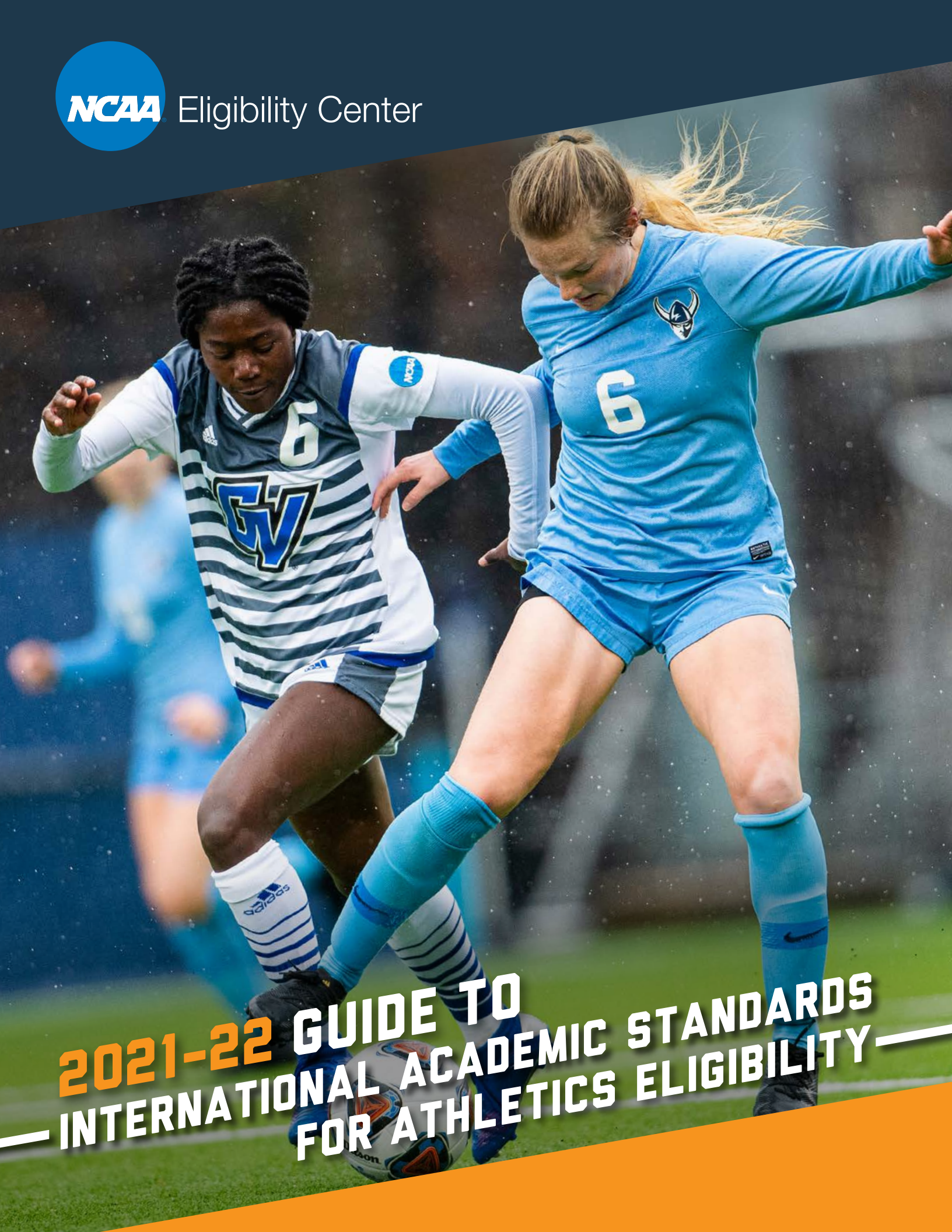




Eligibility Center



2021-22 GUIDE TO
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC STANDARDS
FOR ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY



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The National Collegiate Athletic Association is a membership-driven organization dedicated to safeguarding student-athlete well-being and equipping them with the skills to succeed on the playing field, in the classroom and throughout life.

We support learning through sports by integrating athletics and higher education to enrich the college experience of student-athletes and making college sports a pathway to opportunity. More than 1,100 NCAA members – mostly colleges and universities, but also conferences and affiliated groups – work together to create a framework of rules for fair and safe competition. Those rules are administered by NCAA national office staff, which also organizes national championships and provides other resources to support student-athletes and the schools they attend.

Our diverse membership includes schools with student bodies that range from hundreds of students to tens of thousands. The three-division structure creates a fair playing field for like-minded schools and provides student-athletes with a wide spectrum of opportunities to participate in 90 championship events.

College and university presidents and chancellors guide each division, supported by an extensive committee structure guided by athletics administrators, faculty and student-athlete representatives. Each division creates its own rules that follow the overarching principles of the NCAA.

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INTRODUCTION

Authority

As set forth in the NCAA Divisions 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 member institutions representing both Divisions I and II schools. The current NCAA International Student Records Committee members are as follows:

- Meghan Miller, Fairfield University, chair.
- Brittany E. Henson, Palm Beach Atlantic University, co-chair
- Josh Daume, Arkansas State.
- Ricco Righetti, Lake Superior State University.
- Ruth Lopez, University of North Florida.
- Greg Gilbert, University of Findlay.

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 Divisions 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., NARIC), 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 institution may request reconsideration of a previous decision (staff or committee) based on new and relevant information. The staff has discretion to determine whether the institution's submission meets the threshold. If so, staff will re-open 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](https://www.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 NCAA 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:

- English translations must be provided by a person not related to or associated with the student or the athletics department at the institution the college-bound student-athlete plans to attend.
- The English translator must provide a letter, including any appropriate stamps or seals, explaining his or her 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.
- It is recommended that English translations be performed by a college or university instructor of the language or a professionally certified English translator.
- English translations must accompany the original documents written in the native language.
- English translations not in accordance with the above 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 number are indicated clearly on each submitted item. Please note: The NCAA cannot return submitted documents.

Direct upload to student's NCAA Eligibility Center account (available only to NCAA member universities and colleges).

- 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 number 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 as .pdf 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.

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Overnight/Express Mailing Address:
NCAA Eligibility Center
International Certification Processing
1802 Alonzo Watford Sr. Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46202

For Additional Assistance:

NCAA Eligibility Center Customer Service:

Phone number (international callers):
317-917-6222

Toll-free phone number (U.S. callers and
Canada, except Quebec): 877-262-1492

Customer Service Hours:

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time

Monday through Friday

Fax number: 317-968-5100

[NCAA Eligibility Center International Contact Form](#)

Helpful Information

Note: 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 Divisions 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 Divisions 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 prospective student-athlete 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 a 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 *International Guide*. In addition, you may receive academic credentials not included in this *International Guide*. Member institutions 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 *International Guide* 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: physical and natural 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, natural/physical 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.

Resources

- [Course Title Usage Guide](#)
- [Determination of Credit](#)

Test Score Information

NCAA Division I:

Division I uses a sliding scale to match SAT/ACT scores and core-course grade-point averages to determine eligibility. The [sliding scale](#) balances your test score with your GPA. If you have a low test score, you need a higher GPA to be eligible. If you have a low GPA, you need a higher test score to be eligible.

NCAA Division II:

If you enroll full-time at a Division II school *after Aug. 1, 2018*, you must meet all academic requirements and earn an SAT or ACT score matching your core-course GPA on the Division II sliding scale to be eligible to compete. The [sliding scale](#) balances your test score with your GPA. If you have a low test score, you need a higher GPA to be eligible. If you have a low GPA, you need a higher test score to be eligible.



The following charts reflect the required GPA and test scores for DI school eligibility:

| DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE | | |
|--------------------------------------------|------|----------|
| Core GPA | SAT* | ACT Sum* |
| 3.550 | 400 | 37 |
| 3.525 | 410 | 38 |
| 3.500 | 430 | 39 |
| 3.475 | 440 | 40 |
| 3.450 | 460 | 41 |
| 3.425 | 470 | 41 |
| 3.400 | 490 | 42 |
| 3.375 | 500 | 42 |
| 3.350 | 520 | 43 |
| 3.325 | 530 | 44 |
| 3.300 | 550 | 44 |
| 3.275 | 560 | 45 |
| 3.250 | 580 | 46 |
| 3.225 | 590 | 46 |
| 3.200 | 600 | 47 |
| 3.175 | 620 | 47 |
| 3.150 | 630 | 48 |
| 3.125 | 650 | 49 |
| 3.100 | 660 | 49 |
| 3.075 | 680 | 50 |
| 3.050 | 690 | 50 |
| 3.025 | 710 | 51 |
| 3.000 | 720 | 52 |
| 2.975 | 730 | 52 |
| 2.950 | 740 | 53 |
| 2.925 | 750 | 53 |
| 2.900 | 750 | 54 |
| 2.875 | 760 | 55 |
| 2.850 | 770 | 56 |
| 2.825 | 780 | 56 |
| 2.800 | 790 | 57 |
| 2.775 | 800 | 58 |

| DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE | | |
|--------------------------------------------|------|----------|
| Core GPA | SAT* | ACT Sum* |
| 2.750 | 810 | 59 |
| 2.725 | 820 | 60 |
| 2.700 | 830 | 61 |
| 2.675 | 840 | 61 |
| 2.650 | 850 | 62 |
| 2.625 | 860 | 63 |
| 2.600 | 860 | 64 |
| 2.575 | 870 | 65 |
| 2.550 | 880 | 66 |
| 2.525 | 890 | 67 |
| 2.500 | 900 | 68 |
| 2.475 | 910 | 69 |
| 2.450 | 920 | 70 |
| 2.425 | 930 | 70 |
| 2.400 | 940 | 71 |
| 2.375 | 950 | 72 |
| 2.350 | 960 | 73 |
| 2.325 | 970 | 74 |
| 2.300 | 980 | 75 |
| 2.299 | 990 | 76 |
| 2.275 | 990 | 76 |
| 2.250 | 1000 | 77 |
| 2.225 | 1010 | 78 |
| 2.200 | 1020 | 79 |
| 2.175 | 1030 | 80 |
| 2.150 | 1040 | 81 |
| 2.125 | 1050 | 82 |
| 2.100 | 1060 | 83 |
| 2.075 | 1070 | 84 |
| 2.050 | 1080 | 85 |
| 2.025 | 1090 | 86 |
| 2.000 | 1100 | 86 |

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*Final concordance research between the new SAT and ACT is ongoing.



