverenie Potvrda* [Certificate] from *Rabutnicki Univerzilet* [Worker's University]

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Otlichno	Excellent	A	4
Mnogo Dobre	Very good	B	3
Dobre	Good	B	3
Zadovoletelno	Fair	C	2
Bezuspeshno	Unsatisfactory/Insufficient	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/ Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
			Civic Tuition	

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Madagascar

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-July
What is year nine called?	*Troisieme, 3ème, 3e*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Malagasy, French
Graduation Timeline	
5 + 4 + 3 = 12	12 years total: five years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Baccalauréat/Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Secondaire* [Secondary Education Baccalaureat]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. B*accalauréat Technique/Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Technique* [Technical Baccalaureat]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle* (BEPC) [Certificate of First Cycle Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Diplôme d'Instituteur* [Primary School Teacher Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16-20	A	4
14-15.99	A	4
12-13.99	B	3
10-11.99	C	2
8-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Très Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	A	4
Assez Bien	Quite Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2
Ajourné	Fail	F	0

***Note:* Conceded Pass**—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The academic school years for years nine through 12 are referred to as the following/ (*Always reference native language transcripts to establish the initial start of year nine.*)

Native Language	*School Year*
Troisieme (3ème)	09
Deuxieme/Seconde (2ème/2nde)	10

Native Language	*School Year*
Premiere (1er/1ere)	11
Terminale (Ter)	12

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Malawi

Background	
Academic Calendar	October-August
What is year nine called?	Form I
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 2 + 2 = 12	12 years total: eight years primary, two years lower secondary and two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Malawi School Certificate of Education* (MSCE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years total (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Malawi Examinations Board

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Junior Secondary Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1-2	A	4
3-4	B	3
5-6	C	2

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
7-8	D	1
9	F	0

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Distinction	A	4
Pass-with-credit	B	3
Pass-with-credit	C	2

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Pass	D	1
Fail	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Malaysia

Background	
Academic Calendar	January-November
What is year nine called?	Form III, form 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Malay, English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 or 6 + 3 + 3 = 12 or 6 + 3 + 4 = 13	11, 12 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, two, three or four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia* (SPM) [Malaysian Certificate of Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Malaysia Examinations Syndicate

2. *Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia* (STPM) [Malaysian High School Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Malaysia Examinations Syndicate

3. Malaysian Independent Chinese Secondary School Unified Examination (MICSSUE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

4. *Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia Vokesyenal* (SPMV) [Malaysian Certificate of Education for Vocational Schools]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Malaysia Examinations Syndicate

5. *Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia* (SPM) [Malaysian Certificate of Education for Technical Schools]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Malaysia Examinations Syndicate

6. *Sijil Matrikulasi* [Matriculation Certificate Vocational Unified Examination (VUE)]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (one year or two consecutive semesters from on-time completion of MICSSUE or Vocational Unified Examination or five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

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7. Vocational Unified Examination (VUE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Penilaian Menengah Rendah* [Lower Certificate of Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Unified Examination Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (Malaysian Certificate of Education)					
Numeric Grade	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***	***Numeric Grade***	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
1 - 2	A	4	7 - 8	D	1
3 - 4	B	3	9	F (Failure)	0
5 - 6	C	2			

Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (Malaysian Certificate of Education)			
Grade	***Translation***	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
Excellent	A	A	4
Credit	B	B	3
Credit	C	C	2
Pass	D, E	D	1
Fail	G	F (Failure)	0

Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia (Malaysia Advanced Certificate of Education)		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	F	0
F	F	0

Senior Middle and Vocational Unified Examination (UEC)		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A1/A2	A	4
B3/B4/B5/B6	B	3
Credit	C	2
F9	F	0

Senior Middle and Vocational Unified Examination (UEC)		
Description	*U.s. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Distinction	A	4
Credit	B	3
Pass	C	2
Fail	F	0

Penilaian Menengah Rendah (PMR) and the Unified Examination Certificate (UEC) *Lower Secondary Assessment (LSA)*		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	C	2
D	D	1
F	F	0

Penilaian Menengah Rendah (PMR) and the Unified Examination Certificate (UEC) *Lower Secondary Assessment (LSA)*		
Description	*U.s. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Distinction	A	4
Credit	B	3
Good	C	2
Pass (minimum competence)	D	1
Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/ Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
			Pendidikan Moral	

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Mali

Background	
Academic Calendar	October-July
What is year nine called?	*9eme, troisieme year, 3ème*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12 or 6 + 3 + 4 = 13	12 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, and three or four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Baccalauréat Malien* [Senior Secondary Education Baccalaureat]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Diplôme d'Infirmier d'Etat* [State Nursing Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. *Diplôme de Technicien de Laboratoire* [Lab Technician Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

4. *Diplôme de Sage-Femme d'Etat* [State Midwife Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

5. *Diplôme des Etudes Normales Secondaires* [Secondary Teacher Training School Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

6. *Brevet de Technicien* (BT) [Technician Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diplôme d'Etudes Fondamentales* (DEF) [Diploma of Basic Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle* (CAP) [Certificate of Professional Ability]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Centres de Fomation Professionnelle

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16-20	A	4
14-15.99	A	4
12-13.99	B	3

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10-11.99	C	2
8-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

***Note:** Conceded Pass—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Très Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	A	4
Assez Bien	Quite Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2
Ajourné	Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The academic school years for years nine through 12 are referred to as the following. (*Always reference native language transcripts to establish the initial start of year nine.*)

Native Language	*School Year*
Troisieme (3ème) or 9eme	09
Deuxieme/Seconde (2ème/2nde)	10

Native Language	*School Year*
Premiere (1er/1ere)	11
Terminale (Ter)	12

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- Course Title Usage guide.
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Malta

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-July
What is year nine called?	Form 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Maltese, English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 5 = 11 or 6 + 5 + 2 = 13	11 or 13 years total: six years primary, five years lower secondary, and an optional two years of post-secondary schooling.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This section is divided into two "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. *Secondary Education Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Matriculation & Secondary Education Certificate Examination Board (MATSEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	April-July

Tier Two

1. Matriculation Certificate Examination

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Matriculation & Secondary Education Certificate Examination Board (MATSEC) via a junior college, higher secondary school or Sir M. Refalo Centre for Education Studies

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1	A	4
2	B	3
3	B	3
4	C	2
5	D	1
6	F (Failure)	0
7	F (Failure)	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Mauritania

Background	
Academic Calendar	October-June
What is year nine called?	*3ème*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year lower secondary
Native Language(s)	Arabic
Graduation Timeline	
6+3+3+12	Six years primary, three years of lower secondary, three years of upper secondary.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diplome du Baccalaureat de l'Enseignement du Secondaire* [Diploma of Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Secondary school
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	May-June

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle* (BEPC) [Lower Secondary School Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Lower secondary school certificate

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16-20	A	4
14-15.99	A	4
12-13.99	B	3
10-11.99	C	2
8-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

***Note:* Conceded Pass**—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- Course Title Usage guide.
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Mexico

Background	
Academic Calendar	October-June/July
What is year nine called?	*Tercer Grado*, year 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Spanish
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bachillerato/Bachiller* [Secondary School Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

2. *Bachillerato Tecnologico* [Certificate of Technological Secondary School Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

3. *Diploma/Titulo/Tecnico* [Diploma/Title/Technician]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

4. *Diploma de Bachiller [High School Diploma] from Prep@net* (a Ministry-approved online school program)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

5. *Certificado de Estudios* [Certificate of Completion of Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Carreras Cortas* [Short Courses]
2. *Certificado de Estudios Preparatorios* [Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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3. *Egresado Pasante* [Certificate issued on completion of course work requirements, but other requirements for graduation have not been met]
4. *Preparatoria Tecnica* [Upper Secondary-level Technical Program designed to feed into tertiary level]
5. *Certificado de Educacion Secundaria* [Certificate of Completion of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
8+	1.00
6	0.75
5	0.67

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4	0.50
3	0.34
2	0.25

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
9.0-10.0	A	4
8.0-8.99	B	4
7.0-7.99	C	3

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
6.0-6.99	C	2
0.00-5.99	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Muy Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	B	3
Regular	Average	C	2
Suficiente	Sufficient	C	2
No Suficiente	Insufficient	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/ Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
Reading and Writing Workshop		Energy and Transformation	Current Challenges of Mexico	
		Life Science	Regional Studies	
		Matter and Environment	Socioeconomic Structure of Mexico	
		Matter and Sustainability		
		Research Methodology		

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:
  - Human Development (formation).
  - Logic.
  - Social Development Leadership.
» Transcripts for grades 10-12 should be considered in semester format (they are often issued as one document with each reporting term representing a semester).
» For year nine transcripts, the bimester/period grades will be disregarded, and only the final average grade issued will be considered.
» **Click here** for the welcome email students receive with additional information on documents to submit for this country.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Republic of Moldova

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Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	IX
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Romanian
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diploma de Baccalaréat* [Secondary School Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Atestat de Studi Medii de Cultura Generala* [Certificate of General Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. *Atestat de Maturitate* [Maturity Certificate] from a *Scola Media de Cultura Generala* [School of General Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificat di Studii Gimnaziale* [Certificate of Secondary Studies]
2. *Adeverinta* [Certificate of Professional Qualifications]
3. *Certificat de Studii Secundare Professionale* [Certificate of Vocational Secondary Education]

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
9	A	4
7 - 8	B	3
5 - 6	C	2
1 - 4	F (Failure)	0

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Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excelent	Excellent	A	4
Foarte Bun	Very good	A	4
Bine	Good	B	3
Satisfacator	Satisfactory	C	2
Nesatisfacator	Not satisfactory	F (Failure)	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Monaco

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	*Troisieme*, 3˚
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French
Graduation Timeline	
5 + 4 + 3 = 12	12 years: five years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diplôme du Baccalauréat Général/Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Général* [General Baccalaureat Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Secondary School
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	May/June

2. *Diplôme de Baccalauréat de Technicien/Diplôme du Baccalauréat Technologique* [Technical Baccaluareat Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Secondary School
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	May/June

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diplôme national du brevet* (national certificate)

Expected Timeline of Completion	9 years (one or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Lower Secondary School
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	May/June

GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16 - 20	A	4
14 - 15.99	A	4
12 - 13.99	B	3
10 - 11.99	C	2
8 - 9.99*	D	1
0 - 9.99	F	0

***Note:* Conceded Pass**–Grades 8 to 9.99 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

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Mongolia

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-May/June
What is year nine called?	IX
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Mongolian
Graduation Timeline	
5 + 4 + 3 = 12	12 years: five years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Buren Dund Bolovsrolum Unemlekh* [Certificate of Complete Secondary Education (sometimes called *Gerchilgee*)]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*
90-100	A (VIII)
80-89	B (VII)
70-79	C (VI)
60-69	D (V)
0-59	F (I-IV)

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Montenegro

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	First year, first grade; first time, first grade
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Montenegrin (same as Serbian language)
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 4 = 12	12 years total: eight years primary and four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Svedocansvo o Zavrsenoj Srednem Vasptanju* [Certificate of Completion of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Diploma o Zavrsenoj Srednjoj Skoli* [Diploma of Completion of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. *Diploma o Stecenom Srednjem Obrazavanii* [Diploma of Professional Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

4. *Diploma o Polozenom Maturskom Ispitu* [Montenegran hybrid Diploma] (Issued in border towns)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

5. *Diploma o Stecenom Pozivnousmerenom Obrazovanju I Vaspitanju Srednjeg Stupnja* [Diploma of acquired directional education and Secondary Level Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

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GRADING SCALES

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Odlican	Excellent	A	4
Vrlo Dobar	Very Good	B	3
Dobar	Good	B	3
Dovoljan	Sufficient	C	2
Nedovoljan	Insufficient	F	0

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	B	3

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
2	C	2
1	F	0

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
9	B	3
8	B	3

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
6-7	C	2
0-5	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Montserrat

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form three, year nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 and then an optional +2 = 13	11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, and then two or four years of upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This section is divided into two "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Secondary Education Certificate* (CSEC) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)

2. *General Certificate of Secondary Education* (GCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

3. *General Certificate of Education* (GCE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

4. *International General Certificate of Secondary Education* (IGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

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Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Two forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Two form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **two years** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Advanced Proficiency Examinations/Diploma* (CAPE) [Must pass **two** or more CAPE examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)

2. *Advanced International Certificate of Education* (AICE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

For school transcripts in years nine through 11 (form three through form five), **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CSEC grading scale below. For years 12 and 13, **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CAPE grading scale below.

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4
II	B	3
III	C	2
IV	D	1
V	D	1
VI	F	0

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	C	2
D	D	1
E	D	1
F	F	0

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)		
Subject Points	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Outstanding	A	4
Good	B	3
Fairly Good	C	2
Moderate	D	1
Weak	D	1
Poor	F	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4	V	C	2
II	A	4	VI	D	1
III	B	3	VII	F (Failure)	0
IV	C	2			

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Exainations (CAPE)			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Excellent	A	4
B	Very Good	A	4
C	Good	B	3
D	Satisfactory	C	2
E	Acceptable	C	2
F	Weak	D	1
G	Unsatisfactory	F (Failure)	0

GCSE Ordinary Level (O-Level) Examination					
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4	F, G	D	1
B	B	3	H or Ungraded	F	0
C	B	3			
D	C	2			

IGCSE					
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Subject Points	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
8	B	3
6	B	3
4	C	2
2	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Half-Subject Points	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	C	2

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/ Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
Communication Studies		Environmental Science	Caribbean Studies	Religious Education
		Human and Social Biology		

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Commerce.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
» **Determination of Credit resource**.
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Morocco

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year 3, year 9, *troisieme, 3ème*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Arabic, French, Tamazight
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diplôme de Baccalauréat Marocain* [Moroccan Baccalaureate Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Baccalauréat Lettres Originelles* [Baccalaureate of Original Letters] (from a theological institute)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. *Baccalauréat Technique* [Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

4. *Brevet de Technicien Supérieur* [Higher Technician's Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaires* [Certificate of Completion of Secondary Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle* (BEPC) [Certificate of First Cycle Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Capacité en Droit* [Aptitude in Law]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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CREDITING POLICIES

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Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16-20	A	4
14-15.99	A	4
12-13.99	B	3
10-11.99	C	2
8-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

***Note: Conceded Pass**—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Très Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	A	4
Assez Bien	Quite Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2
Ajourné	Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The academic school years for years nine through 12 are referred to as show below. (Always reference native language transcripts to establish initial enrollment of year nine.)

