

Australia (by state/territory)

Australian Capital Territory

Educational Timeline

- School year: February to December; Graduation occurs in December
- Primary school is six years followed by four years of lower secondary school followed by two years of upper secondary school

Group A: Documents That Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Students presenting documents other than those listed below will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis

ACT (Australian Capital Territory) Senior Secondary Certificate

-Must be accompanied by ACT (Australian Capital Territory) Record of Achievement

ACT (Australian Capital Territory) Year 12 Certificate

-Must be accompanied by ACT (Australian Capital Territory) Record of Achievement

Group B: Documents That Do Not Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Comparable to less than completion of US high school

Year 10 Certificate

Transcripts from Junior Secondary School

ACT tertiary entrance certificate alone does not meet HS graduation nor is it used to calculate GPA

GPA Calculation

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by converting line-by-line all grades listed on the official ACT (Australian Capital Territory) Record of Achievement to US equivalents, then convert to quality points. All courses are weighted based on weight given on the certificate. "Major" courses are given 1 credit and courses labeled "Minor" are given .5 credits.

Grading Scale (may not be all inclusive)

Letter Grade	Description	Numeric Grade	US Grade	Quality Points	
A	Very High Standard of 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	lowest passing grade
E	Very Limited Standard of Achievement	1/0	F	0	
S	Status (transferred course)	-	-	-	

Class Ranking

Class rank is evaluated based on a letter written and submitted by the headmaster or principal of the institution from which the student graduated. The letter must confirm both the student's final position in the student's secondary school class and the total number of students in the graduating class (e.g. the student is 41st in a total graduating class of 112 students). Tertiary Entrance Statement or University Admission Index cannot be used to fulfill the class rank requirement.

Post-Secondary Education

Students will be charged terms of attendance and considered transfer students if they have enrolled as a regular student and attended one or more courses at any of the types of institutions listed below (may not be all inclusive) or any other institution that requires proof of high school graduation as a pre-requisite for admission (subject to review on a case-by-case basis).

University

College

Australian Defense Forces Academy

College or Institute of Advanced Education

Institute of Technology

Institute of Higher Education

Open Learning Australia (OLA)

TAFE Technical and Further Education college programs requiring completion of Year 12 for admission

New South Wales

Educational Timeline

School year: January to December; Graduation occurs in December

Primary school is seven years followed by three years of lower secondary school followed by two years of upper secondary school

Group A: Documents That Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Students presenting documents other than those listed below will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis

New South Wales Higher School Certificate (HSC)

-Must be accompanied by the New South Wales Record of Achievement

Group B: Documents That Do Not Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Comparable to less than completion of US high school

School Certificate

Record of Achievement (grades 9-10)

Record of Achievement (grade 11 and/or 12) without having been awarded the Higher School Certificate

GPA Calculation

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by converting line-by-line all grades from the "HSC Mark" column listed on the New South Wales Record of Achievement under "Board Developed Courses" to US equivalents, then convert to quality points. Divide quality points by the total number of courses attempted.

Grading Scale

May not be all inclusive

Numeric Grade	US Grade	Quality Points
90-100	A	4
70-89	B	3
50-69	C	2
30-49	D	1
0-29	F	0

Class Ranking

Class rank is evaluated based on a letter written and submitted by the headmaster or principal of the institution from which the student graduated. The letter must confirm both the student's final position in the student's secondary school class and the total number of students in the graduating class (e.g. the student is 41st in a total graduating class of 112 students). University Admissions Index (UAI) cannot be used to fulfill the class rank requirement.

Post-Secondary Education

Students will be charged terms of attendance and considered transfer students if they have enrolled as a regular student and attended one or more courses at any of the types of institutions listed below (may not be all inclusive) or any other institution that requires proof of high school graduation as a pre-requisite for admission (subject to review on a case-by-case basis).