The following charts reflect the required GPA and test scores for DII school eligibility:

| DIVISION II FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------|------------|
| Core GPA | SAT* | ACT Sum* |
| 3.300 & above | 400 | 37 |
| 3.275 | 410 | 38 |
| 3.250 | 430 | 39 |
| 3.225 | 440 | 40 |
| 3.200 | 460 | 41 |
| 3.175 | 470 | 41 |
| 3.150 | 490 | 42 |
| 3.125 | 500 | 42 |
| 3.100 | 520 | 43 |
| 3.075 | 530 | 44 |
| 3.050 | 550 | 44 |
| 3.025 | 560 | 45 |
| 3.000 | 580 | 46 |
| 2.975 | 590 | 46 |
| 2.950 | 600 | 47 |
| 2.925 | 620 | 47 |
| 2.900 | 630 | 48 |
| 2.875 | 650 | 49 |
| 2.850 | 660 | 49 |
| 2.825 | 680 | 50 |
| 2.800 | 690 | 50 |
| 2.775 | 710 | 51 |
| 2.750 | 720 | 52 |
| 2.725 | 730 | 52 |
| 2.700 | 740 | 53 |
| 2.675 | 750 | 53 |
| 2.650 | 750 | 54 |
| 2.625 | 760 | 55 |
| 2.600 | 770 | 56 |
| 2.575 | 780 | 56 |
| 2.550 | 790 | 57 |
| 2.525 | 800 | 58 |
| 2.500 | 810 | 59 |
| 2.475 | 820 | 60 |
| 2.450 | 830 | 61 |
| 2.425 | 840 | 61 |
| 2.400 | 850 | 62 |
| 2.375 | 860 | 63 |
| 2.350 | 860 | 64 |
| 2.325 | 870 | 65 |
| 2.300 | 880 | 66 |
| 2.275 | 890 | 67 |
| 2.250 | 900 | 68 |
| 2.225 | 910 | 69 |
| 2.200 | 920 | 70 & above |

| DIVISION II PARTIAL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------|------------|
| Core GPA | SAT* | ACT Sum* |
| 3.050 & above | 400 | 37 |
| 3.025 | 410 | 38 |
| 3.000 | 430 | 39 |
| 2.975 | 440 | 40 |
| 2.950 | 460 | 41 |
| 2.925 | 470 | 41 |
| 2.900 | 490 | 42 |
| 2.875 | 500 | 42 |
| 2.850 | 520 | 43 |
| 2.825 | 530 | 44 |
| 2.800 | 550 | 44 |
| 2.775 | 560 | 45 |
| 2.750 | 580 | 46 |
| 2.725 | 590 | 46 |
| 2.700 | 600 | 47 |
| 2.675 | 620 | 47 |
| 2.650 | 630 | 48 |
| 2.625 | 650 | 49 |
| 2.600 | 660 | 49 |
| 2.575 | 680 | 50 |
| 2.550 | 690 | 50 |
| 2.525 | 710 | 51 |
| 2.500 | 720 | 52 |
| 2.475 | 730 | 52 |
| 2.450 | 740 | 53 |
| 2.425 | 750 | 53 |
| 2.400 | 750 | 54 |
| 2.375 | 760 | 55 |
| 2.350 | 770 | 56 |
| 2.325 | 780 | 56 |
| 2.300 | 790 | 57 |
| 2.275 | 800 | 58 |
| 2.250 | 810 | 59 |
| 2.225 | 820 | 60 |
| 2.200 | 830 | 61 |
| 2.175 | 840 | 61 |
| 2.150 | 850 | 62 |
| 2.125 | 860 | 63 |
| 2.100 | 860 | 64 |
| 2.075 | 870 | 65 |
| 2.050 | 880 | 66 |
| 2.025 | 890 | 67 |
| 2.000 | 900 | 68 & above |

*Final concordance research between the new SAT and ACT is ongoing.



Other Test Information

- When registering for either test, prospective student-athletes should use the code 9999 to send their scores directly to the NCAA.
- All qualifying SAT and ACT tests must be taken in English.
- The Test of Standard Written English (TSWE) and the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) cannot be used as a substitute for the SAT or ACT.
- If a student took the SAT before March 2016 and then took the redesigned SAT at a later date, the NCAA Eligibility Center will not combine scores from the old and redesigned SAT when assessing the student's initial eligibility. The NCAA Eligibility Center will only combine section scores from the same version of the test. Because the redesigned SAT varies in design and measures different academic concepts than the old SAT (before March 2016), a numerical score on the old test may not be equivalent to the same numerical score on the redesigned test.



Alphabetical Listing of Countries

| | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Afghanistan | Benin | Chile |
| Albania | Bermuda | China, People's Republic of |
| Algeria | Bolivia | Colombia |
| Andorra | Bonair | Congo (Democratic Republic of) |
| Angola | Bosnia-Herzegovina | Congo (Republic of) |
| Anguilla | Botswana | Costa Rica |
| Antigua and Barbuda | Brazil | Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) |
| Argentina | British Virgin Islands | Croatia |
| Armenia | Bulgaria | Cuba |
| Aruba | Burkina Faso | Curacao |
| Australia | Burundi | Cyprus |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Australia Capitol TerritoryNew South WalesNorthern TerritoryQueenslandSouth AustraliaTasmaniaVictoriaWestern Australia | Cameroon | Czech Republic |
| Austria | Canada | Denmark |
| Azerbaijan | <ul style="list-style-type: none">AlbertaBritish ColumbiaManitobaNew BrunswickNewfoundland and LabradorNorthwest TerritoriesNova ScotiaNunavutOntarioPrince Edward IslandQuebecSaskatchewanYukon Territory | Djibouti |
| Bahamas | Cape Verde | Dominica |
| Bahrain | Cayman Islands | Dominican Republic |
| Bangladesh | Central African Republic | Ecuador |
| Barbados | Chad | Egypt |
| Belarus | | El Salvador |
| Belgium | | England (see 'United Kingdom') |
| Belize | | Eritrea |
| | | Estonia |
| | | Ethiopia |
| | | European Baccalaureate |



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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Fiji | Jamaica | Montserrat |
| Finland | Japan | Morocco |
| France | Jordan | Mozambique |
| Gabon | Kazakhstan | Myanmar |
| Gambia | Kenya | Namibia |
| Georgia | Korea, Republic of (South Korea) | Nepal |
| Germany | Kosovo | Netherlands |
| Ghana | Kuwait | New Zealand |
| Greece | Kyrgyzstan | Nicaragua |
| Grenada | Latvia | Niger |
| Guatemala | Lebanon | Nigeria |
| Guinea (Guinea-Conakry) | Lesotho | Northern Ireland |
| Guyana | Liberia | Norway |
| Haiti | Liechtenstein | Pakistan |
| Honduras | Lithuania | Palestine |
| Hong Kong | Luxembourg | Panama |
| Hungary | Macau | Papua New Guinea |
| Iceland | Macedonia | Paraguay |
| India | Madagascar | Peru |
| Indonesia | Malawi | Philippines |
| International Baccalaureate | Malaysia | Poland |
| Iran | Mali | Portugal |
| Iraq | Malta | Qatar |
| Ireland | Mexico | Romania |
| Israel | Moldova | Russian Federation |
| Italy | Monaco | Rwanda |
| Ivory Coast (see 'Cote D'Ivoire') | Montenegro | |



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|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Saba Island | Sri Lanka | Tunisia |
| Samoa | St. Kitts and Nevis | Turkey |
| Saudi Arabia | St. Lucia | Turkmenistan |
| Scotland | St. Vincent and the Grenadines | Turks and Caicos Islands |
| Senegal | Sudan (Republic of) | Uganda |
| Serbia | Suriname | Ukraine |
| Seychelles | Swaziland | United Arab Emirates |
| Sierra Leone | Sweden | United Kingdom (England and Wales) |
| Singapore | Switzerland | Uruguay |
| Sint Eustatius | Syria | Uzbekistan |
| Sint Maarten | Taiwan | Venezuela |
| Slovakia | Tajikistan | Vietnam |
| Slovenia | Tanzania | Wales (<i>see United Kingdom</i>) |
| Somalia | Thailand | Yemen |
| South Africa, Republic of | Togo | Zambia |
| South Korea (<i>see Korea, Republic of</i>) | Tonga | Zimbabwe |
| Spain | Trinidad and Tobago | |



Guide Updates

For all content updates prior to April 2016, please see the 2015-16 version of the *International Guide*.

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 (Australia Capital Territory)—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—Course title added.
- Chile—Course title added.
- Germany—Graduation timeline updated.
- International Baccalaureat—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:

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

January 2019:

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

October 2018:

- Anguilla—Timeline updated
- Australia (Western Australia)—Course title added
- Australia (New South Wales)—Course title added
- Australia (Australia Capital Territory)—Document title update and grading scale update
- Australia (South 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
- The United Kingdom (England and Wales)—New grading scale for GCSEs
- The United Kingdom (England and Wales)—New credentials added

October 2016:

- Afghanistan—New country profile added
- China, The People's Republic of—Crediting policy update
- South Africa, Republic of—Crediting policy update

April 2016:

- Australia (Australian Capital Territory)—Document name updated
- Belize—Grading scale update

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. تخنیکي او حرفوي ټانوی تعلیماتو بری لیک/شهادتنامه دوره ټانوی تعلیمات حرفوی و تخنیکي [Technical and Vocational Training Baccalauria]

| | |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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2. اسلامی د ټانوی تعلیماتو د ټانوی دوری بری لیک/شهادتنامه دوره ټانوی تعلیمات اسلامی [Islamic Studies Grade 12 Graduation Certificate]

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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3. د ټانوی تعلیماتو بری لیک/شهادتنامه دوره ټانوی [Grade 12 Graduation Certificate] (also known as Baccalauria/Baccalaureate Certificate)

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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. Certificate of completion of middle school/religious middle school studies

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|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 9 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 |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 90-100 | A | 4 |
| 80-89 | B | 3 |
| 55-79 | C | 2 |
| 40-54 | D | 1 |
| 0-39 | F (Failure) | 0 |

References:

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Albania

Background:

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|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year 9 called? | <i>Klasen nëntë, class 9</i> |
| Where is year 9 typically located? | <i>First year of upper secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Albanian</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $4 + 4 + 4 = 12$ or $4 + 4 + 5 = 13$ | <i>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</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Dëftesë Pjekurie [Certificate of Maturity]

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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2. Dëftesë e përfundimit dhe Certifikatë e adhtësive 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]

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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. Dëftese Lirimi

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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2. Title of Punëtor I Kualifikuar from a shkolle e ulte profesionale

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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3. Arsimim Profesional Bazë në Nivelin 1

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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4. Arsimim Profesional në Nivelin 2

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 |

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Algeria

Background:

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

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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 | Fairly Good | B | 3 |
| Passable | Satisfactory | C | 2 |
| Ajourne | Failed, Adjourned | F | 0 |

References:

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Andorra

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

Nontiered:

1. Títol 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 1

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 2

1. Títol de Batxiller Professional or Qualificació 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 | 10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
| Issuing Body | Lower Secondary School |
| First Available Date of Issue (Typical) | June/July |



Grading Scale:

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 |

References:

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Angola

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

2. 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) |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

3. 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) |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

4. Technico Medio [Middle Level Technician]

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

Grading Scale:

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

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Anguilla

Background:

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

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. Each tier 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 examination 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 exam boards |
| First Available Date of Issue (typical) | August |

3. General Certificate of Education (GCE) (must pass **five** or more examination 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 exam 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 exam 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 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 (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. 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 |

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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| I | A | 4 |
| II | B | 3 |
| III | C | 2 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A | A | 4 |
| B | B | 3 |
| C | B | 3 |
| D | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| E | C | 2 |
| F, G | D | 1 |
| H or Ungraded | F | 0 |

IGCSE

| 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, G | D | 1 |
| Ungraded | F | 0 |

AICE

For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) courses

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| I | A | 4 |
| II | B | 3 |
| III | C | 2 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| IV | D | 1 |
| V | D | 1 |
| 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Communication Studies – approved as an “English/native language” core course.
 - Caribbean Studies – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Environmental Science – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Human and Social Biology – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Religious Education – approved as an “additional” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.