Native Language	*School Year*
Troisieme (3ème)	09
Deuxieme/Seconde (2ème/2nde)	10

Native Language	*School Year*
Premiere (1er/1ere)	11
Terminale (Ter)	12

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Mozambique

Background	
Academic Calendar	February-December
What is year nine called?	9
Where is year nine typically located?	Second year of lower secondary
Native Language(s)	Portuguese
Graduation Timeline	
7 + 3 + 2 = 12 or 7 + 3 + 3 = 13	12 or 13 years total: seven years primary, three years lower secondary and two or three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificado de Habilitações Literarias* [Certificate of Learning Competence or Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

2. *Certificado do Nível Técnico e Vocacional Médio* [Certificate of Medium Technical and Vocational Level]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or ten semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Carta de Ensino Primário de Segundo Grau* [Certificate of 2nd Cycle Primary]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Seven years

2. *Carta de Ensino Secundário* [Certificate of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
19 - 20	A	4
17 - 18	B	3
14 - 16	B	3
10 - 13	C	2
0 - 9	F	0

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Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excelente	Excellent	A	4
Muito Bom	Very Good	B	3
Bom	Good	B	3
Passar	Pass	C	2
Falhar/Não	Fail	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Myanmar

Background	
Academic Calendar	June-March or September-June
What is year nine called?	Grade VIII or Ninth Grade
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Burmese
Graduation Timeline	
1 + 4 + 3 + 2 = 11	11 years total: One year pre-primary, four years primary, three years lower secondary and two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Matriculation Examination/Basic Education High School Examination/Basic Education Standard X Examination Diploma A*

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Technical High School Diploma/Basic Education Standard X Examination Diploma B*

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

3. Basic Education Standard VIII Examination

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

5-Point Scale		
Marks	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2
2	D	1
1	F	0

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100-POINT SCALE		
Marks	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
75-100	A	4
50-74	B	3
40-49	C	2
30-39	D	1
0-29	F	0

Descriptor	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent/Very Good	A	4
Good	B	3
Average	C	2
Pass	D	1
Fail	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Namibia

Background	
Academic Calendar	January-December
What is year nine called?	Form two
Where is year nine typically located?	Second year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English, German
Graduation Timeline	
7 + 3 + 2 = 12	12 years total: seven years primary, three years lower secondary and two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate Ordinary Level* (NSSC O-level)

Expected Timeline of Completionå	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

2. *Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate Higher Level* (NSSC Higher Level)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Namibian Junior Secondary Certificate* (NJSC)

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

NSSC Ordinary Level					
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	H, ungraded	F (Failure)	0
D	C	2			

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NSSC Higher Level		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1	A	4
2	B	3
3	B	3
4	C	2

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Nepal

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June or February-December
What is year nine called?	Grade IX
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of secondary school
Native Language(s)	Nepali, English
Graduation Timeline	
5 + 3 + 2 + 2 = 12	12 years total: five years primary, three years lower secondary, two years secondary and two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Higher Secondary Education Board Examination Certificate* (HSC) [Migration Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	National Examinations Board

2. *Proficiency Certificate* (CTEVT) *Intermediate Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. School Leaving Certificate Examination (SLC) Secondary Education Examination

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. Lower Secondary Examinations

Expected Timeline of Completion	Earned at the end of year eight

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GRADING SCALES

Marks	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
75 - 100	A	4
60 - 74	A	4
45 - 59	B	3

Marks	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
32 - 44	C	2
0 - 31*	F	0

Marks	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Distinction	A	4
First Division	A	4
Second Division	B	3

Marks	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Third Division	C	2
Failure	F	0

***Note:** If the lowest passing grade is not listed on the academic credential(s), a mark of "32" will be considered the lowest pass, as noted on the scale above. If the lowest passing grade is listed on the academic credential(s), the following will occur:

- The value noted will become the lowest passing grade, and will be awarded a U.S. grade of "C".

  Example: If a lowest pass requirement of "35" is listed, a "C" would be awarded to any grade earned from 35 to 44.
  - If less than a 35 is earned, that will be considered a failure.

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Netherlands

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	G3A, *9de jaar, klas/klasse 3*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school if on a general/academic track. Third year of lower secondary school if on a vocational track.
Native Language(s)	Dutch, Papiamento, West Frisian
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 or 6 + 3 + 3 = 12 or 6 + 4 + 2 = 12 or 6 + 4 + 3 = 13 or 6 + 4 + 4 = 14	Varies (11, 12, 13, or 14); see document-specific timelines below

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diploma von Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs* (HAVO) [Diploma of Higher General Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Diploma von Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs* (VWO) [Diploma of University Preparatory Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. *Diploma Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs* (MBO Level 2 or MBO Level 3) [Diploma of Middle Level Vocational Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

4. *Diploma Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs* (MBO Level 4, general/academic track) [Diploma of Middle Level Vocational Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

5. *Diploma Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs* (MBO Level 4, specialist track) [Diploma of Middle Level Vocational Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	14 years
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brugperiode* (Transitional Period) Completion
2. *Diploma Middlebaar Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs* (MAVO) [Diploma of Middle Level General Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Leerlingwezen* (Apprenticeship Training) Completion
4. *Voorbereidend Beroepsonderwijs* (VBO) [Preparatory Vocational Education] Completion

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Voorbereidend Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs* (VMBO) [Preparatory Middle Level Vocational Education] Completion

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

6. *Diploma Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs* (MBO Level 1) [Diploma of Middle Level Vocational Education]

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
9	A	4
8	A	4
7	B	3
6	C	2
5	D	1
4	F	0
3	F	0
2	F	0
1	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Uitmuntend	Excellent	A	4
Zeer goed	Very good	A	4
Goed	Good	A	4
Ruim voldoende	Amply satisfactory	B	3
Voldoende	Satisfactory	C	2
Binja Voldoende	Almost satisfactory	D	1
Onvoldoende	Insufficient	F	0
Gering	Very insufficient	F	0
Slecht	Bad	F	0
Zeer slecht	Very bad	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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New Caledonia

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	*Troisieme année, 3ème*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French, Indigenous languages
Graduation Timeline	
5 + 4 + 3 = 12 or 5 + 4 + 4 = 13	12 or 13 years total: five years primary, four years lower secondary and three or four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diplome de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degre* [Diploma of Bachelor of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Recteur d'académie by delegation from the Ministry of Education

2. *Diplome de Baccalaureat de l'Enseignement Secondaire* [Diploma of Baccalaureate of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Recteur d'académie by delegation from the Ministry of Education

3. *Diplome de Baccalaureat General* [Diploma of General Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Recteur d'académie by delegation from the Ministry of Education

4. *Diplome de Baccalaureat de Technicien/Diplome de Baccalaureat Technologique* [Diploma of Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Recteur d'académie by delegation from the Ministry of Education

5. *Diplome de Baccalaureat Professionnel* [Diploma of Professional Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or ten semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Recteur d'académie by delegation from the Ministry of Education

6. *Brevet de Technicien* [Technician's Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Recteur d'académie by delegation from the Ministry of Education

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7. *Certificat de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires* [Certificate of Completion of Secondary Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Recteur d'académie by delegation from the Ministry of Education

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet des Colleges* [Certificate of Lower Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificat de Formation Generale* (CFG) [Certificate of General Instruction]
3. *Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle* (CAP) [Certificate of Professional Competence]
4. *Brevet de d'Etudes Professionnelle* [Certificate of Professional Studies]

CREDITING POLICIES:

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16-20	A	4
14-15.99	A	4
12-13.99	B	3
10-11.999	C	2
8-9.9*	D	1
0.00-7.99	F	0

***Note:* Conceded Pass**—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Très Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	A	4
Assez Bien	Quite Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

» New Caledonia is a territory of France. Therefore, the educational system is the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and Research of France.

» The academic school years for years nine through 12 are referred to as the following. (*Always reference native language transcripts to establish the initial start of year nine.*)

Native Language	*School Year*
Troisieme (3ème)	9
Deuxieme/Seconde (2ème/2nde)	10

Native Language	*School Year*
Premiere (1er/1ere)	11
Terminale (Ter)	12

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.

» **Determination of Credit resource**.

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New Zealand

Background	
Academic Calendar	February-December
What is year nine called?	Year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	English, Māori/Te Reo Māori
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 2 + 3 = 11 or 6 + 2 + 4 = 12 or 6 + 2 + 5 = 13	11, 12 or 13 years total: timelines vary, see various timelines below

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This section is divided into three "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of high school graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier. Most students may complete only Tier Two and Tier Three listed below.

Tier One

1. *International General Certificate of Secondary Education* (IGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more IGCSE examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Two acceptable forms of proof of high school graduation is upon successful on-time completion of year 12. Earning a Tier Two acceptable form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **one year** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. *National Certificate of Educational Achievement* (NCEA) Level 2 (either in the form of a certificate or the New Zealand Record of Achievement showing Level 2 achieved, under the 'Qualification and Achievement Summary' section)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (Four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	New Zealand Qualifications Authority
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	January

Tier Three

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Three acceptable forms of proof of high school graduation is upon successful on-time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Three acceptable form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **one year** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier Two document, or **two years** beyond the on-time completion of a Tier One document.

1. *National Certificate of Educational Achievement* (NCEA) Level 3 (either in the form of a certificate or the New Zealand Record of Achievement showing Level 3 achieved, under the 'Qualification and Achievement Summary' section)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (Five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	New Zealand Qualifications Authority
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	January

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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *National Certificate of Educational Achievement* (NCEA) Level 1

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
12+	1.00
9-11	0.75
8	0.67

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
6-7	0.50
4-5	0.34
3	0.25

GRADING SCALES

Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) – Alpha Scale		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
F	D	1
G	D	1
Ungraded	F	0

Year Nine and 10 Transcripts		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
9-10	A	4
7-8	B	3
5-6	C	2
0-4	F (Failure)	0

NZQA			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
E	Excellent	A	4
M	Merit	B	3
A	Standard Achieved	C	2

If no grade has been issued (grade is blank) or grade of "NA" is issued for a course title, this means no assessment has been given to the student yet in that subject. This is not a passing or failing grade, it is meant to show that no grade has been earned in the course, or that an assessment has not yet been given.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
		Environmental Management	Economic Theory and Practice	Ngā Whanaketanga Rumaki Māori
				Te Marautanga o Aotearoa

» Year nine and year 10 coursework/grades will be included on school-issued transcripts.

» Years 11-13 coursework/grades will be on the *New Zealand Record of Achievement*.

» Coursework from years 11-13 should be:

- Added only from the N*ew Zealand Record of Achievement* and not from school-issued transcripts.
- Analyzed using the course heading as the title, and the grades and credit should come from the smaller units awarded under each eligible course heading.
- When evaluating the *New Zealand Record of Achievement* for core courses and credit, it is acceptable to award over 1.0 units of credit to a course heading if the individual units listed below the heading total to more than 1.0 credit, based on New Zealand's country-specific crediting policy.

» **Click here** for the welcome email students receive with additional information on documents to submit for this country.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.

» **Determination of Credit resource**.

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Nicaragua

Background	
Academic Calendar	March-December
What is year nine called?	*Tercero Año*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Spanish
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 or 6 + 3 + 3 = 12	11 or 12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, two or three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diploma de Conclusión de Estudios del Ciclo Diversificado del Bachillerato en Ciencias, Letrass y Filosofia* [Secondary School Graduation Diploma in Science, Letters and Philosophy]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Bachiller Técnico* [Technical Bachelor], *Técnico Medio* [Mid-level Technician], *Enfermero Técnico Medio* [Mid-level Technician Nurse] three year technical-vocational program

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. *Maetro de Educación Primaria* [Teacher of Primary Education] three-year primary school teacher training program

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diploma de Conclusión de Educación General Básica* [Diploma of Completion of General Basic Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
90 - 100	A	4
80 - 89	A	4
70 - 79	B	3
60 - 69	C	2
0 - 59	F (Failure)	0

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Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excelent	Excellent	A	4
Muy Bueno	Very good	A	4
Bueno	Good	B	3
Regular	Pass	C	2
Deficiente	Deficient	F (Failure)	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Niger

Background	
Academic Calendar	October-June
What is year nine called?	*Quatrieme, 4ème*
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 3 = 13	13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Baccalauréat/Diplôme de Bachelier de l'Enseignement de Second Degre* [Secondary Education Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Baccalauréat Technique* [Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. *Diplôme de Fin d'Etudes Normales* (DFEN) [Diploma of End of Teacher Training Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

4. *Diplôme de Fin d' Etudes Nigeriens* (DFEN) [Diploma of end of Nigerian Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

5. *Diplôme d'Aptitude Professionnelle* [Diploma of Professional Competency]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet d'Études du Premier Cycle* (BEPC) [Certificate of First Cycle Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	College d'Enseignement General [Generallower Secondary School]

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2. *Diplôme de Fin d'Etudes de Base* (DFEB) [Diploma of End of Basic Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16-20	A	4
14-15.99	A	4
12-13.99	B	3

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10-11.99	C	2
8-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

***Note:** Conceded Pass—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Très Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	A	4
Assez Bien	Quite Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2
Ajourné	Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The academic school years for years nine through 13 are referred to as the following. (*Always reference native language transcripts to establish the initial start of year nine.*)

Native Language	*School Year*
Quatrieme (4ème)	09
Troisieme (3ème)	10
Deuxieme/Seconde (2ème/2nde)	11

Native Language	*School Year*
Premiere (1er/1ere)	12
Terminale (Ter)	13

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Nigeria

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Junior Secondary School Three (JSS3)
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of junior secondary school
Native Language(s)	English, French, Hausa, Igbo, Yoruba
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years junior secondary school and three years of senior secondary school

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *General Certificate of Education* (GCE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

2. *West African Senior School Certificate for School Candidates* (WASSCE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year)
Issuing Body	WAEC (West African Examinations Council)

3. *Senior School Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year)
Issuing Body	National Examinations Council (NECO)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Junior Secondary Certificate of Education* (JSCE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. Polytechnic (Secondary Level)
3. *Teacher's Certificate Grade III*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year)

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

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GRADING SCALES

SSCE and WAEC					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1	A	4	6	C	2
2	A	4	7	D	1
3	B	3	8	D	1
4	B	3	9	F	0
5	C	2			

SSCE and WAEC					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A1	A	4	C6	C	2
B2	A	4	D7	D	1
B3	B	3	E8	D	1
C4	B	3	F9	F	0
C5	C	2			

SSCE and WAEC					
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4	Credit	C	2
Very Good	A	4	Pass	D	1
Good	B	3	Pass	D	1
Credit	B	3	Fail	F	0
Credit	C	2			

GCE		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2 (lowest passing grade)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
			Civic Education	

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Commerce.
- Agriculture Science.
- Christian Religious Knowledge (CRK).

» The academic school years in Nigeria appear on the transcript as follows:

- JSS = Junior Secondary School.
- SSS = Senior Secondary School.