University

College

Australian Defense Forces Academy

College or Institute of Advanced Education

Institute of Technology

Institute of Higher Education

Open Learning Australia (OLA)

TAFE Technical and Further Education college programs requiring completion of Year 12 for admission

Northern Territory

Educational Timeline

- School year: January to December; Graduation occurs in December
- Primary school is eight years followed by two years of lower secondary school followed by two years of upper secondary school

Group A: Documents That Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Students presenting documents other than those listed below will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis

Northern Territory Certificate of Education (NTCE)

-Must be accompanied by the Northern Territory Record of Achievement

Group B: Documents That Do Not Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Comparable to less than completion of US high school

Junior Secondary Studies Certificate

GPA Calculation

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by converting line-by-line all "Stage 2" grades listed on the Northern Territory Record of Achievement to US equivalents, then convert to quality points. Divide quality points by the total number of courses attempted.

Grading Scale

May not be all inclusive

Grade	Numeric Grade	US Grade	Quality Points
A	20	A	4
A	17-19	A	4
B	14-16	B	3
C	11-13	C	2
D	8-10	D	1 lowest passing grade
E	0-7	F	0

Class Ranking

Class rank is evaluated based on a letter written and submitted by the headmaster or principal of the institution from which the student graduated. The letter must confirm both the student's final position in the student's secondary school class and the total number of students in the graduating class (e.g. the student is 41st in a total graduating class of 112 students). University Aggregate cannot be used to fulfill the class rank requirement.

Post-Secondary Education

Students will be charged terms of attendance and considered transfer students if they have enrolled as a regular student and attended one or more courses at any of the types of institutions listed below (may not be all inclusive) or any other institution that requires proof of high school graduation as a pre-requisite for admission (subject to review on a case-by-case basis).

University

College

Australian Defense Forces Academy

College or Institute of Advanced Education

Institute of Technology

Institute of Higher Education

Open Learning Australia (OLA)

TAFE Technical and Further Education college programs requiring completion of Year 12 for admission

Queensland

Educational Timeline

- School year: January to December; Graduation occurs in December
- Primary school is eight years followed by two years of lower secondary school followed by two years of upper secondary school

Group A: Documents That Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Students presenting documents other than those listed below will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis

Queensland Senior Certificate

Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)

-Must be accompanied by the Queensland Senior Statement

Group B: Documents That Do Not Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Comparable to less than completion of US high school

Junior Certificate

Year 10 Certificate

Exit Statement

Year 12 Certificate of Graduation issued by schools

Tertiary Entrance Statement alone does not constitute HS graduation and is not used in HS GPA

GPA Calculation

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by converting line-by-line all "Authority Subjects" grades listed under "Level of Achievement" on the Senior Certificate or Senior Statement to US equivalents, then convert to quality points. All courses are weighted based on credit or "number of units" provided on the credential.

Grading Scale

May not be all inclusive

Letter Grade	Description	Numeric Grade	US Grade	Quality Points
A	Very High Achievement	5	A	4
B	High Achievement	4	B	3
C	Sound Achievement	3	C	2
D	Limited Achievement	2	D	1
E	Very Low Achievement	1/0	F	0

Class Ranking

Class rank is evaluated based on a letter written and submitted by the headmaster or principal of the institution from which the student graduated. The letter must confirm both the student’s final position in the student’s secondary school class and the total number of students in the graduating class (e.g. the student is 41st in a total graduating class of 112 students). Overall Position (OP) or Tertiary Entrance Statement cannot be used to fulfill the class rank requirement.

Post-Secondary Education

Students will be charged terms of attendance and considered transfer students if they have enrolled as a regular student and attended one or more courses at any of the types of institutions listed below (may not be all inclusive) or any other institution that requires proof of high school graduation as a pre-requisite for admission (subject to review on a case-by-case basis).