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Antigua & Barbuda

Background:

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

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. Each tier 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 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 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 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 exam 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 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 exam 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 1 | 0.25 |

Grading Scales:

For school transcripts in year 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 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A | A | 4 |
| B | B | 3 |
| C | B | 3 |
| D | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| E | C | 2 |
| F, G | D | 1 |
| H or Ungraded | F | 0 |

IGCSE

| 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, 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Communication Studies – approved as an “English/native language” core course.
 - Caribbean Studies – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Environmental Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Human and Social Biology – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Religious Education – approved as an “additional” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.

References:

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Argentina

Background:

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

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 Especializado [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) |
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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

Grading Scales:

Descriptor Scale

| 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 or provide a letter on school letterhead confirming this. 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 6 minimum pass scale will be used by default. If grades of 4 or 5 are issued, a task may be assigned for clarification.

References:

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Armenia

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- Mijnakarg Krtutyen Attestat [Certificate of Complete Secondary Education]

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

- Hasunutian Vkaikakan [Certificate of Maturity]

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

- Krtser Masnaget [Junior Specialist] of middle professional education

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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:

- Himnakan yndhanur krtutyen [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 |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 5 | A | 4 |
| 4 | B | 3 |
| 3 | C | 2 |
| 2 | D | 0 |
| 1 | F | 0 |

5-point Scale

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Excellent | A | 4 |
| Good | B | 3 |
| Satisfactory | C | 2 |
| Unsatisfactory | D | 0 |
| Total Unsatisfactory | F | 0 |



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 |

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Aruba

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 |

| 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 |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Uitmundend | Excellent | A | 4 |
| Zeer Goed | Very Good | A | 4 |
| Goed | Good | A | 4 |
| Ruim Voldoende | Amplly 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 |

References:

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Australian Capital Territory (Australia)

Background:

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

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 |

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 | Status (Indicates Transfer) | - | - | - |

Important Information:

- The following are less commonly known course titles that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Financial Modeling and Trigonometry – approved as a “mathematics” core course.
 - Math Applications (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved as a “mathematics” core course.
 - Health and Wellbeing (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved as a social science core course.
 - Sociology of Health and Medicine – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Religious Studies (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved as an “additional” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.
 - Physical Education.
 - Exercise Science.
 - Outdoor and Environmental Education.
 - Sports Development.
 - Essential Mathematics.

In Australia Capital Territory, grades of “R” and “S” are indicators that credit has been transferred from another territory/school. When a grade of “R” or “S” is earned, no grade will be awarded using that transcript. A transcript from the issuing school would be required for possible inclusion in the academic certification.

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.

References:

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New South Wales (Australia)

Background:

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

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 |

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

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|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 |

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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - General Mathematics – approved as a “mathematics” core course.
 - Mathematics – approved as a “mathematics” core course.
 - Math Extension 1 and 2 – approved as a “mathematics” core course.
 - Investigating Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Science Extension – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Aboriginal Studies (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved as “social science” core course.
 - Legal Studies (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved as “social science” core course.
 - Studies of Religion (taken in years 11 and 12)– approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Religion (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Malay Background Speakers (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved as an “additional” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** 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.

References:

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Northern Territory (Australia)

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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:

- Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

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|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine) |
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Crediting Policies:

Credit will be awarded as follows:

| Subject Area | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Semester |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| All Core Areas | .5 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 |

Important Information:

- The following are less commonly known course titles that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Legal Studies (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved as a “social science” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.
 - Physical Education.

Most recent country audit/update: October 2019



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.

References:

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Queensland (Australia)

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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 Studies Authority |
| First Available Date of Issue (typical) | December |

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

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

- 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 |



Important Information:

- The following are less commonly known course titles that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Forensic Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Humanities (taken in years nine and 10) – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Investigative Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Legal Studies – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Marine Studies (may be listed as “Marine Science”) - approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - General Mathematics (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved as a “mathematics” core course.
 - Math B and C – approved as a “mathematics” core course.
 - Mathematic Methods (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved as a “mathematics” core course.
 - Religion and Ethics (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved as “social science” or “additional” core course.
 - Specialist Mathematics (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved as a “mathematics” core course.
 - Science at Home – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Science of Survival – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Studies (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Studies of Society and Environment (SOCE or SOSE) – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Study of Religion (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved as a “social science” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** 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.

References:

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South Australia (Australia)

Background:

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

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 |



Important Information:

- The following are less commonly known course titles that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - English Pathways – approved for use as an “English/Native Language” course.
 - General Maths – approved for use as a “mathematics” course.
 - Math Applications – approved for use as a “mathematics” course.
 - Mathematical Methods (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved for use as a “mathematics” course.
 - Specialist Mathematics (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved for use as a “mathematics” course.
 - Legal Studies (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved for use as a “social science” course.
 - Ancient Studies (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved for use as a “social science” course.
 - Religion (taken in year 11) – approved for use as a “social science” course.
 - Studies in Religion – approved for use as an “additional” course.
 - Religion Studies – approved for use as an “additional” course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.
 - Design and Technology.
 - Essential Mathematics.
 - Personal Learning Project.
 - 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.

References:

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Tasmania (Australia)

Background:

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

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

| 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Applied Math – approved as a “mathematics” core course.
 - Math Bridge – approved as a “mathematics” core course.
 - General Mathematics (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved as a “mathematics” core course.
 - Maths Methods Foundations (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved as a “mathematics” core course.
 - Life Science (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Physical Science Foundation (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Intro to Sociology and Psychology (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Legal Studies Foundation (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Religious Education Strand 3 (taken in years nine and 10) – approved as an “additional” core course.
 - Religion and Philosophy Strand 3 (taken in years nine and 10) – approved as an “additional” core course.
 - Studies in Religion (taken in year 12 only) – approved as an “additional” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.
 - Housing and Design.
 - Object Design.
 - Physical Education.
 - Sport Science.

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.

References:

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Victoria (Australia)

Background:

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

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 |

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 | 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Further Math – approved as a “mathematics” core course.
 - General Mathematics (*taken in years 11 and 12*) – approved as a “mathematics” core course.
 - Legal Studies (*taken in years 11 and 12*) – approved as a social science core course.
 - Math Methods – approved as a “mathematics” core course.
 - International Perspectives – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Religion and Society – approved as an “additional” core course.
 - Specialist Math – approved as a “mathematics” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.
 - Foundations of Math.
 - Health and Human Development.
 - 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.

References:

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Western Australia (Australia)

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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:

- 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:

- The following are less commonly known course titles that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - English General (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved for use as an “English” core course.
 - Mathematics Applications (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved for use as a “mathematics” core course.
 - Biology General (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved for use as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Human Biology General (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved for use as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Marine and Maritime Studies (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved for use as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Psychology General (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved for use as an “social science” core course.
 - Modern History General (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved for use as an “social science” core course.
 - International Perspectives – approved for use as a “social science” core course.
 - Philosophy and Ethics (taken in year 11) – approved for use as an “English/native language”, “social science” or “additional” core course.
 - Religion (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved for use as an “additional” core course.
 - Religion and Life (taken in years 11 and 12) – approved for use as an “additional” core course.
 - Study of Society and Environment (sometimes abbreviated as “SOSE”) – approved for use as a “social science” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.
 - Health Studies General.
 - Mathematics Essentials.
 - 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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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. Reifeprüfungszeugnis [Maturity Exam Certificate]

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

2. Zeugnis über die Berufsreifeprüfung/also Berufsreifeprüfungszeugnis [Vocational Maturity Certificate]

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

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

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

4. Abschlussprüfungszeugnis 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. Studienberechtigungsprüfung 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) |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Abschlusszeugnis (completion certificate) from a Berufsschule (vocational) or Polytechnische Schuke (pre-vocational)

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 |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Sehr Gut | Very Good | A | 4 |
| Gut | Good | B | 3 |
| Befriedigend | Satisfactory | B | 3 |
| Genugend | Sufficient | C | 2 |
| Nicht Genugend | Insufficient | F | 0 |

References:

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Azerbaijan

Background:

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

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 |



References:

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Bahamas

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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 |

- 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 |

- 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:

- Bahamas Junior Certificate

| | |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | End of year nine |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|

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:

- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.

References:

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Bahrain

Background:

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

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 |

References:

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Bangladesh

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC)

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

- 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:

- Certificate in Education from a primary training institute.
- 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) |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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

References:

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Barbados

Background:

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

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. Each tier 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 |

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:

3. 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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) Examination

| 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, G | D | 1 |
| H or Ungraded | F | 0 |

IGCSE

| 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, G | D | 1 |
| Ungraded | F | 0 |

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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Communication Studies – approved as an “English/native language” core course.
 - Caribbean Studies – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Environmental Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Human and Social Biology – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Religious Education – approved as an “additional” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.

References:

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Belarus

Background:

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

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 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 4-6 | C | 2 |
| 0-3 | F | 0 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Excellent | A | 4 |
| Good | B | 3 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Satisfactory | C | 2 |
| Unsatisfactory | F | 0 |

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Belgium

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year nine</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of upper secondary</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>French, Flemish, German</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 2 + 4 = 12$ or $6 + 6 = 12$ or $6 + 2 + 5 = 13$ | <i>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</i> |

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 Secundair 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) |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Attestation d'Orientation [Orientation Certificate]
2. Oriënteringattest [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. Getuigschrift Van de Tweede Graad Van Het Secundair Onderwijs
8. Certificat d'enseignement Secondaire du Deuxieme Degre
9. Certificat de Qualification de Sixième Année 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Humanities – approved as "social science" core course.
 - Science and Technology – approved as a "natural/physical science" core course.

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Most recent country audit/update: June 2018

Belize

Background:

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

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. Each tier 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)

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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| I | A | 4 |
| II | B | 3 |
| III | C | 2 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 |



Important Information:

- The following are less commonly known course titles that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Communication Studies – approved as an “English/native language” core course.
 - Caribbean Studies – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Environmental Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Human and Social Biology – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Religious Education – approved as an “additional” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.

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Benin

Background:

| Academic Calendar | October-July |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | Quatrieme, 4 ^{eme} |
| 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:

- 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) |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|

- Baccalauréat de Technicien [Technical Baccalaureate]

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

- 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) |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

- 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:

- 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) |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|

- Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle (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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 1 | 0.25 |

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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - SVT – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.

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Bermuda

Background:

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

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. Each tier 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 exam 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 exam 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 exam boards |
| 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 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.

- 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 exam boards |
| First Available Date of Issue (typical) | August |

- 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 exam 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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Bolivia

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>February-December</i> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 9, Tercero Grado, 1 Grado</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Spanish</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $8 + 2 + 2 = 12$ or $8 + 4 = 12$ or $6 + 6 = 12$ | <i>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</i> |

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 |



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/Insuficiente | 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/Insuficiente | 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 |

References:

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Bonair (Part of Netherland Antilles)

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>G3A, 9^{de} jaar, Klas/Klasse 3</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of upper secondary</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Dutch, English, Papiamentu</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 8 + 4 = 12 or 8 + 5 = 13 | <i>12 or 13 years total: eight years primary and four or five years upper secondary</i> |

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) |
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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) |
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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]
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 |

| 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 |

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Bosnia and Herzegovina

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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2. Svjedodzba o Završenom 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) |
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3. Diploma O Završenoj Gimnaziji [Diploma of completed high school]

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 Završenom Obrazovanju (II Stepen) [Certificate of final examination II level]
2. Svjedodzba o Završenom 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 |



Important Information:

- The following are less commonly known course titles that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Energetics – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.