» Native terms for years seven through 12:

Native Language	*School Year*
JSS 1	07
JSS 2	08
JSS 3	09

Native Language	*School Year*
SSS 1	10
SSS 2	11
SSS 3	12

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Northern Ireland

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Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form Two, Year Two, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English, Irish (Gaelic)
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3+ 3 = 12 with optional +1 = 13 or +2 = 14	Varies (12, 13, or 14); see document-specific timelines below

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

This section is divided into three "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. *General Certificate of Secondary Education* (GCSE) [Must pass **five** or more GCSE examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. *International General Certificate of Secondary Education* (IGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more IGCSE examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

3. *Level 1/Level 2 Certificates* [Must pass **five** or more Level 1/2 certificate examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

4. *General Certificate of Education* (GCE) Ordinary Level (O-level) examinations [Must pass **five** or more O-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

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5. *General National Vocational Qualifications* (GNVQ or NVQ) Intermediate Level (Level 2)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Two forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on-time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Two form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **one year** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. *General Certificate of Education,* Advanced Subsidiary Level (GCE AS-level) examinations [Must pass **two** or more AS-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. International Advanced Subsidiary Level (AS-level) examinations/Oxford Cambridge and RSA examinations (OCR) Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary Levels [Must pass **two** or more AS-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

3. *Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) Level 3 Diploma* (formerly National Certificate)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Pearson/Edexcel
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

4. *Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations* (OCR) *Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Oxford/Cambridge
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

5. *Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations* (OCR) *Level 3 National Technical Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Oxford/Cambridge
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

6. One Advanced Subsidiary (AS-level) examination and one Advanced (A-level) examination pass in **two** differing subjects (i.e., one AS-level in physics and one A-level in history)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

Tier Three

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Three forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on-time completion of year 14. Earning a Tier Three form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **one year** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier Two document or **two years** beyond the on-time completion of a Tier One document.

1. *General Certificate of Education, Advanced Level* (GCE A-Level) examinations/Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations (OCR) Level 3 Advanced Level [Must pass **two** or more A-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	14 years (six years or 12 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. International Advanced Level (A-level) examinations [Must pass **two** or more A-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	14 years (six years or 12 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

3. General National Vocational Qualification (GNVQ or NVQ) Advanced Level (Level 3) examination

Expected Timeline of Completion	14 years (six years or 12 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

4. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) *Level 3 Extended Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	14 years (six years or 12 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Pearson/Edexcel
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

5. *Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations* (OCR) *Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	14 years (six years or 12 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Oxford/Cambridge
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

6. *Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations* (OCR) *Level 3 National Extended Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	14 years (six years or 12 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Oxford/Cambridge
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

7. *Cambridge Pre-University Diploma* (Pre-U Diploma)

Expected Timeline of Completion	14 years (six years or 12 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. GCSE Short Course examinations

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine.)
Document Type	Certificate
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

2. Colleges of Further Education
3. National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) Foundation Level
4. Pitman Qualifications
5. *Vocational Certificate of Education* (VCE)
6. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) *Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma*
7. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) *Level 3 90-credit Diploma*
8. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) *Foundation Diploma*
9. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) *First Diploma*
10. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) *First Certificate*
11. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) *Introductory Diploma*
12. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) BTEC documents at Level 2 and below
13. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) *Introductory Certificate*
14. *Cambridge Pre-University Certificate* (Pre-U Certificate)
15. *City and Guilds Level 3 Diploma*

GRADING SCALES

For school transcripts in years nine through 12 (form two through form five), **if alpha grades are present**, apply the GCSE grading scale. For year 13, **if alpha grades are present**, apply the AS-level grading scale. For year 14, **if alpha grades are present**, apply the A-level grading scale.

GCSE		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
7,8,9	A	4
5,6	B	3
4	C	2
1-3	F	0
U	F	0

GCSE					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F	D	1
C	B	3	G	D	1
D	C	2	Ungraded	F	0

GCE: Ordinary Level (O-Level) Examination			
Grade	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	1	A	4
B	2	B	3
C	3	C	2
D	4	D	1
E	5	D	1
F, G, H	-	F	0

Advanced Level (AS-Level, OCR Level 3 AS/A Level and A/A2 Level) Examination		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
N, O	F	0
U	F	0

Advanced Level (Modular Scheme) Examination		
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
1	A	4
2	B	3
3	C	2 (lowest passing grade)

Business and Technology Education Council/Btec and Cambridge Pre-University Diploma		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Distinction	A	4
Merit	B	3
Pass	C	2 (lowest passing grade)

Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) Alpha Scale		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
F	D	1
G	D	1
Ungraded	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
Communication	Methods in Mathematics	Anatomy for Sport and Exercise (BTEC Level-3 course only)	Citizenship (earned 2010 and after).	Philosophy
English as a Second Language (Cambridge, Pearson/ Edexcel examination only)		Body in Action (BTEC Level-3 course only).	Classical Civilization.	Religion B Philosophy & Ethics
		Environmental Science & Environmental Management.	Communication and Culture.	
		Human Physiology.	Global Perspectives.	
		Principles of Anatomy and Physiology in Sport (BTEC Level-3 course only)	Humanities.	
			Modern Studies.	
			Psychology for Sports Performance (BTEC Level-3 course only).	
			Sport and Exercise Psychology (BTEC Level-3 course only).	
			World Development.	

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:
  - Applications in Mathematics.
  - General Studies.
  - Film Studies.
  - Human Health and Physiology.
  - ICT (Information and Communication Technology).
  - Media Studies.
  - Religious Studies.

» The following BTEC Level 3 course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:
  - Physiology of Fitness.
  - Scientific Principles Module.
  - Sport and Society.
  - Social Aspects of Sport.
  - Social Principals of Sport.

Only BTEC coursework listed on a 'Level 3' document and included on the approved course list (above) can be considered for use in an academic certification. Those not listed as either approved or not approved will not be pursued by academic certification.

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Norway

Background	
Academic Calendar	August-June
What is year nine called?	Class 9, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Second year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Norwegian, Bokmal, Nynorsk
Graduation Timeline	
7 + 3 + 2 = 12 or 7 + 3 + 3 = 13	12 or 13 years total: seven years primary, three years lower secondary and two or three years upper secondary

Country-specific documents that may be requested: In certain circumstances, the NCAA Eligibility Center may request additional documents to complete an academic certification in addition to the documents required for all students:

» *Lower Vitnemål* (covers years nine and 10).

» *Upper Vitnemål* (covers years 11 through 13).

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Vitnemål fra den Videregående Skolen* [Certificate from Upper Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Vitnemål fra den Videregående Skolen* [Certificate from Upper Secondary School] for completion of a *Videregående Kurs I* [Advanced Course I] after **two**-year *Grunnkurs* [Basic Course]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Fagbrev* [Certificate]
2. *Svennebrev* [Journeyman/Trades Certificate]
3. *Vitnemål* from a *Grunnskolen* [Diploma/Certificate from a Primary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (four consecutive semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Laerlingskole* [Apprentice]
5. *Vitnemål fra den Videregående Skolen* [Certificate from upper secondary school] for the completion of *Grunnkurs* (Basic Course) only
6. *Kompetensebevis* (Certificate of Competence)

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
6	A	4
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2
2	D	1
1	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Seks	Six	A	4
Fem	Five	A	4
Fire	Four	B	3
Tre	Three	C	2
To	Two	D	1
En	One	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Saerdeles Tilfredsstillende	Exceptionally Satisfactory	A	4
Meget Tilfredsstillende	Very Satisfactory	A	4
Tilfredsstillende Godt	Satisfactory Enough	B	3
Noenlunde Tilfredsstillende	Fairly Satisfactory	C	2
Måtelig	Mediocre	D	1
Ikke Tilfredsstillende	Not Satisfactory	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
			Religion and Ethics (taken in years nine and 10)	

» For years 11-13, the grade column titled “1” and “2” represent terms. The grade column titled “ST” represents the final yearly grade. Grades of “DT” should be ignored.

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Math for Computer Science.
- REA 3022.

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Pakistan

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year 9, Key Stage 3, Form III
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Urdu, English
Graduation Timeline	
5 + 3 + 4 = 12	12 years total: five years primary, three years lower secondary and four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Higher Secondary Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Intermediate Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Certificate in Commerce*
2. *Certificate in Fine Arts*
3. *Certificate in Language*
4. *Certificate in Library Science*
5. *Certificate in Mathematics*
6. *Certificate in Technology*
7. First year intermediate college
8. *Matriculation Certificate*
9. Middle Standard Examination
10. *Primary Teaching Certificate*
11. *Secondary School Certificate*
12. *Vocational Teaching Training Diploma*
13. *Vocational Training Diploma*

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
80 - 100	A	4
70 - 79	A	4
60 - 69	A	4
50 - 59	B	3
40 - 49	C	2
33 - 39	D	1
0 - 32	F (Failure)	0

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Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Exceptional	A – 1	A	4
Excellent	A	A	4
Very good	B	A	4
Good	C	B	3
Fair	D	C	2
Satisfactory	E	D	1
Fail	Fail	F (Failure)	0

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Palestine

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Nine, Ninth, 9th Basic Grade
Where is year nine typically located?	Ninth year of primary school
Native Language(s)	Arabic, Hebrew, English
Graduation Timeline	
10 + 2 = 12	12 years total: 10 years primary and two years of upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *General Secondary Education Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	State of Palestine Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MOEHE) Directorate of Education

2. *Technical Secondary Education Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	State of Palestine Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MOEHE) Directorate of Education

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
90-100	A	4
80-89	B	3
70-79	B	3
60-69	C	2
50-59	D	1
0-49	F (Failure)	0

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Very Good	B	3
Good	B	3
Acceptable	C	2
Poor	D	1
Fail	F (Failure)	0

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» **Converting grades out of a value other than 100:** Grades are often issued with a "Minimum and Maximum Mark" for the class, followed by the "Student's Mark" (the grade the student earned in the class). The grading scale above would apply to courses with a Maximum Mark of 100. For courses out of any other amount, the Student's Mark should be divided by the Maximum Mark in order to convert the grade to a 100-point grade.

Example: A "Student Mark" of a 40 for a course with a Maximum Mark of 50 would be an 80 on the scale above.

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Panama

Background	
Academic Calendar	March-December
What is year nine called?	9°
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Spanish
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bachillerato/Bachiller* [Secondary School Graduation Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificao de Terminación de Estudios Correspondientes al Primer Cicle de Educación Secundaria* [Certificate of Completion of Studies corresponding to the first cycle of secondary education] – awarded after completion of the *ciclo básico* [basic cycle] or *ciclo común* [common cycle]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificao de Maestro Normal/Maestro de Ensemanze Primaria* [Certificate of Primary Teacher, teacher training program]

GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5.0 – 4.5	A	4
4.4 – 4.0	B	3
3.9 – 3.0	C	2
2.9 – 1.0	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Papua New Guinea

Background	
Academic Calendar	January-December
What is year nine called?	Class 9
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English (Language of Instruction), over 820 Indigenous languages spoken
Graduation Timeline	
2 + 6 + 2 + 2 = 12	12 years total: two years elementary, six years of primary, two years lower secondary, two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Higher Secondary School Certificate/Upper Secondary School Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Department of Education

2. *Technical Training Certificate* (TTC)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Department of Education

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Secondary School Certificate/Lower Secondary School Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Ten years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Vocational Training Certificates*

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Certificate of Basic Education* (COBE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	Eight years

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GRADING SCALE

Upper Secondary/Higher School Certificate *Grades typically awarded in years 11 and 12*			
Grade	***Translation***	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
A	Excellent	A	4
B	Very Good	B	3
C	Good	C	2
D	Satisfactory	D	1
E	Weak	F (Failure)	0

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Paraguay

Background	
Academic Calendar	March-November
What is year nine called?	*Noveno grado, noveno año*
Where is year nine typically located?	Third or last year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Guarani and Spanish
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bachillerato/Bachiller* [Secondary School Graduation Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Diploma issued by *Educacion Escolar Basico* (EEB)

GRADING SCALES

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excelent	Excellent	A	4
Distinguido	Distinguished	A	4
Muy Bueno	Very good	A	4
Bueno	Good	B	3
Regular	Pass	C	2
Aplazado	Fail	F	0

5-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	A	4
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	F	0

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5-Point Scale			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excelent	Excellent	A	4
Muy Bueno	Very good	A	4
Bueno	Good	B	3
Aceptable	Acceptable	C	2
Insuficiente	Insufficient	F	0

10-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
9	A	4
8	A	4
6 – 7	B	3
4 – 5	C	2
3	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Peru

Background	
Academic Calendar	March/April-December
What is year nine called?	3°
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Spanish
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 5 = 11	11 years total: six years primary and five years of secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Bachillerato/Bachiller Profesional* [Professional Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Certificado Oficial de Estudios de Educación Secundaria Comun-Quinto año* [Official Certificate of Studies of Common Secondary Education - fifth year]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. *Bachillerato Técnico* [Technical Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

4. *Diploma de Aptitud Profesional* [Diploma of Professional Competency]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
14 - 20	A	4
12 - 13	B	3
11	C	2
0 - 10	F (Failure)	0

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Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excelente	Excellent	A	4
Muy Bueno	Very good	B	3
Aprobado	Pass	C	2
Aplazado/Malo/Reprobado	Fail	F (Failure)	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
AD	Outstanding	A	4
A	Good	B	3
B	Sufficient	C	2
C	Insufficient	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
		Science, Technology and Environment		

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Philippines

Background	
Academic Calendar	June-March
What is year nine called?	Year 9, first year
Where is year nine typically located?	Varies (see timelines below)
Native Language(s)	Filipino and English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 = 10 or 6 + 4 + 2 = 12 or 8 + 4 = 12	10 or 12 years total: six years primary and four years upper secondary or six years primary, four years lower secondary, two years upper secondary or eight years primary and four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *High School Diploma* (in any track)

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 or 12 years (two or four years or four or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
95-100	A	4
85-94	B	3
75-84	C	2
0-74	F (Failure)	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
			AP Social Studies	

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- MAPEH.
- EP.
- RHGP.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Poland

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Background	
Academic Calendar	September-April/June
What is year nine called?	Year nine, year one
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Polish
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Świadectwo Dojrzałość* [Maturity Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

2. *Świadectwo Ukończenia Liceum Ogolnoksztalcacego* [Certificate of Completion of General Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

3. *Świadectwo Ukończenia Liceum Technicznego* [Certificate of Completion of Technical Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

4. *Świadectwo Ukończenia Liceum Zawodowego* [Certificate of Completion of Vocational Lyceum]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

5. *Świadectwo Ukończenia Szkoly Sredniej* [Certificate of Completion of Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

6. *Świadectwo Ukończenia Technikum Zawodowego* [Certificate of Completion of Technical Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Świadectwo Szkolne* [Annual School Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Issued at the end of each academic school year

2. *Świadectwo Ukonczenia Gimnazjum* [Certificate of Completion of Lower School Gymnasium]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Celujacy	Excellent	A	4
Bardzo Dobry	Very Good	A	4
Dobry	Good	B	3
Dostateczny	Satisfactory	C	2
Mierny/Dopuszczajacy	Barely Passing	D	1
Niedostateczny	Unsatisfactory	F	0

6-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
6	A	4
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2
2	D	1
1	F	0

100-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
95-100	A	4
90-94	A	4
80-89	B	3
50-79	C	2
30-49	D	1
0-29	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Portugal

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of basic education
Native Language(s)	Portuguese
Graduation Timeline	
9 + 3 = 12	12 years total: nine years of basic education and three years of upper secondary education

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificado Nivel Secundario de Education* [Certificate of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

2. *Diploma de Ensino Secundario* [Diploma of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completiån	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

3. *Diploma de Formacao Professional de Nivel III/Certificado de Qualificacao Profissional de Nivel III* [Diploma of Third Level Professional Training] (certificate is only awarded along with the diploma)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