University

College

Australian Defense Forces Academy

College or Institute of Advanced Education

Institute of Technology

Institute of Higher Education

Open Learning Australia (OLA)

TAFE Technical and Further Education college programs requiring completion of Year 12 for admission

South Australia

Educational Timeline

- School year: January to December; Graduation occurs in December
- Primary school is eight years followed by two years of lower secondary school followed by two years of upper secondary education

Group A: Documents That Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Students presenting documents other than those listed below will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis

South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE)

-Must be accompanied by the South Australian Certificate of Education Record of Achievement

Group B: Documents That Do Not Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Comparable to less than completion of US high school

Exit Statement

Year 12 Certificate of Graduation issued by schools

Tertiary Entrance Statement alone does not constitute HS graduation and is not used in HS GPA

GPA Calculation

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by converting line-by-line all “Stage 1” and “Stage 2” grades listed under “Result” on the SACE Record of Achievement to US equivalents, then convert to quality points. Divide quality points by the total number of courses attempted. All courses are weighted based on the “Credit Value” provided on the credential.

Grading Scale

May not be all inclusive

Letter Grade	Description	Numeric Grade	US Grade	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	lowest passing grade
D	Marginal Achievement	8-10	D	1	
E	Low Achievement	3-7	F	0	
	Requirement Not Met (RNM)	0-2	F	0	

Class Ranking

Class rank is evaluated based on a letter written and submitted by the headmaster or principal of the institution from which the student graduated. The letter must confirm both the student's final position in the student's secondary school class and the total number of students in the graduating class (e.g. the student is 41st in a total graduating class of 112 students). Tertiary Entrance Rank cannot be used to fulfill the class rank requirement.

Post-Secondary Education

Students will be charged terms of attendance and considered transfer students if they have enrolled as a regular student and attended one or more courses at any of the types of institutions listed below (may not be all inclusive) or any other institution that requires proof of high school graduation as a pre-requisite for admission (subject to review on a case-by-case basis).

University

College

Australian Defense Forces Academy

College or Institute of Advanced Education

Institute of Technology

Institute of Higher Education

Open Learning Australia (OLA)

TAFE Technical and Further Education college programs requiring completion of Year 12 for admission

Tasmania

Educational Timeline

- School year: February to December; Graduation occurs in December
- Primary school is seven years followed by three years of lower secondary school followed by two years of upper secondary school

Group A: Documents That Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Students presenting documents other than those listed below will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis

Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE)

-Must be accompanied by the Tasmanian Qualifications Authority Statement of Results for all years of Senior Secondary School

Group B: Documents That Do Not Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Comparable to less than completion of US high school

Exit Statement

Year 12 Certificate of Graduation issued by schools

Tertiary Entrance Statement alone does not constitute HS graduation and is not used in HS GPA

GPA Calculation

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by converting line-by-line all grades listed under "Award" on the Tasmanian Qualifications Authority Statement of Results (for each year of Senior Secondary) to US equivalents, then convert to quality points. Divide quality points by courses attempted.

Grading Scale

May not be all inclusive

Grade	Description	US Grade	Quality Points	
EA	Exceptional Achievement	A	4	
HA	High Achievement	A	4	
CA	Commendable Achievement	B	3	
SA	Satisfactory Achievement	C	2	
PA	Very Low Achievement	D	1	
	Preliminary Achievement	D	1	lowest passing grade

Class Ranking

Class rank is evaluated based on a letter written and submitted by the headmaster or principal of the institution from which the student graduated. The letter must confirm both the student's final position in the student's secondary school class and the total number of students in the graduating class (e.g. the student is 41st in a total graduating class of 112 students). Tertiary Entrance Score or Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) cannot be used to fulfill the class rank requirement.

Post-Secondary Education

Students will be charged terms of attendance and considered transfer students if they have enrolled as a regular student and attended one or more courses at any of the types of institutions listed below (may not be all inclusive) or any other institution that requires proof of high school graduation as a pre-requisite for admission (subject to review on a case-by-case basis).