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Botswana

Background:

| Academic Calendar | January-November |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | Year 9, Year 2 |
| Where is year nine typically located? | Second year of lower secondary school |
| Native Language(s) | English, Tswana |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 7 + 3 + 2 = 12 | 12 years total: seven years in primary, three years lower secondary and two years upper secondary |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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:

- 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) |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

Grading Scale:

| Grade | Numeric Grade | 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 |

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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 Profissional [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 Nivel 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) |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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 |
| 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 |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Excelente/Superior Superior | Higher Superior | A | 4 |
| Bom/Media Superior | Average Superior | B | 3 |
| Aceptable/Media Media | Average Average | C | 2 |
| Insuficiente/Media Inferior | Low Average | D | 1 |
| Deficiente/Inferior Inferior | Inferior/Fail | F | 0 |

Important Information:

- The following are less commonly known course titles that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Writing – approved as an “English/native language” core course.

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British Virgin Islands

Background:

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

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. Each tier 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 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 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 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 exam 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 exam 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| I | A | 4 |
| II | B | 3 |
| III | C | 2 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 |

Ordinary Level (O-Level) Examination

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A | A | 4 |
| B | B | 3 |
| C | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------|-----------------------|----------------|
| D | D | 1 |
| E | D | 1 |
| F, G, H | F | 0 |

Advanced Level (A-Level and AS-Level) Examination

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A | A | 4 |
| B | B | 3 |
| C | B | 3 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| D | C | 2 |
| E | C | 2 |
| O | F | 0 |



GCSE—Ordinary Level (O-Level) Examination

| 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, G | D | 1 |
| H or Ungraded | F | 0 |

IGCSE

| 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, 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Communication Studies – approved as an “English/native language” core course.
 - Caribbean Studies – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Environmental Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Human and Social Biology – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Religious Education – approved as an “additional” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.

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Bulgaria

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Diploma za Zavarsheno Sredno Obrazovanie [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 Poluvishsha Tehnicheska 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 |

| 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 |

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Burkina Faso

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Baccalauréat/Diplôme de Bachilier de 'Enseignement du Second Degré [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 Professionnelles/BEP [Certificate of Professional 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 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 Professionnelle (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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 (4eme) | 9 |
| Troisieme (3eme) | 10 |
| Deuxieme/Seconde (2eme/2nde) | 11 |

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

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Burundi

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Diplôme d'Etat [State Diploma Which 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] (*awarded after completion of year 10*)

| | |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 1 | 0.25 |

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 – 50 | 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 (4eme) | 9 |
| Troisieme (3eme) | 10 |
| Deuxieme/Seconde (2eme/2nde) | 11 |

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

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Cameroon

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

Francophone System:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Quatrieme, 4eme</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Third year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>French</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 4 + 3 = 13$ | <i>13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

Anglophone System:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Key Stage 3, KS3, Form Three</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Last year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| Varies | <i>11, 12 or 13 years</i> |

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]

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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) |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

7. Certificat d'Aptitude Pedagogique d'Instituteur de l'enseignement 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 <i>Anglophone system</i>). |
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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 | Two years from the initial start of year nine |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|

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

| | |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | Two years 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 |

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:

Francophone System:

Native language terms for years nine through 13:

| Native Language | School Year |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Quatrieme (4eme) | 9 |
| Troisieme (3eme) | 10 |
| Deuxieme/Seconde (2eme/2nde) | 11 |
| Premiere (1er/1ere) | 12 |
| Terminale (Ter) | 13 |

- The following are less commonly known course titles that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - TSQ – approved as an “English/native language” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Spelling.

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Alberta (Canada)

Background:

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

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) | June |

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) | June |

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) | June |

Crediting Policies:

| Grade Nine Core Course Credits | U.S. Equivalent Credit | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Language Arts/English 9 | 1.0 Unit | |
| All Other Core Courses | 0.75 Units | |

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

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:

The high school code for this Canadian province is listed below. Information regarding core-course list, grading scale and crediting can be found on the NCAA's [High School Portal](#) when the provincial code is entered.

| Province/Territory | Province Code |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Alberta | 998004 |

| Course Designation | Approved for Certification with Matching Course Title |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| S2 | Yes |
| S3 | Yes |
| S1 | No |

| 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 |

| Course Sequence | Approved for Certification with Matching Course Title |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 14 and 24 | No |
| 16, 26 and 36 | No |
| 10-4, 20-4 and 30-4 | No |
| 15, 25 and 35 | Reviewed on Case-by-Case Basis |

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British Columbia (Canada)

Background:

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

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 Credit |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| All Core Courses | 1 Unit |
| Grades 10-12 Core-Course Credits | U.S. Equivalent Credit |
| 4 Credits | 1 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:

The high school code for this Canadian province is listed below. Information regarding core course list, grading scale and crediting can be found on the NCAA's [High School Portal](#) when the provincial code is entered.

| Province/Territory | Province Code |
|--------------------|---------------|
| British Columbia | 998005 |

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 make your security question "What is my NCAA ID?" with your NCAA ID as the answer. This will allow Eligibility Center staff the ability to download the transcript to your account.

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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) |



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:

The high school code for this Canadian province is listed below. Information regarding core-course list, grading scale and crediting can be found on the NCAA's [High School Portal](#) when the provincial code is entered.

| Province/Territory | Province Code |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Manitoba | 998006 |

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 |

| Character | Grade Level |
|-----------|-------------|
| 3 | Grade 11 |
| 4 | Grade 12 |

Second Character in Course Code

| Character | Developing/Approving Body | Units of Credits |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 0 | Ministry of Education | 1.0 |
| 5 | Ministry of Education | 0.5 |
| 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 |



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New Brunswick (Canada)

Background:

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

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 |
| B | 73-85 | B | 3 |
| C | 60-72 | C | 2 |
| F | 0-59 | F | 0 |

Important Information:

The high school code for this Canadian province is listed below. Information regarding core-course list, grading scale and crediting can be found on the NCAA's [High School Portal](#) when the provincial code is entered.

| Province/Territory | Province Code |
|--------------------|---------------|
| New Brunswick | 998010 |

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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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 Unit |
| Mathematics 9 | 1 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 Unit |
| 1 Credit | 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 |

Important Information:

The high school code for this Canadian province is listed below. Information regarding core course list, grading scale and crediting can be found on the NCAA's [High School Portal](#) when the provincial code is entered.

| Province/Territory | Province Code |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 998007 |

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.

References:

See the "Multi-country References" section of this guide, located [here](#).

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Northwest Territories (Canada)

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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 |

- 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:

- 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 Credits |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Language Arts/English 9 | 1 Unit |
| Mathematics 9 | 1 Unit |
| All other core courses | 0.75 Units |

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| Grade 10-12 Core Course Credits | U.S. Equivalent Credits |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5 Credits | 1 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 |

Important Information:

The high school code for this Canadian province is listed below. Information regarding core course list, grading scale and crediting can be found on the NCAA's [High School Portal](#) when the provincial code is entered.

| Province/Territory | Province Code |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Northwest Territories | 998012 |

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 |

References:

See the "Multi-country References" section of this guide, located [here](#).

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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:

- 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 Credits |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| All Core Courses | 1 Unit |

| Grade 10-12 Core Course Credits | U.S. Equivalent Credits |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Credit | 1 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:

The high school code for this Canadian province is listed below. Information regarding core course list, grading scale and crediting can be found on the NCAA's [High School Portal](#) when the provincial code is entered.

| Province/Territory | Province Code |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Nova Scotia | 998009 |



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.

References:

See the “Multi-country References” section of this guide, located [here](#).

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Nunavut (Canada)

Background:

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

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 Unit |
| Mathematics | 1 Unit |
| All Other Core Courses | 0.75 Units |

| Grade 10-12 Core-Course Credits | U.S. Equivalent Credits |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5 Credits | 1 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 |



Important Information:

The high school code for this Canadian province is listed below. Information regarding core course list, grading scale and crediting can be found on the NCAA's [High School Portal](#) when the provincial code is entered.

| Province/Territory | Province Code |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Nunavut | 998013 |

References:

See the "Multi-country References" section of this guide, located [here](#).

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Ontario (Canada)

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Grade 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Varies</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English, French</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 8 + 4 = 12 | <i>12 years: Eight years primary and four years upper secondary</i> |

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 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 |

Important Information:

The high school codes for this Canadian province is listed below. Information regarding core course list, grading scale and crediting can be found on the NCAA's [High School Portal](#) when the provincial code is entered.

| Province/Territory | Province Code |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Ontario | 998003 |

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 a 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.*

References:

See the "Multi-country References" section of this guide, located [here](#).

A complete version of the NCAA "Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility" can be found [here](#).

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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 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 |

Important Information:

The high school code for this Canadian province is listed below. Information regarding core course list, grading scale and crediting can be found on the NCAA's [High School Portal](#) when the provincial code is entered.

| Province/Territory | Province Code |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Prince Edward Island | 998008 |



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 |
| 7 | Grade 10/11 |
| 8 | Grade 11/12 |

Second Digit in Course Code

| Digit | Level of Difficulty | Approved for Certification with Matching Course Title |
|-------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 | 1.0 |
| 2 | 1.0 |
| 3 | 1.0 |
| 4 | 1.0 |
| 5 | 0.50 |

References:

See the “Multi-country References” section of this guide, located [here](#).

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Quebec (Canada)

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | Secondary 3/Sec 3/Year 9 |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Varies</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>French</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| Varies | <i>Timelines vary.</i> |

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. Each tier 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 Professionnelle (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 |

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 |

**The document, above, if achieved, 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 |

**The document, above, if achieved, 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 |

**The document, above, if achieved, 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 |

**The document, above, if achieved, 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 Certificat 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:

| DES Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credits |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 6 Credits | 1 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:

| DES Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credits |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 2.25 Credits or more | 1 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 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:

The high school code for this Canadian province is listed below. Information regarding core-course list, grading scale and crediting can be found on the NCAA's High School Portal when the provincial code is entered.

| Province/Territory | Province Code |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Quebec | 998001 |

- 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 Relevé de Notes.

References:

See the “Multi-country References” section of this guide, located [here](#).

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Saskatchewan (Canada)

Background:

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

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 Credits |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| English 9 | 1 Unit |
| Mathematics 9 | 1 Unit |
| Mathematics 9 Plus | 1 Unit |
| French 9 | 1 Units |
| All other core courses | 0.75 Units |

| Grade 10-12 Core -Course Credits | U.S. Equivalent Credits |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Credit | 0.75 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 |

Important Information:

The high school code for this Canadian province is listed below. Information regarding core-course list, grading scale and crediting can be found on the NCAA's [High School Portal](#) when the provincial code is entered.

| Province/Territory | Province Code |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Saskatchewan | 998002 |

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.

References:

See the "Multi-country References" section of this guide, located [here](#).

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Yukon Territory (Canada)

Background:

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

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 Credits |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| All Core Courses | 1 Unit |

| Grade 10-12 Core-Course Credits | U.S. Equivalent Credits |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 4 Credits | 1 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:

The high school code for this Canadian province is listed below. Information regarding core-course list, grading scale and crediting can be found on the NCAA's [High School Portal](#) when the provincial code is entered.

| Province/Territory | Province Code |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Yukon Territory | 998011 |

Course Codes

Core courses must match the core-course list verbatim to be considered in the academic certification.

References:

See the "Multi-country References" section of this guide, located [here](#).

A complete version of the NCAA "Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility" can be found [here](#).