4. *Nível 4 Qualificação do Quadro Nacional de Qualificações/Certificado de Qualificação Profissional de Nivel IV* [Certificate of Qualifications at Level Four of the National Qualifications Framework]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

5. *Diploma de Estudos Profissionals* [Diploma of Professional Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diploma do Ensino Basico* [Diploma of Basic Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certidao do Curso Geral Nocturno* [Certificate of General Evening Course]

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GRADING SCALES

Year Nine		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2
2	D	1
1	F	0

For Years 10 through 12		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
18-20	A	4
14-17	B	3
10-13	C	2
5-9	D	1
0-4	F	0

For Years 10 through 12			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Muito Bom	Very good	A	4
Bom	Good	B	3
Suficiente	Sufficient	C	2
Mediocre	Mediocre	D	1
Mau	Bad	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Qatar

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year Three, year nine, 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Arabic
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Qatar Senior School Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Supreme Education Council

2. *General Secondary Education Certificate*

Expected Timeliane of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Commercial Secondary School Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Religious Secondary School Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Technical Secondary School Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

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Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

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GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
90-100	A	4
76-89.99	B	3
60-75.99	C	2
50-59.99	D	1
0-49.99	F (Failure)	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Romania

Background	
Academic Calendar	October-July
What is year nine called?	Year 9, Class IX
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Romanian
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 4 = 12 or 8 + 5 = 13	12 or 13 years total: eight years primary, four or five years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diploma de Baccalaureat* [Baccalaureate Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

2. *Diploma de Merit* [Merit Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

3. *Certificat de Absolvire a Liceului* [Certificate of Secondary School Completion]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

4. *Certificat de Absolvire a Cursului de Calificare* [Certificate of Completion of a Vocational Qualification Program]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diploma de Absolvire a Scolii Profesionale* [Diploma of Completion of a Vocational School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificat de Absolvire a Ciclului Inferior Al Liceului* [Diploma of Junior/Lower Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Eight years

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
9-9.99	A	4
8-8.99	B	3
7-7.99	B	3
6-6.99	C	2
5-5.99	C	2
0-4.99	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Zece	10	A	4
Noua	9	A	4
Opta	8	B	3
Sapte	7	B	3
Sase	6	C	2
Cinci	5	C	2

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excelent	Excellent	A	4
Bine	Good	B	3
Bine	Good	B	3
Suficient	Sufficient	C	2
Suficient	Sufficient	C	2

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Russian Federation

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Class 9, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school/basic school
Native Language(s)	Russian
Graduation Timeline	
4 + 5 + 2 = 11 or 4 + 5 + 4 = 13 or 4 + 5 + 2 + 2 = 13	11 or 13 years total: four years primary school and five years of basic school (remaining timeline after year nine varies depending on track; see timelines below)

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This section is divided into two "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. *Attestat O Srednom [Polnom] Obschem Obrazovanii* [Certificate of Secondary Complete General Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper Secondary School

Tier Two

1. *Diplomo Srednem Professional'nom Obrazovanii* [Diploma of Secondary Vocational Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper Secondary School

Students may take any of the below three paths to gain access to university:

2. Enter a four-year vocational program immediately following completion of nine years of basic education and achieve Tier **Two** above (for a total of 13 years of continuous education: 9 + 4 = 13).
3. Enter the general education stream after completion of year nine, earn Tier One document above and continue to a vocational school for an additional **two** years, then earn Tier **Two** document above (still a total of 13 years of continuous education: 9 + 2 + 2 = 13).
4. Enter the general education stream after completion of year nine and earn only Tier One document from above (a total of 11 years of continuous education: 9 + 2 = 11).

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Attestat ob Osnovnom Obschem Obrazovannii* [Certificate of (Incomplete) General Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2
2	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Otlichno	Excellent	A	4
Khorosho	Good	B	3
Udovletvoritelno	Satisfactory	C	2
Neudovletvoritelno	Unsatisfactory/Poor	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Rwanda

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	*Troisieme, 3ème*, 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Kinyarwanda, English, French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diplome A2* [A2 Diploma] *Technical Certificate of Secondary Education Level A2* [Diplome d'Etudes Secondaires Techniques A2]: *Professional Certificate of Secondary Education Level A2* [Diplome d'Etudes Secondaires Professionnelles A2]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper Secondary School

2. *Certificat du Cycle Superieur de l'Enseignement Secondaire* [Advanced Level National Examination Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Rwanda National Examinations Council/RNEC

3. *Diplome des Humanities Complete* [Diploma of Complete Humanities]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

4. *TVET Level 5 Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	National Examination School Inspection Authority (NESA)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificat de Fin de Tronc Commun* [Certificate of End of Common Track]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Ordinary Level Examination Certificate*, Rwanda National Examinations Council (RNEC)

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Diplome A3* [A3 Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
85 - 100	A	4
80 - 84	A	4
75 - 79	B	3
70 - 74	B	3
65 - 69	B	3

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
60 - 64	C	2
55 - 59	C	2
50 - 54	C	2
40 - 49	D	1
0-39	F	0

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
A	A	4
B	B	3
B	B	3
B	B	3

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
C	C	4
C	C	4
C	C	3
D	D	3
F	F	3

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
11	A	4
10	A	4
9	B	3
8	B	3
7	B	3

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
6	C	2
5	C	2
4	C	2
3 and 2	D	1
1	F	0

Scale Boundary	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10.5 - 11	A	4
9.5 - 10.4	A	4
8.5 - 9.4	B	3
7.5 - 8.4	B	3
6.5 - 7.4	B	3

Scale Boundary	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5.5 - 6.4	C	2
4.5 - 5.4	C	2
2.5 - 4.4	C	2
1.5 - 2.4	D	1
0-1.4	F	0

Performance	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Very good	B	3
Merit	C	2
Pass	D	1
Fail	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- Course Title Usage guide.
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Saba Island

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	G3A, *9de jaar, klas/klasse 3*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Dutch, English, Papiamentu
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 4 = 12 or 8 + 5 = 13	12 or 13 years total: eight years primary, four or five years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diploma von Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs* (HAVO) [Diploma of Higher General Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Diploma von Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs* (VWO) [Diploma of University Preparatory Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. *Diploma Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs* (MBO) [Diploma of Middle Level Vocational Education], Levels 1-4 (i.e., MBO1, MBO2, MBO3 or MBO4)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brugperiode* [Transitional Period] Completion
2. *Diploma Middlebaar Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs* (MAVO) [Diploma of Middle Level General Secondary Education]
3. *Leerlingwezen* [Apprenticeship Training] Completion
4. *Voorbereidend* Beroepsonderwijs (VBO) [Preparatory Vocational Education] Completion
5. *Voorbereidend Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs* (VMBO) [Preparatory Middle Level Vocational Education] Completion

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
9	A	4
8	A	4
7	B	3
6	C	2
5	D	1
4	F	0
3	F	0
2	F	0
1	F	0

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Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Uitmuntend	Excellent	A	4
Zeer goed	Very good	A	4
Goed	Good	A	4
Ruim voldoende	Amply satisfactory	B	3
Voldoende	Satisfactory	C	2
Binja Voldoende	Almost satisfactory	D	1
Onvoldoende	Insufficient	F	0
Gering	Very insufficient	F	0
Slecht	Bad	F	0
Zeer slecht	Very bad	F	0

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Saint Kitts and Nevis

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Background	
Academic Calendar	September – June
What is year nine called?	Form three, year nine, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 and then an optional +2 = 13	11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, and then two-to-four years of upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This section is divided into two "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. *General Certificate of Education* (GCE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

2. *General Certificate of Secondary Education* (GCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

3. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Secondary Education Certificate* (CSEC) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

4. *International General Certificate of Secondary Education* (IGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

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Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Two forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Two form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **two years** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Advanced Proficiency Examinations/Diploma* (CAPE) [Must pass **two** or more CAPE examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

2. *Advanced International Certificate of Education* (AICE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

For school transcripts in years nine through 11 (form three through form five), **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CSEC grading scale below. For years 12 and 13, **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CAPE grading scale below.

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4	IV	D	1
II	B	3	V	D	1
III	C	2	VI	F	0

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Outstanding	A	4
B	Good	B	3
C	Fairly Good	C	2
D	Moderate	D	1
E	Weak	D	1
F	Poor	F	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)					
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
I	A	4	V	C	2
II	A	4	VI	D	1
III	B	3	VII	F	0
IV	C	2			

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)			
Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	Excellent	A	4
B	Very Good	A	4
C	Good	B	3
D	Satisfactory	C	2
E	Acceptable	C	2
F	Weak	D	1
G	Unsatisfactory	F	0

GCSE: Ordinary Level (O-Level) Examination					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	D	D	1
B	B	3	E	D	1
C	C	2	F, G, H	F	0

IGCSE					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	D	D	1
B	B	3	E	D	1
C	C	2	F, G, H	F	0

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Subject Points	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
10	A	4
8	B	3
6	B	3
4	C	2
2	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Half-Subject Points	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	C	2

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
Communication Studies		Environmental Science	Caribbean Studies	Religious Education
		Human and Social Biology		

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Commerce.

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Saint Lucia

Background	
Academic Calendar	September – June
What is year nine called?	Form three, year nine, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 and then an optional +2 = 13	11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, and then two-to-four years of upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Tier One

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1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Secondary Education Certificate* (CSEC) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)

2. *General Certificate of Secondary Education* (GCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

3. *General Certificate of Education* (GCE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

4. *International General Certificate of Secondary Education* (IGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

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Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)

2. *Advanced International Certificate of Education* (AICE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

CREDITING POLICIES

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Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

For school transcripts in years nine through 11 (form three through form five), **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CSEC grading scale below. For years 12 and 13, **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CAPE grading scale below.

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4	IV	D	1
II	B	3	V	D	1
III	C	2	VI	F	0

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Outstanding	A	4
B	Good	B	3
C	Fairly Good	C	2
D	Moderate	D	1
E	Weak	D	1
F	Poor	F	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)					
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
I	A	4	V	C	2
II	A	4	VI	D	1
III	B	3	VII	F	0
IV	C	2			

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)			
Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	Excellent	A	4
B	Very Good	A	4
C	Good	B	3
D	Satisfactory	C	2
E	Acceptable	C	2
F	Weak	D	1
G	Unsatisfactory	F	0

GCSE: Ordinary Level (O-Level) Examination					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	H or Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

IGCSE					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Subject Points	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
10	A	4
8	B	3
6	B	3
4	C	2
2	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Half-Subject Points	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	C	2

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Saint Vincent and The Grenadines

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form three, year nine, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 and then an optional +2 = 13	11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three ` lower secondary, and then two to four years of upper secondary

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Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)

2. *General Certificate of Secondary Education* (GCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

3. *General Certificate of Education* (GCE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

4. *International General Certificate of Secondary Education* (IGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)

2. *Advanced International Certificate of Education* (AICE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

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Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
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3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
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Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4	IV	D	1
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Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
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Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	H or Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

IGCSE					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Subject Points	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
10	A	4
8	B	3
6	B	3
4	C	2
2	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Half-Subject Points	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	C	2

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Samoa

Background	
Academic Calendar	January-December
What is year nine called?	Class 9
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Samoan, English
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 5 = 13	13 years total: eight years primary and five years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate* (PSSC)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *South Pacific Form Seven Certificate* (SPFSC) (first awarded in 2004)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. *Samoa Secondary Leaving Certificate* (SSLC) (replaces Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate (PSSC), first awarded in 2013)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Samoa School Certificate* (received upon completion of the National Examination for year 12)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Year 11 Certificate* (awarded at the end of year 11; discontinued)

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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GRADING SCALES

Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate (PSSC)		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1	A	4
2	A	4
3	B	3
4	B	3
5	C	2
6	C	2
7	C	2
8	D	1
9	F	0

Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate (PSSC)		
Descriptor	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent standard of achievement	A	4
Very high standard of achievement	A	4
High standard of achievement	B	3
Good standard of achievement	B	3
Satisfactory standard of achievement	C	2
Adequate	C	2
Some achievement	C	2
Lower level of achievement	D	1
Little level of achievement	F	0

South Pacific Form Seven Certificate (SPFSC)			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
80 - 100	A	A	4
66 - 79	A	A	4
56 - 65	B	B	3
45 - 55	C	C	2
30 - 44	D	D	1
0 - 29	F	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Saudi Arabia

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Class 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Arabic
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Secondary Education Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *New Comprehensive Secondary School Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Certificate from an intermediate religious institute
2. College preparatory program (should be evaluated on the basis of underlying credentials)
3. *Secondary Commercial School Diploma*
4. *Secondary Agricultural School Diploma*
5. *Secondary Vocational School Diploma*
6. *Health Institute Diploma*
7. *Secondary Teacher Training Institute Certificate*
8. *Intermediate School Certificate*
9. *Religious Institute Secondary Education Certificate*
10. *Koranic Secondary School Certificate*
11. *Comprehensive Secondary School Certificate*
12. *Secondary Certificate of Art Education*
13. *Secondary Certificate of Physical Education*
14. *Vocational Training Certificate*
15. *Certificate of Technical Nursing*
16. *Literary Certificate*
17. *Certificate of the Technical Assistants Institute*
18. *Certificate of the Institute for Instructor Training and Curriculum Development*
19. *Certificate of the Teacher Upgrading Center.*

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
85 - 100	A	4
75 - 84	A	4
65 - 74	B	3
50 - 64	C	2
0 - 49	F	0

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Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Very good	A	4
Good	B	3
Satisfactory	C	2
Fail	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
- **Determination of Credit resource**.
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Scotland

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Secondary Two, S2
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
11, 12 or 13	11, 12 or 13 (*see document timelines, below*)

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This section is divided into three "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. **Issued prior to August 2015:** *Scottish Qualifications Certificate* (SQC) and *Summary of Attainment* from the Scottish Qualifications Authority – 'Standard Level' examinations [Must pass **five** or more Standard Level examinations in separate subjects, at Level Four or higher, to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation].

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Scottish Qualifications Authority
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. **Issued August 2015 and beyond:** *Scottish Qualifications Certificate* (SQC) and *Summary of Attainment* from the Scottish Qualifications Authority – 'National 5' examinations [Must pass **five** or more National 5 examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation].

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Scottish Qualifications Authority
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Two forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on time completion of year 12. Earning a Tier Two form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **one year** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. **Issued prior to August 2015:** *Scottish Qualifications Certificate* (SQC) and *Summary of Attainment* from the Scottish Qualifications Authority – 'Intermediate 1/Intermediate 2'-level examinations [Must pass **two** or more Intermediate 1/2-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation].

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Scottish Qualifications Authority
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

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2. **Issued August 2015 and beyond:** *Scottish Qualifications Certificate* (SQC) and *Summary of Attainment* from the Scottish Qualifications Authority – 'Higher-level examinations' [Must pass **two** or more Higher-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation (verbally referred to as "Highers").]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Scottish Qualifications Authority
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

Tier Three

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Three forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Three form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **one year** from the on time expected timeline of a Tier Two document or **two years** beyond the on-time completion of a Tier One document.

1. **Issued prior to August 2015:** *Scottish Qualifications Certificate* (SQC) and Summary of Attainment from the Scottish Qualifications Authority – 'Higher/Advanced Higher level' examinations [Must pass **two** or more Higher/Advanced Higher-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation].

