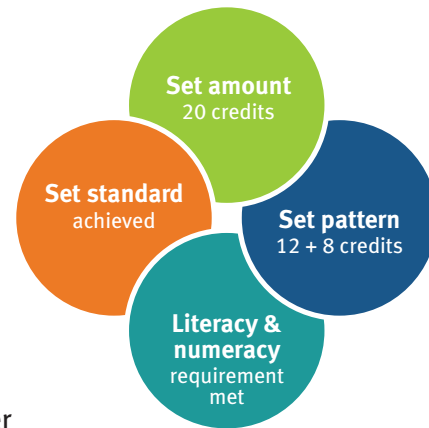


## About the QCE

The Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) is Queensland's senior secondary schooling qualification. It is internationally recognised and provides evidence of senior schooling achievements.

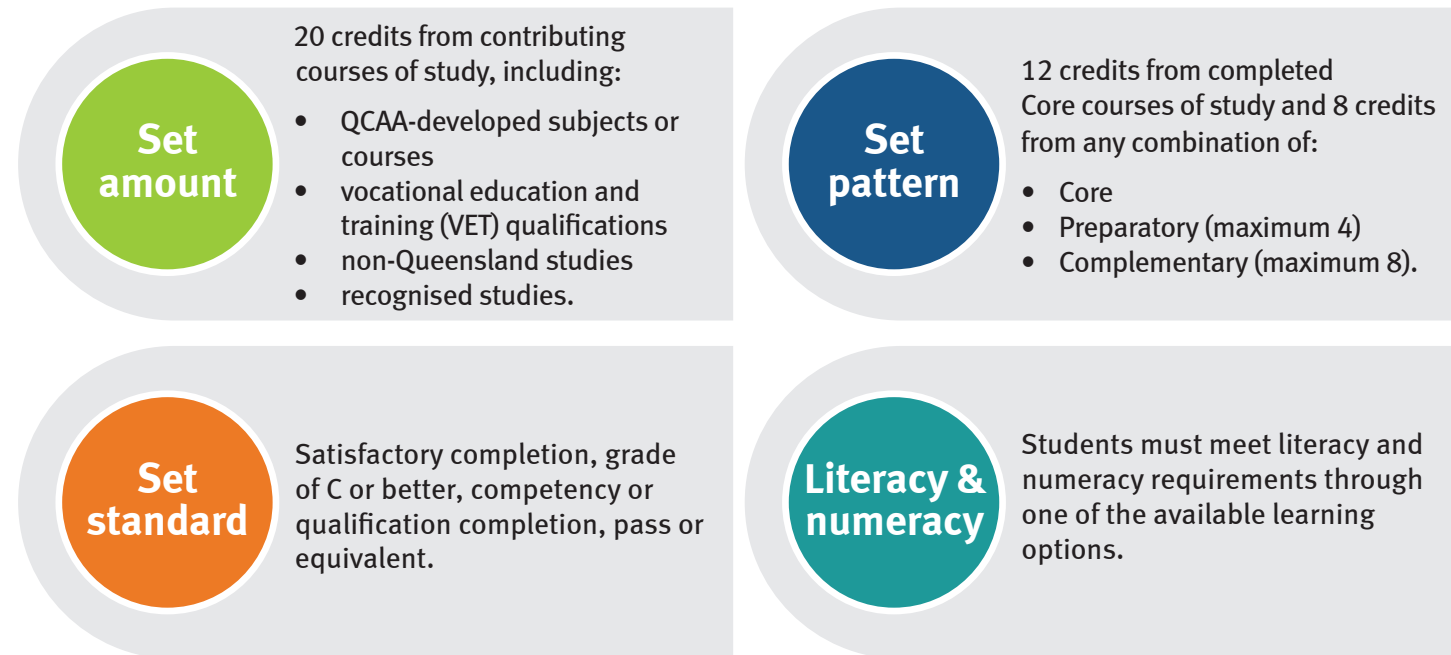
The flexibility of the QCE means that students can choose from a wide range of learning options to suit their interests and career goals. Most students will plan their QCE pathway in Year 10 when choosing senior courses of study. Their school will help them develop their individual plan and a QCAA learning account will be opened.

To receive a QCE, students must achieve the set amount of learning, at the set standard, in a set pattern, while meeting literacy and numeracy requirements. The QCE is issued to eligible students when they meet all the requirements, either at the completion of Year 12, or after they have left school.



## QCE requirements

As well as meeting the below requirements, students must have an open learning account before starting the QCE, and accrue a minimum of one credit from a Core course of study while enrolled at a Queensland school.



## More information

For more information about the QCE requirements, see the following factsheets, which are available on the QCAA website at [www.qcaa.qld.edu.au](http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au):

- QCE credit and duplication of learning
- QCE credit: completed Core requirement
- QCE literacy and numeracy requirement.