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Cape Verde (Cabo Verde)

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June/July</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>9°, 9 año</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of middle secondary education or third year of secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Portuguese</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 12$ | <i>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</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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:

- 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 |

Crediting Policies:

When specific course credits are not indicated on credentials, courses will be credited based upon the Carnegie unit system. If eight or more courses are studied in a year, then credit is awarded as follows:

| Subject Area | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| English, native language, math | 1 (0.5 credits per semester) |
| Natural/physical science, social science, additional | 0.5 (0.25 credits per semester) |

If seven or fewer courses are studied in a year, then all core courses receive one credit per year (0.5 credits per semester).



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 |

References:

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Cayman Islands

Background:

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

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. Each tier 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 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 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 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 exam 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** 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 exam 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| I | A | 4 |
| II | B | 3 |
| III | C | 2 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A | A | 4 |
| B | B | 3 |
| C | B | 3 |
| D | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| E | C | 2 |
| F, G | D | 1 |
| H or Ungraded | F | 0 |

IGCSE

| 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, 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Communication Studies – approved as an “English/native language” core course.
 - Caribbean Studies – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Environmental Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Human and Social Biology – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Religious Education – approved as an “additional” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.

References:

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Central African Republic

Background:

| Academic Calendar | October-July |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | Quatrieme, 4eme |
| Where is year nine typically located? | Third year of lower secondary school |
| Native Language(s) | French, Sango language |
| 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 Professionnelle/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) |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 (4eme) | 9 |
| Troisieme (3eme) | 10 |
| Deuxieme/Seconde (2eme/2nde) | 11 |
| Premiere (1er/1ere) | 12 |
| Terminale (Ter) | 13 |

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Chad

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>October-June</i> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Quatrieme, 4 eme</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Third year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>French, Arabic</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 4 + 3 = 13$ | <i>13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

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 Professionnelle (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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 (4eme) | 9 |
| Troisieme (3eme) | 10 |
| Deuxieme/Seconde (2eme/2nde) | 11 |
| Premiere (1er/1ere) | 12 |
| Terminale (Ter) | 13 |

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Chile

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>March-December</i> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Primer año de Enseñanza Media, First year, 1° media</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Spanish</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $8 + 2 + 2 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: eight years primary, two years lower secondary, two years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Philosophy and Psychology – approved as an “social science” core course.

References:

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China (People's Republic of China)

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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:

- 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) |

- 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:

- 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 |
| 0-59 | F | 0 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Excellence | A | 4 |
| Good | B | 3 |
| Average/Fair | C | 2 |
| Pass/Satisfactory | D | 1 |
| Unsatisfactory/Fail | 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.

References:

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Colombia

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>February-December</i> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 9 of 11, Noveno Grado</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of middle school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Spanish</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $5 + 4 + 2 = 11$ | <i>11 years total: five years primary school, four years middle school and two years secondary school</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- Bachillerato/Bachiller [Secondary School Diploma]

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

- 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:

- Certificado de Aptitud Profesional [Certificate of Professional Aptitude]
- Certificado de Equivalencia del Grado de Bachiller [Certificate of Equivalence to the Bachiller Diploma]
- Diploma de Experto [Diploma of Expert] from a secondary-level commercial, industrial or technical school
- 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 1 | 0.25 |

Grading Scales:

| Grade | Translation | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Excelente | Excellent | A | 4 |
| Bueno/Sobresaliente | Outstanding | B | 3 |
| Acceptable | Acceptable | C | 2 |
| Deficiente | Deficient | 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 |

References:

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Congo, Democratic Republic of the

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | October-June |
| What is year nine called? | 3eme, 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) |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 |

| 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 (satisfactory) | C | 2 |
| Fail | F | 0 |

Important Information:

Below is a chart of the typical school years commonly listed on a transcript in the native language, and which school years they correspond to.

| Native Language School Year Name | School Year | Location |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 3eme/Troisieme (3 rd) | 9 | Final year of Middle School/ Lower Secondary School |
| 4eme/Quatrieme (4 th) | 10 | First year of High School/ Upper Secondary School |
| 5eme/Cinquieme (5 th) | 11 | Second year of High school/ Upper Secondary School |
| 6eme/Sixieme (6 th) | 12 | Third year of High School/ Upper Secondary School |

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Congo, Republic of the

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>October-June</i> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Quatrieme, 4eme</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Third year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>French</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 6 + 4 + 3 = 13 or 6 + 4 + 4 = 14 | <i>13 or 14 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary, three or four years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Baccalauréat [Baccalaureate]

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| Expected Timeline of Completion | 13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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2. Certificat de Fin d'Études Secondaires [Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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3. Baccalauréat Technique [Technical Baccalaureate]

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| Expected Timeline of Completion | 13 or 14 years (five/six years or 10/12 semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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4. Brevet de Technicien [Technician Certificate]

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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. Brevet d'Études du Premier Cycle (BEPC) [certificate of lower secondary studies]

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 10 years (two years or four 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 | School Year |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Quatrieme (4eme) | 9 |
| Troisieme (3eme) | 10 |
| Deuxieme/Seconde (2eme/2nde) | 11 |
| Premiere (1er/1ere) | 12 |
| Terminale (Ter) | 13 |

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Costa Rica

Background:

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| Academic Calendar | <i>February-December</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Tercer Grado, Year 9, 9 ano</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Third/final Year of Basic Educatio, Lower Secondary School</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Spanish</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 2 = 11$ | <i>11 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and two years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Bachillerato/Bachiller [Secondary School Diploma]

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| Expected Timeline of Completion | 11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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2. Diploma de Conclusión de Estudios de Educación Diversificada [Diploma of Conclusion of Studies of Diversified Education]

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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3. Certificado de Conclusión de Estudios de Educación Media en a specialized area [Secondary School Certificate in a Specialized Area]

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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4. Técnico en el Nivel Medio [Mid-Level Technician]

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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. Certificado de Conclusión de Estudios de Educación General Básica [Certificate of Completion of General Basic Education Studies]

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

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 6.5-6.9 | D | 1 |
| 0-6.4 | F | 0 |

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Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September/October-June</i> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Quatrieme, 4eme</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Third year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>French</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 4 + 3 = 13$ | <i>13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Baccalaureat [Baccalaureate]

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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2. Diplome de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degre [Diploma of Bachelor of Secondary Education]

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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3. Baccalaureat Technique [Technical Baccalaureate]

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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4. Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle (CAP) [Certificate of Professional Competency]

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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. 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) |
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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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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:

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 (4eme) | 9 |
| Troisieme (3eme) | 10 |
| Deuxieme/Seconde (2eme/2nde) | 11 |
| Premiere (1er/1ere) | 12 |
| Terminale (Ter) | 13 |

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Croatia

Background:

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September/October-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>First time first class, first time first grade</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of upper secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Croatian</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 8 + 4 = 12 | <i>12 years total: eight years primary and four years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Svedodzba o Završnom Ospity [Certificate of Final Examination]

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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2. Svedodzba o Završnom 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) |
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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) |
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4. Svjedodzba o završnome radu [Diploma of Final Thesis]

| | |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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. Svjedodzba o Završenom Obrazovanju [Certificate of Completion of Education] two-year program from Industrijska/ Obrtnicka Skola (*Industrial/Craftsman School*)

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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2. Svjedodzba o Završenom Obrazovanju [Certificate of Completion of Education] three-year program from Industrijska/ Obrtnicka Skola (*Industrial/Craftsman School*)

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| 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Energetics – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - German with Correspondence – approved as an “additional” core course.
 - Technology and Ecology – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Thermodynamics – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.

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Cuba

Background:

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| Academic Calendar | <i>September-July</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Spanish</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 6 + 3 + 3 = 12 (Academic) or 6 + 3 + 4 = 13 (Vocational) | <i>12 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three or four years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Titulo de Bachiller/Bachillerato [Title of Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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2. Titulo de Tecnico Medio [Title of Intermediate-level Technician]

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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3. Titulo de Perito [Title of Non-technical Expert]

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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. Normal de Jardin de la Infancia [Kindergarten Teacher Certification]

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

Background:

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| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>G3A, 9^{de} jaar, Klas/Klasse 3</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of upper secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Dutch, English, Papiamentu</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $8 + 4 = 12$ or $8 + 5 = 13$ | <i>12 or 13 years total: eight years primary and four or five years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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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) |
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3. Diploma Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs (MBO) [Diploma of Middle Level Vocational Education] Levels 1-4
(i.e., MBO1, MBO2, MBO3 or MBO4)

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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. 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 |

| 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 |

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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 + 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

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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2. Pistopyitico Isodinamias [Equivalency Certificate]

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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3. Lise Diplomasi [Diploma]

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| Expected Timeline of Completion | 11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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4. Diplomasi [Diploma]

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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

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

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*.)

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Czech Republic

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September-May</i> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Třída IX, 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of primary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Czech</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 9 + 4 = 13 | <i>13 years total: nine years primary and four years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Vysvedceni o Maturitni Zkousce [Maturity Certificate]

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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. Vysvedceni [Report Card] from year nine of a Basic School [Completion of Lower Secondary Education]

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

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Denmark

Background:

| Academic Calendar | September-June |
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| 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]

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| 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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2. Bevis for Højere Forberedelseseksamen (HF) [Higher Preparatory Examination]

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| Expected Timeline of Completion | 11 years* (two years or four 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). |
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3. Højere Handelseksamen (HHX) [Higher Commercial Examination]

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| 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. Højere Teknisk Eksamen (HTX) [Higher Technical Examination]

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| 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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NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Afgangsbævis/Klassebævis [Leaving Certificate after grades nine or 10]

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| Expected Timeline of Completion | Nine or 10 years (one/two years or two/four semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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2. Afgangspæve/Klassepæve [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) |
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3. Højere Grunduddannelser [Basic Commercial or Technical/Vocational Course]

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|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | Nine or 10 years (one/two years or two/four semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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4. Landbrugsskole Grønt Bævis [Agricultural School Green Certificate]

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|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | Nine or 10 years (one/two years or two/four semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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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) |
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6. Social-og Sundheds Hjøelper [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) |
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7. Svendebævis [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) |
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8. Udvidede Afgangsbævis/Klassebævis from a Folkeskole [Lower Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

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|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | Nine or 10 years (one/two years or two/four semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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9. Udvidede Afgangspæve/Klassepæve [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) |
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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 |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 12 | A | 4 |
| 10 | B | 3 |
| 7 | B | 3 |
| 4 | C | 2 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 02 | D | 1 |
| 00 | F | 0 |
| -3 | F | 0 |

10-point Scale

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 13 | A | 4 |
| 11 | A | 4 |
| 10 | A | 4 |
| 9 | B | 3 |
| 8 | C | 2 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 7 | C | 2 |
| 6 | D | 1 |
| 5 | F | 0 |
| 3 | F | 0 |
| 0 | F | 0 |



Important Information:

- The following are less commonly known course titles that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Classical Studies – approved as a “social science” core course.
- 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 (2014) = 2014-2015

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Djibouti

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Quatrieme, 4eme</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Third year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>French, Arabic</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 4 + 3 = 12$ or $6 + 4 + 4 = 13$ | <i>12 or 13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and three or four years upper secondary</i> |

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) |
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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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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:

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 (4eme) | 9 |
| Troisieme (3eme) | 10 |
| Deuxieme/Seconde (2eme/2nde) | 11 |
| Premiere (1er/1ere) | 12 |
| Terminale (Ter) | 13 |

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Dominica

Background:

| | |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Form Three, Year Nine, Year 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 2 = 11$ and an optional $+2 = 13$ | <i>11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and then two to four years of upper secondary</i> |

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. Each tier 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 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 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 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 exam 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 exam 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A | A | 4 |
| B | B | 3 |
| C | B | 3 |
| D | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| E | C | 2 |
| F, G | D | 1 |
| H or Ungraded | F | 0 |

IGCSE

| 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, 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Communication Studies – approved as an “English/native language” core course.
 - Caribbean Studies – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Environmental Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Human and Social Biology – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Religious Education – approved as an “additional” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.