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Scottish Qualifications Authority
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. **Issued August 2015 and beyond:** *Scottish Qualifications Certificate* (SQC) and *Summary of Attainment* from the Scottish Qualifications Authority – 'Advanced Higher level' examinations [Must pass **two** or more Advanced Higher-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation].

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Scottish Qualifications Authority
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) National 4 Examinations
2. Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQ) Levels 1, 2 and 3
3. Scottish Vocational Education Council's (SCOTVEC) National Diploma Program
4. General Scottish Vocational Qualifications (GSVQ) Levels 1, 2 and 3
5. Scottish Group Awards

GRADING SCALES

Scottish Qualification Certificate *National 5 Grade*		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1	A	4
2	A	4
3	B	3
4	B	3
5	C	2
6	C	2
7	F	0

Scottish Qualification Certificate *Higher/Advanced Higher Grades*		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	C	2
D	D	1
O	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
			Modern Studies	
			Business Management taken at the Higher and/or Advanced Higher level	

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
» **Determination of Credit resource**.
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Senegal

Background	
Academic Calendar	October-July
What is year nine called?	*Quatrieme* year, *4ème*
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 2 = 12 or 6 + 4 + 3 = 13	12 or 13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and two or three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Baccalauréat/Diplôme de Bachelier de l'Ensignement de Second Degre* [Diploma of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Diplôme de Bachelier Technicien/Baccalauréat Technique* [Technical Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Technical upper secondary school

3. *Brevet de Technicien* [Technician Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Specialized upper secondary school

4. *Brevet de Professionnel* [Professional Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Professional upper secondary school

5. *Brevet d'Etudes Professionnelles* (BEP) [Certificate of Professional Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Professional upper secondary school

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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle* (BEPC) [Certificate of First Cycle Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Brevet de Fin d'Etudes Moyennes* (BFEM) [Certificate of Completion of Basic Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Certificat d'Aptitude Professionelle* (CAP) [Certificate of Professional Competency]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine or 10 years (one or two years or two or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Diplôme d'Agent Technique de l'Agriculture* (ATA) [Certificate of Agricultural techniques]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Certificat Elementaire d'Aptitude Pedagogique* (CEAP) [Certificate of Elementary Teaching Ability]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16-20	A	4
14-15.99	A	4
12-13.99	B	3
10-11.99	C	2
8-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

***Note:** Conceded Pass—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Très Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	A	4
Assez Bien	Quite Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2
Ajourné	Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» Native language terms for years nine through 13:

Native Language	*School Year*
Quatrieme (4ème)	9
Troisieme (3ème)	10
Deuxieme/Seconde (2ème/2nde)	11

Native Language	*School Year*
Premiere (1er/1ere)	12
Terminale (Ter)	13

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
TSQ				

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Spelling.

» Use the *"Moy/20"* column as the usable column of grade (per defined term) when applicable. If this column is not available, use the column of grades that the school multiplied to produce the coefficients listed for the defined term grade, if applicable.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Serbia

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	First year, first grade; first time, first grade
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Serbian
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 4 = 12	12 years total: eight years primary and four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Svedocansvo o Zavrsenoj Srednem Vasptanju* [Certificate of Completion of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper Secondary School

2. *Diploma o Zavrsenoj Srednjoj Skoli* [Diploma of Completion of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper Secondary School

3. *Diploma o Stecenom Srednjem Obrazavanii* [Diploma of Professional Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper Secondary School

4. *Diploma o Polozenom Maturskom Ispitu [Diploma of Secondary Studies]* (Montenegran Hybrid Diploma issued in border towns)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper Secondary School

5. *Diploma o Stecenom Pozivnousmerenom Obrazovanju I Vaspitanju Srednjeg Stupnja* [Diploma of Acquired Directional Education and Secondary Level Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper Secondary School

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GRADING SCALES

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Odlican	Excellent	A	4
Vrlo Dobar	Very Good	B	3
Dobar	Good	B	3
Dovoljan	Sufficient	C	2
Nedovoljan	Insufficient	F	0

5-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	F	0

10-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
9	B	3
8	B	3
6-7	C	2
0-5	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
		Commercial Knowledge of Goods	Economic Geography	
			Elements of Economics	

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:
  - Descriptive Geometry.

» **Click here** for the welcome email students receive with additional information on documents to submit for this country.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
» **Determination of Credit resource**.
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Republic of Seychelles

Background	
Academic Calendar	January-December
What is year nine called?	S3
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of secondary school
Native Language(s)	Seychellois Creole, English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 5 = 11 or 6 + 5 + 2 = 13 or 6 + 5 + 3 =14	11, 13 or 14 years total: six years primary, five years of secondary and an optional two or three years of post-secondary schooling

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This section is divided into two "tiers." Both tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. *Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education* (IGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more IGCSE examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Cambridge
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

Tier Two

1. Cambridge Advanced (A-level) [Must pass **two** or more A-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Cambridge
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. *Pre-Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. Diploma in Business Studies and Accounting

Expected Timeline of Completion	14 years (six years or 12 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Seychelles Business Studies Academy

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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Seychelles National Test

Expected Timeline of Completion	Year six (primary six) and year nine (secondary three)

GRADING SCALES

Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)—Alpha Scale		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
F	D	1
G	D	1
Ungraded	F	0

Advanced (A-Level)		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
N, O	F	0
U	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The academic school years for years nine through 11 are referred to as the following:

Native Language	*School Year*
S3	09
S4	10

Native Language	*School Year*
S5	11

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Sierra Leone

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-July
What is year nine called?	JSS 3, JSS III
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

Country-specific documents that may be requested: In certain circumstances, the NCAA Eligibility Center may request additional documents to complete an academic certification in addition to the documents required for all students. This list may not be all-inclusive:

» Basic Education Certification Examination (BECE).

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. West African Examinations Council Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	West African Examinations Council

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1-2	A	4
3-4	B	3
5-6	C	2
7-8	D	1
9	F	0

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Distinction	A	4
Pass-With-Credit	B	3
Pass-With-Credit	C	2
Pass	D	1
Fail	F	0

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The academic school years in Sierra Leone appear on the transcript as follows:
  - JSS = Junior Secondary School.
  - SSS = Senior Secondary School.

» Native terms for years seven through 12:

Native Language	*School Year*
JSS 1	07
JSS 2	08
JSS 3	09

Native Language	*School Year*
SSS 1	10
SSS 2	11
SSS 3	12

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Singapore

Background	
Academic Calendar	July-April
What is year nine called?	Year 9, year 3, form 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 = 10 or 6 + 4 + 2 = 12 or 6 + 6 = 12	10 or 12 years; six years primary, four years secondary, or six years primary, four years secondary and then optional two years upper secondary or six years primary, six years secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education* (GCE) Ordinary (O-level) Examination [Must present **five** O-level exam passes in five different subject areas to be considered as proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	SEAP (Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board)

2. H1 Level, H2 or H3 Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced (A-level) Examination [Must present **two** A-level exam passes in **two** different subject areas]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	SEAP (Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board)

3. National University of Singapore (NUS) *High School Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	National University of Singapore

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Certificate awarded by Institute of Technical Education (ITE)
2. *National Technical Certificate,* Grade 2 (NTC-2)
3. *Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education* (GCE) Normal (N, both T and A)
   LesingaSchool Leaving Examination (PSLE)

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GRADING SCALES

General Certificate of Education—Ordinary O-Level Examinations		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1-2	A	4
3-4	B	3
5-6	C	2
7-8	D	1 (lowest passing grade)
V	D	1

General Certificate of Education—Advanced A-Level Examinations *H1, H2 and H3 Level*		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2 (lowest passing grade)
O	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
General Paper (at the A-levels)			Combined Humanities	

» Students enrolled in the *"Raffles Programme"* in Singapore do not take the O-level examinations and move directly into A-level studies.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Sint Eustatius

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	G3A, *9de jaar, klas/klasse 3*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Dutch, English and Papiamentu
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 4 = 12 or 8 + 5 = 13	12 or 13 years total: eight years primary, four or five years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diploma von Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs* (HAVO) [Diploma of Higher General Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Diploma von Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs* (VWO) [Diploma of University Preparatory Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Diploma Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs* (MBO) [Diploma of Middle Level Vocational Education], Levels 1-4 (i.e., MBO1, MBO2, MBO3 or MBO4)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brugperiode* [Transitional Period] Completion
2. *Diploma Middlebaar Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs* (MAVO) [Diploma of Middle Level General Secondary Education]
3. *Leerlingwezen* [Apprenticeship Training] Completion
4. *Voorbereidend Beroepsonderwijs* (VBO) [Preparatory Vocational education] Completion
5. *Voorbereidend Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs* (VMBO) [Preparatory Middle Level Vocational Education] Completion

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
9	A	4
8	A	4
7	B	3
6	C	2
5	D	1
4	F	0
3	F	0
2	F	0
1	F	0

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Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Uitmuntend	Excellent	A	4
Zeer goed	Very good	A	4
Goed	Good	A	4
Ruim voldoende	Amply satisfactory	B	3
Voldoende	Satisfactory	C	2
Binja Voldoende	Almost satisfactory	D	1
Onvoldoende	Insufficient	F	0
Gering	Very insufficient	F	0
Slecht	Bad	F	0
Zeer slecht	Very bad	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Sint Maarten

Applies only to the Dutch municipality of the island of Saint Marten

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	G3A, *9de jaar, klas/klasse 3*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Dutch, English and Papiamentu
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 4 = 12 or 8 + 5 = 13	12 or 13 years total: eight years primary and four or five years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diploma von Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs* (HAVO) [Diploma of Higher General Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Diploma von Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs* (VWO) [Diploma of University Preparatory Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. *Diploma Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs* (MBO) [Diploma of Middle Level Vocational Education], Levels 1-4 (i.e., MBO1, MBO2, MBO3 or MBO4)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brugperiode* [Transitional Period] completion
2. *Diploma Middlebaar Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs* (MAVO) [Diploma of Middle Level General Secondary Education]
3. *Leerlingwezen* [Apprenticeship Training] completion
4. *Voorbereidend Beroepsonderwijs* (VBO) [Preparatory Vocational Education] completion
5. *Voorbereidend Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs* (VMBO) [Preparatory Middle Level Vocational Education] completion

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
9	A	4
8	A	4
7	B	3
6	C	2
5	D	1
4	F	0
3	F	0
2	F	0
1	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Uitmuntend	Excellent	A	4
Zeer goed	Very good	A	4
Goed	Good	A	4
Ruim voldoende	Amply satisfactory	B	3
Voldoende	Satisfactory	C	2
Binja Voldoende	Almost satisfactory	D	1
Onvoldoende	Insufficient	F	0
Gering	Very insufficient	F	0
Slecht	Bad	F	0
Zeer slecht	Very bad	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Slovakia

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-July
What is year nine called?	*Trieda I*, Class I, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of primary/lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Slovak
Graduation Timeline	
9 + 4 = 13	13 years total: nine years primary and four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Vysvedčenie o Maturitnej Skúske* [Certificate of Maturity Examinations]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Výučný List* [Apprentice Certificate]

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1	A	4
2	B	3
3	B	3
4	C	2
5	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Výborný	Excellent	A	4
Chválitebný	Praiseworthy	B	3
Dobrý	Good	B	3
Dostatočný	Satisfactory	C	2
Nedostatočný	Unsatisfactory	F	0

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Slovenia

Background	
Academic Calendar	September/October-June
What is year nine called?	*Razred 9*, year 9, class 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of primary school
Native Language(s)	Slovenian
Graduation Timeline	
9 + 3 = 12 or 9 + 4 = 13	12 or 13 years total: nine years primary and three or four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Maturitetno Spricevalo* [Maturity Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Spricevalo o Poklicni Maturi* [Certificate of Vocational Maturity]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. *Spricevalo o Zakljucnem Izpitu* [Certificate of Final Examinations]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine
Issuing Body	Vocational upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Spricevalo o Koncani Osnovni Soli* [Certificate of Completion of Compulsory School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Odlično	Excellent	A	4
Prav Dobro	Very Good	B	3
Dobro	Good	B	3
Zadostno/Zadovoljava	Sufficient/Satisfactory	C	2
Nezadostnoza/Nezadovoljava	Insufficient/Unsatisfactory	F	0

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5-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	F	0

10-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
9	B	3
8	B	3
6-7	C	2
0-5	F	0

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Somalia

Background	
Academic Calendar	February-December
What is year nine called?	Varies
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Somali, Arabic
Graduation Timeline	
4 + 4 + 4 = 12	12 years total: four years primary, four years lower secondary, four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Shahaadada Dugsiga Sare* (i) [Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (eight consecutive semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Shahaadada Dugsiga Sare* (ii) [Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (eight consecutive semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. *Somaliland* [Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (eight consecutive semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
90 – 100	A	4
80 – 89	B	3
70 – 79	C	2
60 – 69	C	2
0 – 59	F	0

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Very Good/Very High Standard	B	3
Good/High Standard	C	2
Highly Satisfactory/Good	C	2
Satisfactory	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Republic of South Africa

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Background	
Academic Calendar	January-December
What is year nine called?	Year 9, grade 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of primary school
Native Language(s)	English, Afrikaans
Graduation Timeline	
9 + 3 = 12	12 years total: nine years primary and three years secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *National Senior Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education and IEB

2. *Senior Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education and IEB

3. *Senior Certificate with Matriculation Exemption*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

4. *Secondary School Senior Certificate of the Department of Public Education, Western Cape*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

5. *Gauteng Senior School Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

6. *Gauteng University Entrance Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

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7. *Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) College Entrance Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Secondary School

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Common entrance exam

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Junior secondary/middle school leaving certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Lower primary/Teacher's certificate* [Department of Education and Training]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *National Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *National Technical Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

» All core courses are valued at 1 credit unit per year, 0.5 credit units per semester.

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
80-100	A	4
70-79	B	3
60-69	B	3
50-59	C	2
40-49	D	1
33-39	F	0
20-32	F	0
0-19	F	0

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	D	1
F, FF	F	0
G, GG	F	0
H	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
		Life Science	Business Studies (for years 10-12)	
		Physical Science		

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Economics and Management Science.
- Life Orientation.
- Math Literacy.

» If a promotion mark is given during the final term, consider that grade the final yearly grade. If no promotion mark is clearly indicated, but there is a column of grades that represents the final term and final average, consider that column of grades as the final year grade. Avoid using the class average, as this is not an individual student-specific grade, but the average grade earned by the class.

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Spain

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	*Educacion secundaria obligatoria (ESO) 3*, 3 (ESO), *tercer curso*
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Spanish, Catalan
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 2 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary, two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Bachillerato/Bachiller Unificado y Polivalente* (BUP) [Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

2. *Curso de Universitaria* (COU) [University Orientation Course]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

3. *Titulo de Tecnico Especialista* [Title/Diploma of Specialized Technician]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

4. *Perito Mercantil* [Commercial Secondary School Graduate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

5. *Titulo de Maestro* [Title/Diploma of Teacher]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Titulo de Graduado en Education Secundaria* [Title/Diploma of Graduate in Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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2. *Bachillerato de Grado Superior* [Secondary School Diploma: 10th grade]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Titulo de Tecnico Superior* [Title/Diploma of Secondary School Technician]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

This credential will still be honored as acceptable proof of graduation if a student enrolled in the two-year program on or prior to **May 31, 2027**.