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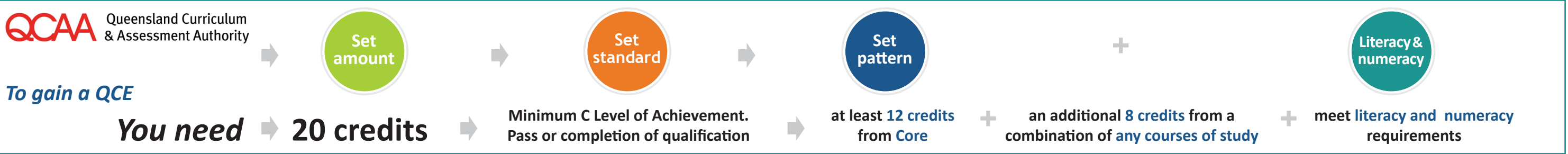
# 2025 Senior Secondary Pathway Selection QCE Guide



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Planning your pathway to a QCE



Learning Pathways and QCE contributions

Set pattern

To meet the set pattern requirement for a QCE, at least 12 credits must be accrued from completed Core courses of study. The remaining 8 credits may accrue from a combination of Core, Preparatory or Complementary courses of study.

Core: At least 12 credits must come from completed Core courses of study.

COURSE	SET STANDARD	QCE CREDITS PER COURSE
General or Applied Subjects	At least a C Level of Achievement	up to 4
VET Certificate II qualifications	Certificate awarded	up to 4
VET Certificate III and IV qualifications (includes traineeships)	Certificate awarded	up to 8
School-based apprenticeships	Certificate III competencies demonstrated On-the-job component completed	up to 6

Preparatory: A maximum of 4 credits can come from Preparatory courses of study.

VET Certificate I qualifications	Certificate awarded	up to 3
QCAA Short Course in Literacy		
QCAA Short Course in Numeracy		
	Maximum of 2 qualifications can count	up to 1

Complementary: A maximum of 8 credits can come from Complementary courses of study.

Diploma qualifications	up to 8
University subjects	up to 8

Literacy & numeracy

To meet the literacy and numeracy requirement for the QCE, a student must achieve the set standard in one of the literacy learning options and one of the numeracy learning options:

Literacy

At least a C Level of Achievement in one semester of either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li><li>Essential English</li></ul>
At least a C Level of Achievement in the QCAA Short Course in Literacy
At least a C Level of Achievement in a Senior External Examination in a QCAA English subject

Numeracy

At least a C Level of Achievement in one semester of either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>General Mathematics</li><li>Mathematical Methods</li><li>Specialist Mathematics</li><li>Essential Mathematics</li></ul>
At least a C Level of Achievement in the QCAA Short Course in Numeracy
At least a C Level of Achievement in a Senior External Examination in a QCAA Mathematics subject

Please complete the following

1. Identify Pathway ☐ ATAR Pathway ☐ Future Skills Pathway ☐ QCIA Pathway

Career Goal

Personal Pathway Preferences

Please note, subject prerequisites must be met.

EMPLOYMENT		TERTIARY STUDY	
<input type="checkbox"/> Future Skills Pathway – Applied Subjects and VET		<input type="checkbox"/> ATAR – General Subjects	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Queensland Certificate of Education			
YEARS 11 & 12	English or Essential English General Mathematics or Essential Mathematics Aquatic Practices Furnishing Skills Sport and Recreation Hospitality Practices Industrial Graphics Skills Science in Practice Social & Community Studies Sport and Recreation Visual Arts in Practice	Certificate III in Business Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care Certificate III in Fitness Certificate II in Manufacturing Technology Certificate III Sport and Recreation Diploma of Business	Ancient History Biology Business Chemistry Design Drama Economics Engineering English English Literature Film, TV & New Media Health
			Japanese Legal Studies Marine Science General Mathematics Mathematical Methods Specialist Mathematics Modern History Music Music Extension (Year 12) Physical Education Physics Psychology Visual Art Future Skills Pathway Option
	School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship TAFE Offerings or approved RTO Offerings ATAR General Subject Options		
	University Pathways <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>University of the Sunshine Coast Guaranteed Entry</li></ul> Upon successful completion of: USC Tertiary Preparation Program (TPP) or two (2) USC Headstart programs or USC Early Offer Guarantee.		

Details about all subjects and prerequisites can be found on the College website.

QCE Points Calculation

Literacy/Numeracy	School-based Apprenticeship/ Traineeship Certificate	TOTAL QCE POINTS
____ pts	____ pts	Minimum 20
Subject Preference	Other	
Subjects:	____ pts	
____ pts		
____ pts		
____ pts		
____ pts		

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Please Note: Successful completion of a General or Applied subject (minimum C grade at exit) will contribute four (4) points — one (1) point per unit for Units 1 and 2, and two (2) points for the combination of Units 3 and 4.