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Dominican Republic

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>August-June</i> |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year nine, premier grado</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of upper secondary school or third year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Spanish</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 2 + 4 = 12$ or $6 + 4 + 2 = 12$ | <i>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</i> |

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]

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 |

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Ecuador

Background:

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| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June (mountain regions) or April-December (coastal regions)</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Decimo Año, 10th year</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of primary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Spanish</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 9 + 3 = 12 | <i>12 years total: nine years primary and three years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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:

- 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 |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 10 | A | 4 |
| 9 – 9.99 | A | 4 |
| 8 – 8.99 | B | 3 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 7 – 7.99 | C | 2 |
| 0 – 6.99 | F | 0 |

20-point Scale

| 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 |



80-point Scale

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 75-80 | A | 4 |
| 65-74 | B | 3 |
| 55-64 | C | 2 |
| 45-55 | D | 1 |
| 0-44 | F | 0 |

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Egypt

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-May</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Class 3, 3eme, Year 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Arabic/French</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 6 + 3 + 3 = 12 | <i>12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Certificate of Completion of General Secondary Education (*Science and Math Tracks*)

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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*)

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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*)

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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) |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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:

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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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.

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El Salvador

Background:

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>January-November</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>9 Grado, Noveno Ano</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of primary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Spanish</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $9 + 2 = 11$ | <i>11 years total: nine years primary, two or three years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- Bachiller/Bachillerato [Academic Secondary School Graduation Diploma]

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| Expected Timeline of Completion | 11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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- Diploma de Educación Media [Diploma of Secondary School Education]

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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:

- Cicle III [Ninth-Year Primary School Cycle]

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



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 |

References:

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Eritrea

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September-July</i> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 9, Year 1</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of upper secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English, Arabic</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $5 + 3 + 4 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: five years primary, three years lower secondary and four years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- Eritrean Secondary Education Certificate Examination

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

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Estonia

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Klassi 9, 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Estonian</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 9 + 3 = 12 | <i>12 years total: nine years primary and three years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- Gumnaasiumi Loputunnistus [Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate] accompanied by the Hinneteleht [Supplement] and the Riigeksamutunnistus [National Exam]

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| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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- Loputunnistus Pohihariduse Basil Kutekeskhariduse Omandamise Kohta [Certificate on Acquiring Vocational Secondary Education Based on Basic Education]

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| 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:

- Pohikooli Loputunnistus [Certificate of Basic School]

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 |

| 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 | <i>October-July</i> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Fifth year of upper secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Amharic, English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 4 + 8 = 12 | <i>12 years total: four years primary and eight years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- Ethiopian University Entrance Examination Certificate

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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- Ethiopian General Education Certificate Examination/Ethiopian Higher Education Entrance Examination

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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:

- Ethiopian School Leaving Certificate
- Ethiopian General Secondary Education Leaving Certificate

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 |



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, (ሐምሌ ፩ ፳፻፱) 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 entry](#).

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European Baccalaureate

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Typically year nine</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Typically ninth year of primary school or second year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Varies dependent upon the country in which the school is located</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $9 + 2 + 2 = 13$ or $6 + 7 = 13$ | <i>13 years total: nine years primary, two years lower secondary, two years upper secondary <u>or</u> six years lower secondary and seven years of upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. European Baccalaureate Certificate

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 13 years (five years or 10 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 7-7.99 | B | 3 |
| 6-6.99 | C | 2 |
| 5.00-5.99 | F (Failure) | 0 |

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Fiji

Background:

| | |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>February-November</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Form 3</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Third year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English, Fijian (vosa vakaviti), Hindi</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 4 + 2 = 12$ or $6 + 4 + 3 = 13$ | <i>12 or 13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and two or three years upper secondary</i> |

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

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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2. Fiji Year 12 Certificate Examination

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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3. Fiji Form Seven Examination/Fiji Year 13 Certificate

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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. Junior Certificate Examination

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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2. Fiji Eighth Year Examination

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|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1 | A | 4 |
| 2 | A | 4 |
| 3 | B | 3 |
| 4 | B | 3 |
| 5 | B | 3 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 6 | C | 2 |
| 7 | C | 2 |
| 8 | C | 2 |
| 9 | C | 2 |

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 |
| Fair | 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Basic Science 9 – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Basic Science 10 – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commercial Science 9.
 - Commercial 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:

- Lukion Päästötodistus/Dismissionsbetyg/Avgangsbetyg Fran Gymnasiet [Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

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

- Ylioppilastutkintotodistus/Studentsexamensbetyg [Matriculation Examination Certificate]

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

- Teknikko [Technician] or Teknillisen Koulun Päästötodistus [Vocational Secondary School Diploma]

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

- Ammatillinen Perustutkinto [Initial Vocational Qualification]

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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:

- Kauppakoulu [Vocational School Certificate]

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

- Peruskoulun Paastotodistus [Basic School Graduation Certificate]

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

Grading Scales:

Lukion Paastotodistus/Dismissionsbetyg

| 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 | D | 1 |
| 4 | F (Failure) | 0 |
| | | |

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)

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 7 | A | 4 |
| 6 | A | 4 |
| 5 | B | 3 |
| 4 | B | 3 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 3 | C | 2 |
| 2 | D | 1 |
| 1 | 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 |

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 | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Troisieme annee (3eme)</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>French</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $5 + 4 + 3 = 12$ or $5 + 4 + 4 = 13$ | <i>12 or 13 years total: five years primary, four years lower secondary, three or four years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Diplome de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degré [Diploma of Bachelor of Secondary Education]

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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2. Diplome de Baccalaureat de l'Enseignement Secondaire [Diploma of Baccalaureate of Secondary Education]

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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]

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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4. Diplome de Baccalaureat de Technicien/Diplome de Baccalaureat Technologique [Diploma of Technical Baccalaureate]

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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5. Diplome de Baccalaureat Professionnel [Diploma of Professional Baccalaureate]

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 13 years (five years or ten semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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6. Brevet de Technicien [Technician's Certificate]

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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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) |
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NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Brevet des Colleges [Certificate of Lower Secondary Education]

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 (3eme) | 09 |
| Deuxieme/Seconde (2eme/2nde) | 10 |
| Premiere (1er/1ere) | 11 |
| Terminale (Ter) | 12 |

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Gabon

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September/October-June/July</i> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Troisieme, 3eme</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>French, Sango language</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $5 + 4 + 3 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: five years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Baccalauréat [Baccalaureate]

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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'Enseignement 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 |

| 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 (3eme) | 9 |
| Deuxieme/Seconde (2eme/2nde) | 10 |
| Premiere (1er/1ere) | 11 |
| Terminale (Ter) | 12 |

References:

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The Gambia

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September/October-July</i> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Form III, Form 3</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 6 + 3 + 3 = 12 | <i>12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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:

- 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 |



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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 Sastavleblis 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) |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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.

References:

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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) <i>The graduation timeline can be advanced up to two semesters after the date of the 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.</i> |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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 für technische Assistenten in der Medizin [school for medical technical assistant], Schule für 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) |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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:

1. Berufsaufbauschule [Extended Vocational School]
2. Berufsfachschule [Vocational Technical School]
3. Berufsgrundbildungsjahr/BGJ [Vocational Basic Education Year]
4. Berufsschule [Vocational School]
5. Berufsschule Berufsgrundbildungsjahr (BGJ)
[Vocational Basic Education Year]
6. Berufsschule Berufsvorbereitungsjahr (BVJ)
[Vocational Preparation Year]
7. Gesamtschule [Comprehensive School]
8. Hauptschule [Main (lower secondary) School]
9. Mittelschule [Middle School]
10. Realschule [Intermediate or Middle School]
11. Regelschule [Norm School]
12. Regionale Schule [Regional School]
13. Sekundarschule [Secondary School]
14. Wirtschaftsschule [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 denied 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.

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Ghana

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-July</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>JSS 3</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of junior secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 3 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: six years primary, three years junior secondary and three years senior secondary</i> |

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) |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|



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 |
| A | A | 4 |
| B | B | 3 |
| B | B | 3 |

| 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

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Excellent | A | 4 |
| Very Good | A | 4 |
| Good | B | 3 |
| Credit | B | 3 |
| Credit | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|--------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Credit | C | 2 |
| Pass | D | 1 |
| 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:

| Native Term | School Year |
|-------------|-------------|
| JSS 1 | 07 |
| JSS 2 | 08 |
| JSS 3 | 09 |
| SSS 1 | 10 |
| SSS 2 | 11 |
| SSS 3 | 12 |

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Greece

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 9, class 3</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Greek</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 3 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

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.

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Most recent country audit/update: October 2020

Grenada

Background:

| | |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Form Three, Year Nine</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 2 = 11$ or $6 + 3 + 4 = 13$ | <i>11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and then two or four years of upper secondary</i> |

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. Each tier 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 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 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 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 exam 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** 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 exam 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A | A | 4 |
| B | B | 3 |
| C | B | 3 |
| D | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| E | C | 2 |
| F, G | D | 1 |
| H or Ungraded | F | 0 |

IGCSE

| 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, 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Communication Studies – approved as an “English/native language” core course.
 - Caribbean Studies – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Environmental Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Human and Social Biology – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Religious Education – approved as an “additional” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.

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Guatemala

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | January-October |
| What is year nine called? | Tercero Grado, 3 rd 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:

- 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) |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|

- 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) |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|

- 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:

- Diplomado [Diploma]
- 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 |

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Guinea (Guinea-Conakry)

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September/October-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Quatrieme, 4eme</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Third year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>French</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 4 + 3 = 13$ | <i>13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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:

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 (4eme) | 9 |
| Troisieme (3eme) | 10 |
| Deuxieme/Seconde (2eme/2nde) | 11 |
| Premiere (1er/1ere) | 12 |
| Terminale (Ter) | 13 |

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Guyana

Background:

| | |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Form Three, Year Nine</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 2 = 11$ or $6 + 3 + 4 = 13$ | <i>11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and then two-to-four years of upper secondary</i> |

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. Each tier 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 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 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 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 exam 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** 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 exam 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 1 | 0.25 |

Grading Scales:

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 |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A | A | 4 |
| B | B | 3 |
| C | B | 3 |
| D | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| E | C | 2 |
| F, G | D | 1 |
| H or Ungraded | F | 0 |

IGCSE

| 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 |
| 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:

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 - Environmental Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Human and Social Biology – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Religious Education – approved as an “additional” core course.
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Haiti

Background:

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>October-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>9eme, 4eme</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Haitian Creole, French</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 6 = 12$ or $6 + 7 = 13$ (<i>classical system</i>) $9 + 3 = 12$ or $9 + 3 + 1 = 13$ (<i>reformed system</i>) | <i>12 or 13 years total: timeline varies, see various timelines below</i> |

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 Supérieur [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) |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Brevet de Technicien [Certificate of Technician]
 2. Brevet Siple or Élémentaire [Basic Certificate]
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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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’Infirmière 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:

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| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 4+ | 1 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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.