CREDITING POLICIES:

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
8 or more	1.0
6	0.5

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4	0.34
2	0.25

GRADING SCALES

When both numeric and descriptive grades are present for a course, and the numeric grade matches the grading scale below, use the numeric grade.

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
8.5-10	A	4
7.0-8.4	B	3
6.0-6.9	B	3
5.0-5.9	C	2
0-4.9	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Sobresaliente	Outstanding	A	4
Notable	Notable	B	3
Bien	Good	B	3
Suficiente	Sufficient	C	2
Insuficiente	Insufficient	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Assoliment Excellent (AE)	Excellent Achievement	A	4
Assoliment Notable (AN)	Notable Achievement	B	3
Assoliment Satisfactori	Satisfactory Achievement	C	2
No Assoliment (NA)	No Achievement	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The academic school years for years nine through 12 are referred to as the following. (Always reference native language transcripts to establish initial enrollment of year nine.)

Native Language	*School Year*
ESO 3	09
ESO 4	10

Native Language	*School Year*
Bachillerato 1	11
Bachillerato 2	12

» Final grades for years nine through 12 will be listed under “ordinary” or “extraordinary” columns. Extraordinary would be considered a retake of the ordinary grade and would be treated as duplicative.

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
	Mathematics Applied to Social Sciences	Scientific Culture	Philosophy and Citizenship	
	Mathematics for Academic Teaching			

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Business Economics.
- Research Project.
- Teaching English.

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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Sri Lanka

Background	
Academic Calendar	January-December
What is year nine called?	Form three, key stage three, year nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Sinhalese language, Tamil
Graduation Timeline	
5 + 3 + 3 = 11 or 5 + 3 + 5 = 13	11 or 13 years total: five years primary school, three years lower secondary school, and three or five years upper secondary school.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This section is divided into two "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. *University of London General Certificate of Education* (GCE) at ordinary level [Must pass **five** or more O-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Two forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Two form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **two years** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. *Sri Lankan General Certificate of Education* (GCE) Advanced Level [Must pass **two** or more A-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *National Certificate*

GRADING SCALES

GCE: Ordinary Level (O-Level) and Advanced Level (A-Level) Examinations		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
75 - 100	A	4
65 - 74	B	3
50 - 64	B	3
35 - 49	C	2
0 - 34	F	0

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GCE: Ordinary Level (O-Level) and Advanced Level (A-Level) Examinations		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Distinction (D)	A	4
Very good pass (B)	B	3
Credit (C)	B	3
Ordinary Pass (S)	C	2
Weak (W)	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Republic of Sudan

Background	
Academic Calendar	July-March
What is year nine called?	Year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Arabic, English, Nubian, Te Bedawie, Fur
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 3 = 11	11 years total: eight years primary and three years upper secondary

Country-specific documents that may be requested: In certain circumstances, the NCAA Eligibility Center may request additional documents to complete an academic certification in addition to the documents required for all students. This list may not be all inclusive:

» *Basic Education Certificate*.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Sudan Secondary School Certificate* (SSSC)

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Basic Education Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Eight years
Document Type	Certificate

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
80-100	A	4
70-79	B	3
60-69	C	2

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
50-59	D	1
0-49	F	0

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Distinction	A	4
Good	B	3
Above Average	C	2

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Average/Pass	D	1
Fail	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Suriname

Background	
Academic Calendar	October-August
What is year nine called?	Classe 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Dutch
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 2 = 12 or 6 + 4 + 3 = 13	12 or 13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary, two or three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs* (HAVO) [Upper General Secondary Education] *Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs* (VWO) [University Preparatory Education] *Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. *Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs* (HAVO) [Upper General Secondary Education] *Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the start of in year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

4. *Instituut Middlebaar Economisch en Administratief Onderwijs* (IMEO) [Institute of Intermediate Economic and Administrative Education] *Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the start of in year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

5. *Natuurtechnisch Instituut* (NATIN) [Technical Institute] *Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the start of in year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

6. *Surinaamse Middlebare Handelsschol* (MHS) [Uriname Intermediate Business School] *Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the start of in year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Lager Beroepsgericht Onderwijs* (LGBO) [Lower Vocational Education] *Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Lager Nijverheids Onderwijs* (LNO) [Lower Home Economics Education] *Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Lager Technisch Onderwijs* (LTO) [Lower Vocational Education] *Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Meer Uitgebreid Lager Onderwijs* (MULO) [Lower Secondary Education] *Diploma*, known as MULO-A (emphasis on commercial subjects) and MULO-B (emphasis on mathematics and physics)

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10	A	4
9	A	4
8	B	3
7	B	3
6	C	2

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	F	0
4	F	0
3	F	0
2	F	0
1	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Uitmuntend	Excellent	A	4
Zeer goed	Very good	A	4
Goed	Good	B	3
Ruim Voldoende	Quite good	B	3
Voldoende	Satisfactory	C	2
Bijna Voldoende	Not quite satisfactory	F	0
Onvoldoende	Unsatisfactory	F	0
Gering	Low	F	0
Slecht	Poor	F	0
Zeer Slecht	Very poor	F	0

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Swaziland

Background	
Academic Calendar	January-December
What is year nine called?	Form 1, Grade 1, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Second year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
7 + 3 + 2 = 12	12 years total: seven years primary, three years lower secondary, two years upper secondary

Country-specific documents that may be requested: In certain circumstances, the NCAA Eligibility Center may request additional documents to complete an academic certification in addition to the documents required for all students. This list may not be all-inclusive:

» Junior Certificate Examination.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *General Certificate of Education* (GCE) for Swaziland

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Examinations Council of Swaziland

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Junior Certificate Examination*

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Document Type	Certificate

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1-2	A	4
3-4	B	3
5-6	C	2
7-8	D	1
9	F	0

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Distinction	A	4
Pass-With-Credit	B	3
Pass-With-Credit	C	2
Pass	D	1
Fail	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Sweden

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	*Slutbetyg* (from lower school/grundskola), *arskurs* 9, year 9, class 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Swedish
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, three years upper secondary

Country-specific documents that may be requested: In certain circumstances, the NCAA Eligibility Center may request additional documents to complete an academic certification in addition to the documents required for all students. This list may not be all-inclusive:

» *Samlat Betygdokument/Utdrag ur Betygskatalog* (includes course completion dates from year ten and up).

» *Slutbetyg from Grundskola* (includes year nine).

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Hogskoleforberedande Examen* [High School Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school (Gymnasieskolan)

2. *Slutbetyg* [Final Grades] from a *Gymnasieskolan* [Upper Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school (Gymnasieskolan)

3. *Afgangsbetyg* [Leaving Certificate] from *Kommunal Vuxenutbilding* [Municipal Adult Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

4. *Studieomdöme från Folkshögskola* [Study Assessment from Adult Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

5. *Intyg om Genomgangen* [Adult Education Program]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

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6. *Intyg om Allman Behörighet* [Adult Education General Program]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Slutbetyg* [Final Grades] from a *Grundskola* [Elementary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Samlat Betygdokument/Utdrag ur Betygskatalog* [Extract of Grades]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Issued at the end of each academic term/semester/year for school years ten and up

3. *Yrkesexamen*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Secondary school

CREDITING POLICIES

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Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
100 and up	1.00 credit per course

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
50	0.50 credits per course

GRADING SCALES

Current Grading Scale			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Excellent	A	4
B	Very Good	A	4
C	Good	B	3
D	Satisfactory	C	2
E	Sufficient	C	2
F	Fail	F	0

Prior to 2012			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Mycket Val Godkand (MVG)	Very Good Pass	A	4
Val Godkand (VG)	Good Pass	B	3
Godkand (G)	Good	C	2
Icke Godkand (IG)	No Pass/Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» If the *Lower Slutbetyg* (year nine certificate) only lists science and social science as two single courses with no individual subject breakdowns, then award 0.5 credit each to biology, physics and chemistry at the grade awarded for the science course and 0.5 credit each to history, geography and civics at the grade awarded for social science course.

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
		Environment & Energy	Civil Law	Humanities
			Cultural History	
			Ethnicity & Culture	
			International Economics	
			International Relations	
			Religion A	
			Religion B	
			Religion 1	
			Religion 2	

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Communications.
- Diploma project.
- General knowledge of languages.
- Linguistic awareness.
- Private Law.
- Religion (taken in year nine).
- Rhetoric.

» *How to locate a date of birth on a transcript/certificate:*

- The first six digits of the "National ID number" listed on the transcript are the date of birth.
- Formatted YYMMDD (year year month month day day).

  Example: National ID number 050406-1234 (date of birth would be April 6, 2005).

» Swedish documents will be tasked for by title, not by a period of time.

» **Click here** for the welcome email students receive with additional information on documents to submit for this country.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.

» **Determination of Credit resource**.

» **International initial-eligibility flyer**.

» **Student account task information**.

» **NCAA Guide of International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility**.

» **Country-specific webpages**.

» **Multi-country references.**

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Switzerland

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Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	*Klasse 3 3ème, classe 1*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	German, French, Italian, Romansh
Graduation Timeline	
See chart below	Timeline varies by canton—please use timeline resource below

Timelines			
Canton	*Primary and Lower Secondary*	*Academic Upper Secondary (Not Compulsory)*	*Total Number of Years*
Aargau	5 + 4	+4	13
Appenzell Ausserrhoden	6 + 3	+4*	13
Apenzell Innerhoden	6 + 3	+3	12
Basel Landschaft	5 + 4	+3 or 5	12 or 14
Basel-Stadt	4 + 5	+3	12
Bern	6 + 3	+3	12
Fribourg (Freiburg)	6 + 3	+4	13
Geneève	6 + 3	+4	13
Glarus	6 + 3	+3	12
Graubünden	6 + 3	+4*	13
Jura	6 + 3	+3	12
Luzern	6 + 3	+4*	13
Neuchâtel	5 + 4	+3	12
Schaffhausen	6 + 3	+4*	13
Schwyz (Schweiz)	6 + 3	+4*	13
Solothurn	6 + 3	+4*	13
St. Gallen	6 + 3	+4*	13
Thurgau	6 + 3	+4*	13
Ticino	5 + 4	+4	13
Nidwalden	6 + 3	+3	12
Obwalden	6 + 3	+3	12
Uri	6 + 3	+4*	13
Valais (Wallis)	6 + 3	+4*	13
Vaud	5 + 4	+3	12
Zug	6 + 3	+3*	12
Zürich	6+3	+3*	12

*In these cases, students can leave the lower secondary level one year earlier to enter the upper academic secondary level (e.g., in the case of Zürich, 6 + 2 + 4). Basel-Stadt allows the transition two years earlier, and both Neuchatel and Vaud allow it three years earlier. However, in the following cantons, students can postpone transition until the end of year nine if they do not feel ready to enter the upper secondary level after year eight: St. Gallen, Schaffhausen, Schwyz and Thurgau.

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» Preprimary education is provided by *Kindergarten/Écoles Enfantines/Case dei Bambini* in all the Swiss cantons; attendance is not compulsory, but most children attend them.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Schweizerische Eidgenössisches Maturitätzeugnis/Confédération Suiss de maturité/Confederrazione Svizzera attestato di maturità* [Swiss Federal Maturity Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	See timeline for specific canton, above
Issuing Body	Swiss canton

2. *Eidgenössisch anerkanntes kantonale Maturitätzeugnis/Certificat de maturité cantonal reconnu par la Confédération/Attestato di maturità cantonale riconoscuita dalla Confederazione* [Federally Recognized Cantonal Maturity Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	See timeline for specific canton, above
Issuing Body	Swiss canton

3. *Eidgenössisches Berufsmaturitätzeugnis/Certificat fédérale de maturité profesionelle/Attestato federale di maturità professionale* [Federal Vocational Maturity Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	See timeline for specific canton, above
Issuing Body	Swiss canton

4. *Fachmaturitätzeugnis/Certificat de maturité spécialisée/Attestat di maturità specializzata* [Specialized Maturity Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	See timeline for specific canton, above
Issuing Body	Swiss canton

5. *Eidgenössisches Fähigkeitszeugnis/Certificat fédérale de capaité/Attestato federale di capacità* [Federal Certificate of Proficiency]

Expected Timeline of Completion	See timeline for specific canton, above
Issuing Body	Swiss canton

6. *Eidgenössisches Berufsattest/Attestation fédérale de formation professionnelle/Certificato federale di formazione practica* [Federal Vocational Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	See timeline for specific canton, above
Issuing Body	Swiss canton

7. *Höhere Berufsbildung/Formation Professionnelle Supérieure/Frmazione Professionale Superior [Higher Vocational Education] leading to Eidgenössische Diplom/Eidgenössische Fachausweis/Diplôm fédérale/Brevet federal/Diploma federale/Attestato Professionale Federale* [Federal Advanced or Higher Vocational Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	See timeline for specific canton, above
Issuing Body	Swiss canton

8. *Höhere Fachschule (HF) École Supérieures (ES)/Scuole Specializzate Superiori* (SSS) [Advanced or Higher Vocational School] leading to *Diplom HF, Diplôme ES, Diploma SSS* [Diploma from an Advanced or Higher Vocational School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	See timeline for specific canton, above
Issuing Body	Swiss canton

9. *Certificat de Culture Générale* [Certificate of General Culture]

Expected Timeline of Completion	See timeline for specific canton, above
Issuing Body	Swiss canton

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificat d'Etudes* [Certificate of Studies] *Certificat Secondaire* [Lower Secondary Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. Completion of *Sekundärschule/École Secondaire/Scuola Media* [Lower Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Diplom/Diplôme/Diploma* from a *Diplommittelschule* [Middle School Diploma] or *Ecole de Culture Générale/ Scuola Cultura Generale* [School of General Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Berufsmittelschuldiplom/Baccalauréat Technique* [Diploma from Vocational Middle School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

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Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
6	6	A	4
5.5	5-6	A	4
5	5	B	3
4.5	4-5	B	3
4	4	C	2
3.5*	Conceded Pass*	D*	1*
3.5	3.5	F	0
3	3	F	0
2.5	2-3	F	0
2	2	F	0
1.5	1-2	F	0
1	1	F	0

***Note:** A grade of 3.5 is considered passing (equivalent to a U.S. grade of "D") only when the overall average of that academic year is 4 or higher.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
- **Determination of Credit resource**.
- **International initial-eligibility flyer**.
- **Student account task information**.
- **NCAA Guide of International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility**.
- **Country-specific webpages**.
- **Multi-country references.**

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Syria

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year nine, year three
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Arabic
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Al Shahada Al Thanawiya/Baccalauréat* [Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Technical Secondary Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. *Religious Secondary Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Preparatory School Leaving Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Professional Secondary Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
80 – 100	A	4
65 – 79	B	3
50 – 64	C	2
40 – 49	D	1
0 – 39	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Taiwan