University

College

Australian Defense Forces Academy

College or Institute of Advanced Education

Institute of Technology

Institute of Higher Education

Open Learning Australia (OLA)

TAFE Technical and Further Education college programs requiring completion of Year 12 for admission

Victoria

Educational Timeline

- School year: January to December; Graduation occurs in December
- Primary school is seven years followed by three years of lower secondary school followed by two years of upper secondary school

Group A: Documents That Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Students presenting documents other than those listed below will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis

Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)

- Must be accompanied by the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) Statement of Results

Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) Senior Level

- Must be accompanied by the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) Statement of Results

Group B: Documents That Do Not Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Comparable to less than completion of US high school

School-issued Year 12 Certificate of Graduation

Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) Foundation Level

Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) Intermediate Level

Equivalent National Tertiary Entrance Rank (ENTER) alone does not constitute HS graduation and is not used in HS GPA

GPA Calculation

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by converting line-by-line all letter grades with a "unit" of "3/4" listed on the VCE Statement of Results to US equivalents (including all grades listed under heading "1", "2", and "3", then convert to quality points. All grades are weighted equally in the GPA calculation. Divide quality points by the total number of letter grades attempted.

Grading Scale (may not be all inclusive)

Grade	US Grade	Quality Points	
A	A	4	
B	B	3	
C	B	3	
D	C	2	
E	D	1	lowest passing grade
F, G, H, N, UG	F	0	

Class Ranking

Class rank is evaluated based on a letter written and submitted by the headmaster or principal of the institution from which the student graduated. The letter must confirm both the student's final position in the student's secondary school class and the total number of students in the graduating class (e.g. the student is 41st in a total graduating class of 112 students). Equivalent National Tertiary Entrance Rank (ENTER) cannot be used to fulfill the class rank requirement.

Post-Secondary Education

Students will be charged terms of attendance and considered transfer students if they have enrolled as a regular student and attended one or more courses at any of the types of institutions listed below (may not be all inclusive) or any other institution that requires proof of high school graduation as a pre-requisite for admission (subject to review on a case-by-case basis).

University

College

Australian Defense Forces Academy

College or Institute of Advanced Education

Institute of Technology

Institute of Higher Education

Open Learning Australia (OLA)

TAFE Technical and Further Education college programs requiring completion of Year 12 for admission

Western Australia

Educational Timeline

- School year: January to December; Graduation occurs in December
- Primary school is eight years followed by two years of lower secondary school followed by two years of upper secondary school

Group A: Documents That Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Students presenting documents other than those listed below will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis

Western Australia Certificate of Education (WACE)

-Must be accompanied by the Western Australia Certificate of Education (WACE) Statement of Results

Group B: Documents That Do Not Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Comparable to less than completion of US high school

Certificate of Lower Secondary Studies

Technical and Further Education/TAFE programs requiring less than completion of Grade 12 for admission (including pre-employment or trade programs)

GPA Calculation

Prior to December 2010:

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by converting line-by-line all grades listed on the Curriculum Council statement of Results under both headings "School achievement in subjects" (course codes start with a "D" or "E") and "School achievement in course units" to US equivalents, then convert to quality points. Divide quality points by the total number of courses attempted.

After December 2010:

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by converting line-by-line all grades listed on the Curriculum Council statement of Results under "School achievement in units" to US equivalents, then convert to quality points. Divide quality points by the total number of courses attempted.

Grading Scale

May not be all inclusive

Letter Grade	Description	Numeric Grade	US Grade	Quality Points
A	Excellent Achievement	5	A	4
B	High Achievement	4	B	3
C	Sound Achievement	3	C	2
D	Limited Achievement	2	D	1 lowest passing grade
E	Inadequate Achievement	0	F	0

Class Ranking

Class rank is evaluated based on a letter written and submitted by the headmaster or principal of the institution from which the student graduated. The letter must confirm both the student's final position in the student's secondary school class and the total number of students in the graduating class (e.g. the student is 41st in a total graduating class of 112 students). Tertiary Entrance Score or Tertiary Entrance Rank cannot be used to fulfill the class rank requirement.

Post-Secondary Education

Students will be charged terms of attendance and considered transfer students if they have enrolled as a regular student and attended one or more courses at any of the types of institutions listed below (may not be all inclusive) or any other institution that requires proof of high school graduation as a pre-requisite for admission (subject to review on a case-by-case basis).

University

College

Australian Defense Forces Academy

College or Institute of Advanced Education

Institute of Technology

Institute of Higher Education

Open Learning Australia (OLA)

TAFE Technical and Further Education college programs requiring completion of Grade 12 for admission

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