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Honduras

Background:

| | |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>February-November</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Tercer Curso Ciclo Comun, Year 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Spanish</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 2 = 11$ or $6 + 3 + 3 = 12$ | <i>11 or 12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and two or three years upper secondary</i> |

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 Administracion 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 Ciencias 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. Certificado 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. Secretaria Taquimecanograficta [Secretarial Studies]

3. Auxiliar de Enfermal/Enfermera Practica [Nurse's Aide/Practical Nurse]

4. Ciclo Diversificado [Diversified Cycle]



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 |

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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 and English |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| <p>6 + 5 = 11 or 6 + 3 + 3 = 12 or 6 + 6 = 12 or 6 + 5 + 2 = 13</p> | 11, 12 or 13 years total: timeline varies, see various timelines below |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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) |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

- Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (HKALE)

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

- 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) |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|

- 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 |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 5 | A | 4 |
| 4 | B | 3 |
| 3 | C | 2 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 2 | D | 1 |
| 1 | D | 1 |
| 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 |



HKDSE Category C Examinations

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A | A | 4 |
| B | B | 3 |
| C | B | 3 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| D | C | 2 |
| E | C | 2 |
| U | F | 0 |

HKALE

| 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 | D | 1 |
| U | F | 0 |

HKASLE

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 4 | A | 4 |
| 3 | B | 3 |
| 2 | C | 2 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1 | D | 1 |
| 1 | D | 1 |

HKASLE

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A | A | 4 |
| B | B | 3 |
| C | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| D | D | 1 |
| E | D | 1 |

HKCEE

| 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 | D | 1 |
| H | F | 0 |

HKCEE

For the subjects of English and Chinese only

| 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 | D | 1 |
| 0/Ungraded | F | 0 |



Important Information:

- The following are less commonly known course titles that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Liberal Studies – approved as a “social science” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Applied Science.

References:

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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, 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]

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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2. Szakközépiskolai Érettségi-Képesítő Bizonyítvány [Technical Secondary School Maturity Certificate]

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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. Szakközépiskolai Technikusképesítő Bizonyítvány [Technical Secondary School Technician's Certificate]
4. Szakmunkás Bizonyítvány [Skilled Worker's Certificate]
5. Technikus [title of "Technician"]

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 |



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Iceland

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-May</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Second year of lower secondary</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Icelandic</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $7 + 3 + 4 = 14$ | <i>14 years total: seven years primary, three years lower secondary and four years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Studentsprof [University Matriculation Examination]

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 14 years (six years or 12 semesters from the initial start of year 9) |
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2. Lokaprof [Final Examination Certificate]

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 14 years (six years or 12 semesters from the initial start of year 9) |
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3. Sveinsprof [Technical Secondary School Diploma]
4. Verslunarprof [Business Diploma]
5. Verslunarmentaprof [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. Grunnskóláprof [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 |
| | | |

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 **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Art History.
 - Social Awareness.

References:

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India

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>June-March or July-April</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Class IX</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English, Hindi</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $8 + 2 + 2 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: eight years primary, two years lower secondary and two years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) (*Arts or Sciences group*)

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| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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- All-India Senior School Certificate

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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- Pre-Degree certificate

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

- Pre-professional Certificate (pre-dental, pre-engineering, pre-medical, pre-agriculture)

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

- Pre-university Certificate

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

- Senior Secondary School Certificate (*National Institute of Open Schooling*)

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

- Higher Secondary School Certificate (all streams other than arts and sciences)

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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- Intermediate Certificate for Goa

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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- Intermediate Certificate for Andhra Pradesh

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

- Indian School Certificate

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

- Certificate of Vocational Education Examination (CVE-12)

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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*)

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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)

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|----------------------------------------|--------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | Varies |
|----------------------------------------|--------|

3. Diploma in education where admission is based on the 10-year secondary school certificate

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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. Pre-university Certificate earned after Standard Grade XI

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A1 | A | 4 |
| A2 | A | 4 |
| B1 | B | 3 |
| B2 | B | 3 |
| C1 | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| C2 | C | 2 |
| D | D | 1 |
| E1 | F (Failure) | 0 |
| E2 | F (Failure) | 0 |

National Institute for Open Schooling Senior Secondary School Examination

2014 and after

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 91-100 | A | 4 |
| 81-90 | A | 4 |
| 71-80 | B | 3 |
| 61-70 | B | 3 |
| 51-60 | C | 2 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 41-50 | C | 2 |
| 33-40 | D (minimum pass) | 1 |
| 16-32 | F | 0 |
| 0-15 | F | 0 |

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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Environment Education – approved as “social science” core course.
 - Science and Technology – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.

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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.'*)

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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2. Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar – Madrasah Aliyah (STTB MA) (Madrasah Menengah Tingkat Atas) [Certificate of Completion – Islamic General/Academic Upper Secondary School]

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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]

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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]

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

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

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) |
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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 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-July or January-November</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Typically year 9 or class 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Typically ninth year of lower secondary or third year of upper secondary</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $9 + 2 + 2 = 13$ | <i>13 years total: nine years primary, two years lower secondary and two years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. International Baccalaureat Diploma

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 1 | 0.25 |

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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Theory of Knowledge – approved as an “English/native language” core course.
 - Theory of Knowledge – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Peaced and Conflict – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Environment and Society (may also appear as “Env and Soc”) – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Theory of Knowledge – approved as an “additional” core course.

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Iran

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September-July</i> |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>First class</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of upper secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Persian</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $5 + 3 + 3 = 11$ or $5 + 3 + 4 = 12$ | <i>11 or 12 years total: five years primary, three years lower secondary, three or four years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Pre-University Certificate

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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2. Technicians Certificate

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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3. Metevaseth [National High School Diploma]

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Form III, Year 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Kurdish, Arabic</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 3 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Adadiyah [Sixth Form Baccalaureate]

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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*)

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 |

| 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 |



References:

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Ireland

Background:

| | |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English, Gaelic, Irish</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 2 = 11$ or $6 + 3 + 3 = 12^*$ | <i>11 or 12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, two or three years upper secondary*</i> |

*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:

- 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 |

- 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 |

- 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) |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

- 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) |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

- 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:

- Junior Certificate

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

Grading Scales:

Leaving Certificates

Issued Pre-2017

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 90-higher | A | 4 |
| 85-89 | A | 4 |
| 80-84 | B | 3 |
| 75-79 | B | 3 |
| 70-74 | B | 3 |
| 65-69 | C | 2 |
| 60-64 | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 55-59 | C | 2 |
| 50-54 | D | 1 |
| 45-49 | D | 1 |
| 40-44 | D | 1 |
| 25-39 | F (Failure) | 0 |
| 10-24 | F (Failure) | 0 |
| 0-9 | F (Failure) | 0 |

Leaving Certificates

Issued Pre-2017

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A1 | A | 4 |
| A2 | A | 4 |
| B1 | B | 3 |
| B2 | B | 3 |
| B3 | B | 3 |
| C1 | C | 2 |
| C2 | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| C3 | C | 2 |
| D1 | D | 1 |
| D2 | D | 1 |
| D3 | D | 1 |
| E | F (Failure) | 0 |
| F | F (Failure) | 0 |

Leaving Certificates—for examinations taken at the “Higher” level

Issued 2017 and after

| New Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1 | A | 4 |
| 2 | A | 4 |
| 3 | B | 3 |
| 4 | B | 3 |

| New Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 5 | C | 2 |
| 6 | C | 2 |
| 7 | F | 0 |
| 8 | F | 0 |

Leaving Certificates—for examinations taken at the “Ordinary” level

Issued 2017 and after

| New Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1 | A | 4 |
| 2 | A | 4 |
| 3 | B | 3 |
| 4 | C | 2 |

| New Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 5 | C | 2 |
| 6 | D | 1 |
| 7 | F | 0 |
| 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Agricultural Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - C.S.P.E. – approved as a “social science” core course.
- 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 | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>מחלקה 9, השנה 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Hebrew, Arabic</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 3 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Teudat Bagrut [Matriculation Certificate]

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 Masmam [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 |



10-point Scale

| 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 | D | 1 |
| 0-4 | F | 0 |

100-point Scale

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 95-100 | A | 4 |
| 85-94 | A | 4 |
| 75-84 | B | 3 |
| 65-74 | B | 3 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 55-64 | C | 2 |
| 45-54 | D | 1 |
| 0-44 | F | 0 |

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:* Tishrei 12, 5777* (Hebrew calendar) is Friday, October 14, 2016, on the Gregorian calendar.

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Italy

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-July</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Classe 1, Prima</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of upper secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Italian</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $5 + 3 + 5 = 13$ | <i>13 years total: five years primary, three years lower secondary and five years upper secondary</i> |

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]

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

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 Abilitazione all'Insegnamento nelle Suole del Grado Preparatorio [Diploma of Competence in Pre-school]
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 |
| Sex | 6 | C | 2 |
| Cinque | 5 | F (Failure) | 0 |

| Grades (In Words) | Translation | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 (10-point Scale) | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 9-10 | A | 4 |
| 8 | B | 3 |
| 7 | B | 3 |
| 6 | C | 2 |
| 5 | F (Failure) | 0 |

| Grade (10-point Scale) | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 4 | F (Failure) | 0 |
| 3 | F (Failure) | 0 |
| 2 | F (Failure) | 0 |
| 1 | F (Failure) | 0 |
| 0 | F (Failure) | 0 |

100-point Scale

| Grade (100-point scale) | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 90-100 | A | 4 |
| 80-89 | B | 3 |
| 70-79 | B | 3 |
| 60-69 | C | 2 |
| 50-59 | F (Failure) | 0 |

| Grade (100-point scale) | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 40-49 | F (Failure) | 0 |
| 30-39 | F (Failure) | 0 |
| 20-29 | F (Failure) | 0 |
| 10-19 | F (Failure) | 0 |
| 0-09 | F (Failure) | 0 |

Important Information:

- 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 | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Form Three/Year Nine</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 6 + 3 + 2 = 11 or +2 = 13 | <i>11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and then two or four years of upper secondary</i> |

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. Each tier 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 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 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 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 exam 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 exam 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A | A | 4 |
| B | B | 3 |
| C | B | 3 |
| D | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| E | C | 2 |
| F, G | D | 1 |
| H or Ungraded | F | 0 |

IGCSE

| 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, 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Communication Studies – approved as an “English/native language” core course.
 - Caribbean Studies – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Environmental Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Human and Social Biology – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Religious Education – approved as an “additional” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.

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Japan

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>April-March</i> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 3, Year 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Last year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Japanese</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 3 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- Upper Secondary School Graduation Certificate

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

- 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) |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

- 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) |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- Lower Secondary School Certificate of Completion

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

- 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 |
| | | |

Important Information:

- 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.
- The following are less commonly known course titles that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Classics (*may be listed as "Classics A" or "Classics B"*) – approved for use as an "English/native language" core course.

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Most recent country audit/update: October 2020

Jordan

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 9, Year 3</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Third year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Arabic</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 4 + 2 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and two years upper secondary</i> |

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 |

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Kazakhstan

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Класс 9, 9-й год</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of primary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Kazakh, Russian</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 9 + 2 = 11 | <i>11 years total: nine years primary and two years upper secondary</i> |

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 Obrazovanii [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 |

References:

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Kenya

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>January-November/December</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Form I</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of upper secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English, Kiswahili</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 8 + 4 = 12 | <i>12 years total: eight years primary and four years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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:

- School-issued Graduation Certificate

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

- 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 **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Agricultural Science.
 - Christian Religious Education (CRE).