Background	
Academic CalendaR	September-July
What is year nine called?	Year three
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Chinese (Mandarin)
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificate of Graduation* from a Senior High School

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificate of Graduation* from a Senior Vocational School

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. Certificate of withdraw/transfer (indicating successful completion of the first three years of a five-year Junior College Program)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Junior College

4. *Certificate of Graduation* from a Comprehensive or Bilateral High School

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificate of Graduation* from a Junior High School

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. Completion of less than three years of a five-year Junior College Program
3. Joint five-year Junior College Entrance Examination Results

Expected Timeline of Completion	14 years (six years or 12 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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CREDITING POLICIES

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4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
80-100	A	4
70-79	B	3
60-69	C	2
50-59	D	1
0-49	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Tajikistan

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year 5, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Tajik, Persian, Russian
Graduation Timeline	
4 + 5 + 2 = 11	11 years total: four years primary, five years lower secondary, two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Attestat Dar Borai Malimati Miyona* [Certificate of Completed Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Diplomi Ma 'Lumoti Miënai Mahsus* [Diploma of Complete Vocational Technical Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. *Attestat Dar Borai Malimati Miyona* [Diploma of Complete Specialized Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Attestat da borai Melumoti Miyonai Nopura* [Certificate of Incomplete Secondary School] (ninth grade)

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2
2	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Alo	Excellent	A	4
Khub	Good	B	3
Kanoatbakhsh/Miena	Satisfactory	C	2
Bad	Unsatisfactory	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
- **Determination of Credit resource**.
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Tanzania

Background	
Academic Calendar	January-December (varies)
What is year nine called?	Form three, Key Stage Three, year nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Second year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
7 + 4 = 11 or 7 + 4 + 2 = 13	11 or 13: seven years primary, four years secondary or seven years primary, four years secondary, two additional years secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

This section is divided into three "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. *Certificate of Secondary Education* (CSE) [Must pass **five** or more GCSE examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Two forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Two form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **two years** from the on time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education (ACSE) [Must pass **two** or more ACSE-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or ten semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

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GRADING SCALES

Certificate of Secondary Education		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	C	2
D	D	1
F	F	0

Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
F	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
- **Determination of Credit resource**.
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Thailand

Background	
Academic Calendar	May/June-March/April
What is year nine called?	*Matayom III,* year 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Thai, English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Mathayom Suksa 6/Matayom VI Certificate* [Higher Secondary School Certificate] (verbally referred to as "*Maw 6*")

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Paw War Chaw* [Certificate of Vocational Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Matayom III* [Certificate of Lower Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Superior	B	3
Satisfactory	C	2
Pass	D	1
Fail	F	0

4-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
4	A	4
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	D	1
0	F	0

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100-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
75-100	A	4
65-74	B	3
55-64	C	2
50-54	D	1
0-49	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Togo

Background	
Academic Calendar	October-June
What is year nine called?	*4ème, quatrieme,* 4e, 9, *9eme*
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 2 = 12 or 6 + 4 + 3 = 13	12 or 13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary, and two or three years of upper secondary school

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Baccalaureat* [Diploma] *Baccalaureat de l'Enseignement Secondaire* [Diploma of Secondary Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Baccalaureat Technicien* [Technician's Baccalaureat] *Baccalaureat de l'Enseignement Technique* [Diploma of Technical Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Brevet d'Etudes Professionnelles* (BEP) [Certificate of Professional Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle du Second Degre* (BEPC) [Certificate of First Cycle of Second Level Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificat d'Aptitude Professionelle* (CAP) [Certificate of Professional Ability]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Certificat de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires* [Certificate of End of Secondary Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Baccalaureat Probatoire* [Probationary Baccalaureat]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Baccalaureat Premiere Partie* [Baccalaureat First Part]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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CREDITING POLICIES

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4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16-20	A	4
14-15.99	A	4
12-13.99	B	3
10-11.99	C	2
8-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

***Note:** Conceded Pass—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade D) only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Très Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	A	4
Assez Bien	Quite Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2
Ajourné	Fail	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
- **Determination of Credit resource**.
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- **NCAA Guide of International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility**.
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Tonga

Background	
Academic Calendar	February-December
What is year nine called?	Form three, third form
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Tongan, English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 5 + 1 = 12 or 6 + 5 + 2 = 13	12 or 13 years total: six years primary, five years lower secondary, one or two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Pacific Senior Secondary Examination/Form 6

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	South Pacific Board for Educational Assessment (SPBEA)

2. *Higher School Certificate/Form 7*

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	South Pacific Board for Educational Assessment (SPBEA)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Tonga School Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1	A	4
2	A	4
3	B	3
4	B	3
5	C	2
6	C	2
7	C	2
8	D	1
9	F	0

Description	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent Standard of Achievement	A	4
Very High Standard of Achievement	A	4
High Standard of Achievement	B	3
Good Standard of Achievement	B	3
Standard Standard of Achievement	C	2
Adequate	C	2
Some Achievement	C	2
Lower Level of Achievement	D	1
Little Level of Achievement	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
- **Determination of Credit resource**.
- **International initial-eligibility flyer**.
- **Student account task information**.
- **NCAA Guide of International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility**.
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Trinidad and Tobago

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form three, year nine, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 and then an optional +2 = 13	11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, and then two-to-four years of upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

This section is divided into two "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Secondary Education Certificate* (CSEC) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)

2. *General Certificate of Secondary Education* (GCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

3. *General Certificate of Education* (GCE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

4. *International General Certificate of Secondary Education* (IGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

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Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Two forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Two form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **two years** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Advanced Proficiency Examinations Diploma* (CAPE) [Must pass **two** or more CAPE examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)

2. *Advanced International Certificate of Education* (AICE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

For school transcripts in years nine through 11 (form three through form five), **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CSEC grading scale below. For years 12 and 13, **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CAPE grading scale below.

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)					
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
I	A	4	IV	D	1
II	B	3	V	D	1
III	C	2	VI	F	0

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)			
Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Outstanding	A	4
B	Good	B	3
C	Fairly Good	C	2
D	Moderate	D	1
E	Weak	D	1
F	Poor	F	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)		
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
I	A	4
II	A	4
III	B	3
IV	C	2
V	C	2
VI	D	1
VII	F	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)			
Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	Excellent	A	4
B	Very Good	A	4
C	Good	B	3
D	Satisfactory	C	2
E	Acceptable	C	2
F	Weak	D	1
G	Unsatisfactory	F	0

GCSE: Ordinary Level (O-Level) Examination					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	H or Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

IGCSE					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

AICE For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Subject Points	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
10	A	4
8	B	3
6	B	3
4	C	2
2	C	2

AICE *For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses*		
Half- Subject Points	***U.S. Grade Equivalent***	***Quality Points***
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	C	2

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
Communication Studies		Environmental Science	Caribbean Studies	Religious Education
		Human and Social Biology		

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Commerce.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
» **Determination of Credit resource**.
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Tunisia

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	*Quatrieme, 4ème*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Arabic
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 4 = 13	13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diplôme du Baccalauréat/Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Secondaire* [Secondary Education Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Baccalauréat Professionel* [Professional Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. *Brevet de Technicien Professionnelle* (BTP) [Professional Technician Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

4. *Diplôme de Fin d'Etudes Techniques Agricoles* [Diploma of End of Technical Agricultural Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle* (CAP) [Certificate of Professional Competency]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Diplôme de Fin d'Etude de l'Enseignement de Base* [Diploma of End of Lower Secondary Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16.0 – 20.0	A	4
14.0 – 15.9	A	4
12.0 – 13.9	B	3
10.0 – 11.9	C	2
8 – 9.9*	D	1
0 – 9.9	F	0

***Note:** Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to a U.S. grade of "D") only when the overall average of that academic year is 10.0 or higher

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Très Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	A	4
Assez Bien	Fairly Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2
Ajourne	Fail, Adjourned	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» Native language terms for years nine through 13:

Native Language	*School Year*
Quatrieme (4ème)	9
Troisieme (3ème)	10
Deuxieme/Seconde (2ème/2nde)	11

Native Language	*School Year*
Premiere (1er/1ere)	12
Terminale (Ter)	13

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
» **Determination of Credit resource**.
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Turkey

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year nine, Year one
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Turkish
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 4 = 12	See document-specific timelines below.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Lise Diplomasi* [Secondary School Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

2. *Lise Bitirme Diplomasi* [Secondary School Completion Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

3. *Meslek Lise Diplomasi* [Vocational Secondary School Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper Secondary School

4. *Teknik Lise Diplomasi* [Technical Secondary School Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper Secondary School

GRADING SCALES

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Pek ihi	Very Good	A	4
Iyi	Good	B	3
Orta	Average	C	2
Gecmez	Fail	F	0

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5-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2
2	D	1
1	F	0

10-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
9-10	A	4
7-8	B	3
5-6	C	2
1-4	F	0

100-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
90-100	A	4
70-89	B	3
50-69	C	2
0-49	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» Typically, a transition year exists between year eight and year nine. This will be indicated on a transcript as a "prep" or "preparatory" year. This year does not trigger a year-nine start date. Only the initial start of year nine does.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
» **Determination of Credit resource**.
» **International initial-eligibility flyer**.
» **Student account task information**.
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Turkmenistan

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-May
What is year nine called?	Year 9, year 6
Where is year nine typically located?	Sixth year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Turkmen
Graduation Timeline	
3 + 7 = 10	10 years total: three years primary, seven years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Attestat o Srednem Obrazovanii* [Attestation of Completed Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Diplom o Srednem Professionalnom Obrazovanii* [Diploma of Vocational Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *General Secondary Education Certificate* (ninth grade only)

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
2	F	0
1	F	0

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Good	B	3
Satisfactory	C	2

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Unsatisfactory	F	0
Fail	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- » **Course Title Usage guide**.
- » **Determination of Credit resource**.
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Turks and Caicos Islands

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Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form three, year nine/year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 and then an optional +2 = 13	11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, and then two-to-four years of upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

This section is divided into two "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Secondary Education Certificate* (CSEC) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)

2. *General Certificate of Secondary Education* (GCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

3. *General Certificate of Education* (GCE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

4. *International General Certificate of Secondary Education* (IGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

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Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Two forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Two form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **two years** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Advanced Proficiency Examinations/Diploma* (CAPE) [Must pass **two** or more CAPE examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)

2. *Advanced International Certificate of Education* (AICE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

CREDITING POLICIES:

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

For school transcripts in years nine through 11 (form three through form five), **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CSEC grading scale below. For years 12 and 13, **if alpha grades are present**, apply the CAPE grading scale below.

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)				
Grade	*Translation*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Outstanding	I	A	4
B	Good	II	B	3
C	Fairly Good	III	C	2
D	Moderate	IV	D	1
E	Weak	V	D	1
F	Poor	VI	F	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)				
Grade	*Translation*	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	Excellent	I	A	4
B	Very Good	II	A	4
C	Good	III	B	3
D	Satisfactory	IV	C	2
E	Acceptable	V	C	2
F	Weak	VI	D	1
G	Unsatisfactory	VII	F	0

GCSE: Ordinary Level (O-Level) Examination					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	H or Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

IGCSE					
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F, G	D	1
C	B	3	Ungraded	F	0
D	C	2			

AICE For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2

AICE For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses		
Subject Points	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
10	A	4
8	B	3
6	B	3
4	C	2
2	C	2

AICE For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses		
Half-Subject Points	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	C	2

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
Communication Studies		Environmental Science	Caribbean Studies	Religious Education
		Human and Social Biology		

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Commerce.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

» **Course Title Usage guide**.
» **Determination of Credit resource**.
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Uganda

Background	
Academic Calendar	January-December
What is year nine called?	Form Two
Where is year nine typically located?	Second year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English, Swahili
Graduation Timeline	
7 + 2 + 2 = 11 and an optional +2 = 13	11 or 13 years total: seven years basic education, two years lower secondary education, two years upper secondary education and an optional two years of additional upper secondary education

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This section is divided into two "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. *Uganda Certificate of Education* (UCE) [Must pass **five** or more UCE examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine/form two)
Issuing Body	Uganda National Examinations Board

Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Two forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Two form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **two years** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. *Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education* (UACE) [Must pass **two** or more UACE examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine/ form two)
Issuing Body	Uganda National Examinations Board

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Individual Subject Passes from Upper Secondary School

Expected Timeline of Completion	Varies

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GRADING SCALES

UCE		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1-2	A	4
3-4	B	3
5-6	C	2
7-8	D	1
9	F	0

UCE		
Grade	*U.S, Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Distinction	A	4
Pass-With-Credit	B	3
Pass-With-Credit	C	2
Pass	D	1
Fail	F	0

UACE		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
F	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
- **Determination of Credit resource**.
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- **Student account task information**.
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Ukraine

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year 9, form 9, 9 клас
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Ukrainian
Graduation Timeline	
4 + 5 + 2 = 11	11 years total: four years primary, five years lower secondary, two years upper secondary

Country specific documents that may be requested. In certain circumstances, the NCAA Eligibility Center may request additional documents to complete an academic certification in addition to the documents required for all students. This list may not be all-inclusive:

» Year 9 Atestat (certificate).

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Atestat*, or *Свідоцтво про здобуття повної загальної середньої освіти* [Certificate of Complete General Secondary Education] from a *Gimnazia, Licei* or *Starsha Serednia Shkola* [Upper Secondary Schools]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Gimnazia, Licei or Starsha Serednia Shkola (upper secondary schools)

2. *Atestat* [Certificate of maturity]/*Diplom Technika* [Junior Specialist] from a *Technikum* [Vocational Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Technikum (vocational secondary school)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificate of Incomplete General Secondary Education/Certificate of Basic General Secondary Education* [Lower Secondary Certificate] from an *Osnowna Serednia Shkola* [Lower Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALES

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Good	B	3
Satisfactory	C	2
Unsatisfactory	F	0

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5-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2
2	F	0

12-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
10-12	A	4
7-9	B	3
4-6	C	2
1-3	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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United Arab Emirates

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-May
What is year nine called?	Year 3, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Arabic
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Tawjihiyya* [Secondary School Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Secondary Technical School Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Secondary Agricultural School Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Secondary Commercial School Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Intermediate Certificate*

GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
80 - 100	A	4
70 - 79	B	3
50 - 69	C	2
40 - 49	D	1
0 - 39	F	0

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United Kingdom (England and Wales)

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form three, key stage three, year nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
Varies (11, 12 or 13)	*See document-specific timelines below.*

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This section is divided into three "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of high school graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. *General Certificate of Secondary Education* (GCSE) [Must pass **five** or more GCSE examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. *International General Certificate of Secondary Education* (IGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more IGCSE examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

3. *Level 1/Level 2 Certificates* [Must pass **five** or more Level 1/2 certificate examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

4. *General Certificate of Education* (GCE) Ordinary Level (O-level) examinations [Must pass **five** or more O-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

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5. *General National Vocational Qualifications* (GNVQ or NVQ) Intermediate Level (Level 2)

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

6. *International General Certificate of Secondary Education* (IGCSE) Core Examinations [Must pass **five** or more IGCSE core examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Cambridge Issuing Body
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all tier two acceptable forms of proof of high school graduation is upon successful on-time completion of year 12. Earning a Tier Two-acceptable form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **one year** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. *General Certificate of Education*, Advanced Subsidiary Level (GCE) AS-level examinations [Must pass **two** or more AS-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. International Advanced Subsidiary Level (AS-level) Examinations, Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations (OCR) Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary Levels [Must pass **two** or more AS-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

3. Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations (OCR) *Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Oxford/Cambridge
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

4. Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations (OCR) *Level 3 National Technical Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Oxford/Cambridge
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

5. One Advanced Subsidiary (AS-level) examination and one Advanced (A-level) examination pass in **two** differing subjects (i.e., one AS-level in physics and one A-level in history)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

6. *UAL Level 3 Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	UAL
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

7. *Level 3 Diploma* in Business and Management

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Awards for Training and Higher Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

8. *NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 year timeline (four years or eight semesters from start of year 9)
Issuing Body	NCFE CACHE
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

9. *ATHE Level 3 Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years total
Issuing Body	ATHE
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

10. *Cambridge Technical* (CTEC) *Level 3 Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years total
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

11. *AQA Level 3 Certificate* in Mathematical Studies

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years total (four years or 8 semesters from initial enrollment in year nine) when combined with any other acceptable exam-based Tier Two credential (e.g., two of the above-named credentials, or one of the above-named credentials and one AS-level examination credential).

12. *Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Certificate* in Mathematics in Context

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years total (four years or 8 semesters from initial enrollment in year nine) when combined with any other acceptable exam-based Tier Two credential (e.g., two of the above-named credentials, or one of the above-named credentials and one AS-level examination credential).

13. *OCR Level 3 Certificate* in Core Maths A

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years total (four years or 8 semesters from initial enrollment in year nine) when combined with any other acceptable exam-based Tier Two credential (e.g., two of the above-named credentials, or one of the above-named credentials and one AS-level examination credential).

14. *OCR Level 3 Certificate* in Core Maths B credentials

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years total (four years or 8 semesters from initial enrollment in year nine) when combined with any other acceptable exam-based Tier Two credential (e.g., two of the above-named credentials, or one of the above-named credentials and one AS-level examination credential).

15. *OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years total (four years or 8 semesters from initial enrollment in year nine) when combined with any other acceptable exam-based Tier Two credential (e.g., two of the above-named credentials, or one of the above-named credentials and one AS-level examination credential).

16. *OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years total (four years or 8 semesters from initial enrollment in year nine)

Tier Three

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Three-acceptable forms of proof of high school graduation is upon successful on-time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Three-acceptable form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **one year** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier Two document, or **two years** beyond the on-time completion of a Tier One document.

1. *General Certificate of Education, Advanced Level* (GCE A-level) examinations, Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations (OCR) Level 3 Advanced Level [Must pass **two** or more A-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. International Advanced Level (A-level) examinations [Must pass **two** or more A-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

3. *General National Vocational Qualification* (GNVQ or NVQ) Advanced Level (Level 3)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

4. Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations (OCR) *Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Oxford/Cambridge
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

5. *Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations* (OCR) *Level 3 National Technical Extended Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Oxford/Cambridge
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

6. *Cambridge Pre-University Diploma [Pre-U Diploma]*

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

7. *Pre-U Certificate* in Principle Subject [Must pass **two** or more separate Pre-U Principle subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Cambridge
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

8. *NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma* in Sport and Activity

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	NCFE
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

9. *UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	UAL
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

10. *VTCT Level 3 Extended Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Vocational Training Charitable Trust (VTCT)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

11. *BTEC Level 3 Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Pearson/Edexcel
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

12. *BTEC Level 3 National Diploma* in Sport

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Pearson/Edexcel
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

13. *BTEC International Level 3 Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Pearson/Edexcel
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

14. *BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Pearson/Edexcel
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

15. *BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma* in Sport

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Pearson/Edexcel
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

16. *BTEC Level 3 International Extended Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Pearson/Edexcel
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

17. *NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 year timeline (five years or 10 semesters from start of year 9)
Issuing Body	NCFE CACHE
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

18. T-Levels

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 year timeline (five years or 10 semesters from start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Varies
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

19. Cambridge Technical (CTEC) *Level 3 Extended Diploma*

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years total
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. GCSE Short Course Examinations

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards
Document Type	Certificate

2. *BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate* in Sport
3. *BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma* in Sport
4. *BTEC* (All BTEC documents at Level 2 and below)
5. *BTEC First Certificate*
6. *BTEC First Diploma*
7. *BTEC Foundation Diploma*
8. *BTEC Introductory Certificate*
9. *BTEC Introductory Diploma*
10. *BTEC Level 3 90 Credit Diploma*
11. *BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma*
12. *BTEC International Level 3 Certificate*
13. *BTEC International Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma*
14. *BTEC International Level 3 Foundation Diploma*
15. *Cambridge Pre-university Certificate (Pre-U Certificate)*
16. *City and Guilds Level 3 Diploma*
17. *Colleges of Further Education*
18. *National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) Foundation Level*
19. *Pitman Qualifications*
20. *Vocational Certificate of Education (VCE)*
21. *BTEC International Level 3 Certificate*
22. *BTEC International Level 3 Subsidary Diploma*

GRADING SCALES

For school transcripts in years nine through 11 (form three through form five), if alpha grades are present, apply the GCSE grading scale. For year 12, if alpha grades are present, apply the AS Level grading scale. For year 13, if alpha grades are present, apply the A-level grading scale.

GCSE		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
7, 8, 9	A	4
5, 6	B	3
4	C	2
1, 2, 3	F	0
U	F	0

GCSE					
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	F	D	1
C	B	3	G	D	1
D	C	2	Ungraded	F	0

GCE: Ordinary Level (O-Level) Examinations			
Grade	*Numeric Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	1	A	4
B	2	B	3
C	3	C	2
D	4	D	1
E	5	D	1
F, G, H	-	F	0

Advanced Level (AS-Level, OCR Level 3 AS/A Level and A-Level/A2 Level) Examinations					
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*	*Grade*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4	E	C	2
B	B	3	N, O	F	0
C	B	3	U		
D	C	2			

Advanced Level (Modular Scheme) Examinations		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
1	A	4
2	B	3
3	C	2 (lowest passing grade)

Business and Technology Education Council/BTEC and Cambridge Pre-University Diploma		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Distinction	A	4
Merit	B	3
Pass	C	2 (lowest passing grade)

Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) – Alpha Scale		
Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
F	D	1
G	D	1
Ungraded	F	0

CREDITING SECTION

BTEC CREDITS	
Units	*Units Certified*
10	1.0
5	0.5

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
Business Communication (BTEC Level-3 course only)	Methods in Mathematics	Anatomy for Sport and Exercise (BTEC Level-3 course only)	Business Communication (BTEC Level-3 course only)	Philosophy
Communications		Anatomy and Physiology (BTEC Level 3 National Diploma or Level 3 National Extended Diploma course only)	Citizenship (earned 2010 and after)	Religious Studies B
English as a Second Language (Cambridge/Pearson/ Edexcel examination only)		Body in Action (BTEC Level-3 course only)	Citizenship, Diversity and the Public (BTEC Level-3 course only)	Philosophy & Ethics
		Environmental Management	Classical Civilization	

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
		Environmental Science & Environmental Management (BTEC Level-3 course only)	Communication and Culture	
		Human Physiology (BTEC Level-3 course only)	Global Perspectives	
		Principles of Anatomy and Physiology in Sport (BTEC Level-3 course only)	Humanities	
		Sport and Exercise Physiology (BTEC Level-3 course Only)	Modern Studies	
			Psychology for Sports Performance (BTEC Level-3 course only)	
			Sport and Exercise Psychology (BTEC Level-3 course only)	
			World Development	
			Business and/or Business Studies (AS- or A-Level)	

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:
  - Applications in Mathematics.
  - Current Issues in Sport.
  - Environmental Education and Sustainability for Outdoor Adventurous Activities.
  - Film Studies.
  - General Studies.
  - Human Health and Physiology.
  - ICT (Information and Communication Technology).
  - Media Studies.
  - Professional Development in Sports Industry.
  - Religious Studies.
  - Research Methods in Sport.
  - Sports Psychology.
  - Not approved BTEC Level-3 courses:.
  - Physiology of Fitness.
  - Scientific Principles Module.
  - Social Aspects of Sport.
  - Social Principals of Sport.
  - Sport and Society.

» Only BTEC coursework listed on a Level 3 document and included on the approved course list (above) can be considered for use in an academic certification. Those not listed as either approved or not approved will not be pursued by academic certification.

» Although most credentials in the United Kingdom are exam-based, the BTEC path of study is transcript-based. Courses taken at Level 3 are eligible for use in the certification (use the list of approved/not approved courses in the BTEC path of study for reference). Identical courses taken as part of multiple BTEC credentials (ie., *BTEC Level 3 Diploma* and *BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma*) are considered duplicative with one another.

» "Attainment" or "Achievement" grades issued will be considered, if present. If not present, "Current Working Grade" or "Current Grade" may be used if present. If not present, "Predicted Grade" may be considered. If no comparable terminology is present, a task may be assigned for clarification for format clarification.

» If (I)GCSE exam results are used in the certification and the student earns a "double award" in a subject, it can be awareded double credit for the course/exam title.

» **Click here** for the welcome email students receive with additional information on documents to submit for this country.

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Uruguay

Background	
Academic Calendar	March-November
What is year nine called?	Year 3, year 9, *ano 3*
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Spanish
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Bachillerato/Bachiller* [Graduation Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Bachillerato Tecnico* [Technical Secondary School Graduation Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
11 – 12	A	4
8 – 10	A	4
5 – 7	B	3
3 – 4	C	2
1 – 2	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Sobresaliente	Outstanding	A	4
Bueno	Good	A	4
Aprobado	Average	B	3
Deficiente	Deficient	C	2
Fracaso	Fail	F	0

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Uzbekistan

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Uzbek
Graduation Timeline	
4 + 5 + 3 = 12	12 years total: four years primary, five years lower secondary, three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Attestat O'rta Ma'lumot To'g'risida Shahodtnoma* [Certificate of Completed Upper Secondary Education] (*Attestat o Srednem Obrazovanni* in Russian)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Diplom o Srednem Obrazovanii* [Diploma of Vocational Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. *Diplom from an uchilishche* [Diploma from a Specialized Vocational School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

4. *Akademik Litsey Diplomi* [Diploma of Academic Lyceum]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2
2	F	0

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Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excellent	A	4
Good	B	3
Satisfactory	C	2
Unsatisfactory	F	0

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Venezuela

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-July
What is year nine called?	*Ano o grado 3°*, year 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of secondary school
Native Language(s)	Spanish
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 5 = 11	11 years total: six years basic education and five years secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bachiller* [Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

2. *Titulo de Educacion Media General en Ciencias* [Title of Upper Secondary Education in Science]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

3. *Tecnico Medio* [Technical Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificado de Educacion Basica* [Certificate of Basic Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificado de Educacion Secundaria* [Certificate of Lower Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
16-20	A	4
13-15	B	3
10-12	C	2
1-9	F	0

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Excelente	Excellent	A	4
Bueno	Good	B	3
Satisfactorio	Satisfactory	C	2
Deficiente	Fail	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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Vietnam

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-May
What is year nine called?	Year four (4), year nine (9)
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Vietnamese
Graduation Timeline	
5 + 4 + 3 = 12	12 years total: five years primary, four years lower secondary, three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bang Tot Nghiep Pho Thong* [Diploma of Completion of Secondary School] (Upper)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Bang Tot Nghiep Trung Hoc Chuyen Nghiep* [Diploma of Completion of Technical Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Ky Thi Tuyen Vao Cap II* [Selective Entrance Examination for Basic Education Level 2]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Ky Thi Tuyen Vao Cap III* [Selective Entrance Examination for Basic Education Level 3]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Bang Tot Nghiep Pho Thong Co So/Bang Trung Hoc Co So* [Diploma of Completion of Secondary School] (Lower)

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. Completion of Basic General Education, Level 1 or Level 2
5. Completion of Primary School

Expected Timeline of Completion	5 years

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GRADING SCALES

Grade	*Translation*	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
Gioi	Excellent	A	4
Kha	Good	B	3
Trung binh	Average, Fair	C	2
Kem	Poor	F	0

10-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
9-10	A	4
7-8.9	B	3
5-6.9	C	2
0-4.9	F	0

40-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
36-40	A	4
28-35	B	3
20-27	C	2
0-19	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Course Title Usage guide**.
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Yemen

Background	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of intermediate school
Native Language(s)	Arabic
Graduation Timeline	
9 + 3 = 12	12 years total: nine years of intermediate school, three years secondary school

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. شهادة الثانوية العامة *Al Thanawiya* [General Secondary Education Certificate] Secondary School Final Examination Result

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Republic of Yemen, Ministry of Education

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Intermediate School Certificate/Preparatory School Final Examination Result/*Al Shahada Al Mutawassita*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Certificate of Vocational Training*

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 or 12 years (three of four years or six or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	*U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year*
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
90-100	A	4
80-89	B	3
60-79	C	2
50-59	D	1
0-49	F	0

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Zambia

Background	
Academic Calendar	January-December
What is year nine called?	Year nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
7 + 2 + 3 = 12	12 years total: seven years primary, two years lower secondary, three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *General Certificate of Education* (GCE) [ECZ School Certificate Examination]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Examinations Council of Zambia

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Junior Secondary School Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

GRADING SCALE

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2

Grade	*U.S. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
E	C	2
F	F	0
O	F	0

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Zimbabwe

Background	
Academic Calendar	January-December
What is year nine called?	Form II, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Second year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
7 + 4 = 11 with an optional +2 = 13	11 or 13 years total: seven years primary, four or six years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This section is divided into two "tiers." All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. *Zimbabwe Certificate of Secondary Education* (CSE) [Must pass **five** or more CSE examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

2. *General Certificate of Education* (GCE) at Ordinary Level (O-level) [Must pass **five** or more GCE-O level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Zimbabwe School Examinations Council (ZIMSEC)

3. *Cambridge Overseas School Certificate* [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Two forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Two form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **two years** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. *Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education* (GCE) at Advanced Level (A-level) [Must pass **two** or more GCE-A level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

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2. *Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education* (ACSE) [Must pass **two** or more ACSE-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Grade 7 Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Awarded Upon the Completion of Year (Grade) 7

2. *Zimbabwe Junior Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Awarded Upon the Completion of Year (Grade) 9

3. *National Foundation Certificate*
4. *City and Guilds of London Institute Craft Qualifications*.

GRADING SCALE

Grade	*Numeric Grade*	*U.s. Grade Equivalent*	*Quality Points*
A	2-1	A	4
B	4-3	B	3
C	6-5	C	2
D, E	8-7	D	1
Ungraded	9	F	0

*A grade of an "O" indicates that the candidate sat for but did not pass the "Advanced" (A-level) subject.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	*Math*	*Science*	*Social Science*	*Additional Courses*
			Heritage Studies	

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