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Korea, Republic of (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) |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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 |

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 |

References:

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Kosovo

Background:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year 9 called? | <i>Klasa 9</i> |
| Where is year 9 typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Albanian, Serbian, Turkish, Romani, Bosnian</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $5 + 4 + 3 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: five years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

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) |
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4. Diplomë për Kryerjen e Shkollës së Mesme Profesionale [Diploma for Completion of Secondary Professional School]

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



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 |

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Kuwait

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September/October-June</i> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 9, Year 1, 1st Year</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of upper secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Arabic</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $4 + 4 + 4 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: four years primary, four years lower secondary and four years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. General Secondary Education Certificate, science track

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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:

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Intermediate School Certificate | 6. Ground Forces Institute |
| 2. Noncommissioned Officer's Institute | 7. Air Forces Institute |
| 3. Lieutenant Training Institute | 8. Vocational Education |
| 4. Police Academy | 9. Nursing Institute |
| 5. Military Academy | 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 |

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Kyrgyzstan

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | September-June |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Класс 9, Year 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Kyrgyz, Russian</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $4 + 5 + 2 = 11$ | <i>11 years total: four years primary, five years lower secondary and two years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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) |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|

- 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:

- Svidetel Stvo o Nepolnom Srednem Obrazovanii [Certificate of Incomplete/Lower Secondary Education]

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

- 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 |
| | | 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 |
| | | |
| | | 0 |

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Latvia

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September-May</i> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Klase 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of primary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Latvian</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 9 + 3 = 12 | <i>12 years total: nine years primary and three years upper secondary</i> |

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:

| 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 |



| 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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Lebanon

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 3, Year Nine, Troisieme</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Arabic</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 3 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

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 |

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) |
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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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 1 | 0.25 |

Grading Scales:

20-point Scale

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 16 – 20 | A | 4 |
| 14 – 15.99 | A | 4 |
| 12 – 13.99 | B | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 10 – 11.99 | C | 2 |
| 8.5 – 9.99* | D* | 1* |
| 0 – 9.99 | F | 1 |

100-point Scale

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|----------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 80 – 100 | A | 4 |
| 70 – 79 | A | 4 |
| 60 – 69 | B | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|----------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 50 – 59 | C | 2 |
| 40 – 49* | D* | 1* |
| 0 – 49 | F | 1 |

***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.

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Lesotho

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>January-November</i> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year 9 called? | <i>Year 2</i> |
| Where is year 9 typically located? | <i>Second year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Sesotho, English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $7 + 3 + 2 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: seven years primary, three years lower secondary and two years upper secondary</i> |

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 |



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 |

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Liberia

Background:

| Academic Calendar | March-December |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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:

- 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:

- 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:

| Numeric 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 |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Excellent | A | 4 |
| Very good | A | 4 |
| Good | B | 3 |
| Credit | 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 |
|--------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Credit | C | 2 |
| Pass | D | 1 |
| Fail | F (Failure) | 0 |

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Liechtenstein

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June/July</i> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Klasse 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>German</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 9 + 3 = 12 | <i>12 years total: nine years primary/lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

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 |

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Lithuania

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Class 9, Class Five (if out of six years of lower secondary school)</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Fifth year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Lithuanian</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $4 + 6 + 2 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: four years primary, six years lower secondary and two years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

2. 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) |

3. 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) |

4. Qualifications obtained after successful completion of Vocational School if "Secondary Education Obtained" (Igjjo 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) [Certificated 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) |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|



Grading Scales:

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 9-10 | A | 4 |
| 7-8 | B | 3 |

| Numeric 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 |

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Luxembourg

Background:

| | |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-July</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Cinquieme, 5eme</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Luxembourgish, German, French</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 6 + 3 + 3 = 12 <i>or</i> 6 + 3 + 4 = 13 | <i>12 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, and three or four years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Diplôme de Fin D'études 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'études 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 |

7. Certificat de Capacité 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 |
| Très bien | Very good | A | 4 |
| Bien | Good | B | 3 |
| Assez bien | Fairly good | B | 3 |
| Passable | Pass | C | 2 |
| | Fail | F | 0 |

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Macau

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>S3 or year/grade 3</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Chinese (Cantonese or Mandarin) and Portuguese</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 3 = 12$ | <i>12 years: Three years primary, three years lower secondary/intermediate and three years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

2. 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:

2. 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 | 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 |

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Macedonia

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September/October-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of upper secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Macedonian</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 8 + 4 = 12 or 8 + 5 = 13 | <i>12 or 13 years total: eight years primary and four or five years upper secondary</i> |

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 Završeno Sredno Obrazovanje [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 Položen Maturški 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 Techniko/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. Svidetelstvo za Završeno Sredno Obrazovanje 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. Svidetelstvo za Završeno Sredno Obrazovanje 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 Univerzitet [Worker's University]



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 |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Otlicno | Excellent | A | 4 |
| Mnogo Dobre | Very good | B | 3 |
| Dobre | Good | B | 3 |
| Zadovolтелно | Fair | C | 2 |
| Bezuspeshno | Unsatisfactory/Insufficient | F | 0 |

Important Information:

- The following are less commonly known course titles that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Civic Tuition – approved as a “social science” core course.

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Madagascar

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-July</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Troisieme, 3eme, 3e</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Malagasy, French</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $5 + 4 + 3 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: five years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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 |

- Baccalauréat 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:

- 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) |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|

- 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 |

| 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 (3eme) | 9 |
| Deuxieme/Seconde (2eme/2nde) | 10 |
| Premiere (1er/1ere) | 11 |
| Terminale (Ter) | 12 |

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Malawi

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>October-August</i> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Form I</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $8 + 2 + 2 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: eight years primary, two years lower secondary and two years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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:

- 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 |

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Malaysia

Background:

| | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>January-November</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Form III, Form 3</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Malay, English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 2 = 11$ or $6 + 3 + 3 = 12$ or $6 + 3 + 4 = 13$ | <i>11, 12 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, two, three or four years upper secondary</i> |

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 |

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. The 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 |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 (Failure) | 0 |

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 | 1 |

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 | 1 |

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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Pendidikan Moral – approved as a “social science” core course.

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Mali

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | October-July |
| What is year nine called? | 9eme, Troisieme year, 3eme |
| 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 Sstate [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 |

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 Formation 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Troisième (3ème) or 9ème | 09 |
| Deuxième/Seconde (2ème/2nde) | 10 |
| Première (1er/1ère) | 11 |
| Terminale (Ter) | 12 |

References:

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Malta

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-July</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Form 3</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Third year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Maltese and English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 6 + 5 = 12 or 6 + 5 + 2 = 13 | <i>11 or 13 years total: six years primary, five years lower secondary, and an optional two years of post-secondary schooling.</i> |

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. Each tier 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 | 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 |

References:

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Mexico

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>October-June/July</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Tercer Grado, Year 3</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Spanish</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 3 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

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 Tecnológico [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/Título/Técnico [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) |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|

3. Egresado Pasante (Certificate issued on completion of course work requirements, but other requirements for graduation have not been met)
4. Preparatoria Técnica [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 | 3 |
| 7.0-7.99 | C | 2 |

| 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Current Challenges of Mexico – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Energy and Transformation – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Life Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Matter and Environment – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Matter and Sustainability – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Research Methodology – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Regional Studies – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Socioeconomic Structure of Mexico – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Reading and Writing – approved as a “native language” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** 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.

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Moldova

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>IX</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Romanian</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $4 + 5 + 3 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: four years primary, five years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Diploma de Bacalaréat [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 |



| 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 |

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Monaco

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Troisieme or 3^e</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>French</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 5 + 4 + 3 = 12 | <i>12 years: Five years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

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 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 |

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

3. Diplôme national du brevet (national certificate)

| | |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | Nine years (one year 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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Montenegro

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>First year, first grade; first time, first grade</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of upper secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Montenegrin (same as Serbian language)</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 8 + 4 = 12 | <i>12 years total: eight years primary and four years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Svedocansvo o Završenj 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 Završenj Srednjj 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 Obrazavanij [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 [Montenegrin 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 |

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 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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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Montserrat

Background:

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

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. Each tier 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 exam 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 exam 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 exam 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. 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 exam 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| I | A | 4 |
| II | A | 4 |
| III | B | 3 |
| IV | C | 2 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A | A | 4 |
| B | B | 3 |
| C | B | 3 |
| D | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| F, G | D | 1 |
| H or Ungraded | F | 0 |
| F, G | D | 1 |

IGCSE

| 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, 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Communication Studies – approved as an “English/native language” core course.
 - Caribbean Studies – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Environmental Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Human and Social Biology – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Religious Education – approved as an “additional” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.

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Morocco

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | September-June |
| What is year nine called? | Year 3, Year 9, Troisieme, 3eme |
| 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) |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 the following (always reference native language transcripts to establish initial enrollment of year nine):

| Native Language | School Year |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Troisieme (3eme) | 09 |
| Deuxieme/Seconde (2eme/2nde) | 10 |
| Premiere (1er/1ere) | 11 |
| Terminale (Ter) | 12 |

References:

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Mozambique

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>February-December</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>9º</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Second year of lower secondary</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Portuguese</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $7 + 3 + 2 = 12$ or $7 + 3 + 3 = 13$ | <i>12 or 13 years total: seven years primary, three years lower secondary and two or three years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Certificado de Habilitações Literarias [Certificate of Learning Competence] or [Secondary School Leaving Certificat]

| | |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 |

| 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 |

References:

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Myanmar

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>June to March or September to June</i> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Grade VIII or Ninth Grade</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Burmese</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $1 + 4 + 3 + 2 = 11$ | <i>11 years total: One year pre-primary, four years primary, three years lower secondary and two years upper secondary</i> |

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:

1. 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 |

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 |

References:

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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:

- Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate Ordinary Level (NSSC O-level)

| | |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
| Issuing Body | Ministry of Education |

- 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:

- 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 |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A | A | 4 |
| B | B | 3 |
| C | B | 3 |
| D | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| E | C | 2 |
| F, G | D | 1 |
| H, ungraded | F (Failure) | 0 |

NSSC Higher Level

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1 | A | 4 |
| 2 | B | 3 |
| 3 | B | 3 |
| 4 | C | 2 |



References:

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Nepal

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June or February-December</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Grade IX</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Nepali</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $5 + 3 + 2 + 2 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: five years primary, three years lower secondary, two years secondary and two years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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 |

- 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:

- 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) |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|

- Lower Secondary Examinations

| | |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | Earned at the end of year eight |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|

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 |

| Descriptive | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Distinction | A | 4 |
| First Division | A | 4 |
| Second Division | B | 3 |

| Descriptive | 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.

References:

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Netherlands

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | September-June |
| What is year nine called? | G3A, 9 ^{de} jaar, Klas 3, Klasse 3 |
| Where is year nine typically located? | Final year of lower secondary school |
| Native Language(s) | Dutch, Papiamento, West Frisian |
| 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. Diploma van 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 van 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]

| | |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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) |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|



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 |

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New Caledonia

Background:

| | |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Troisieme année, 3eme</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>French, Indigenous languages</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $5 + 4 + 3 = 12$ or $5 + 4 + 4 = 13$ | <i>12 or 13 years total: five years primary, four years lower secondary and three or four years upper secondary</i> |

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 |

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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 |
| 0.00-9.99 | 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 |

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 (3eme) | 09 |
| Deuxieme/Seconde (2eme/2nde) | 10 |

| Native Language | School Year |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Premiere (1er/1ere) | 11 |
| Terminale (Ter) | 12 |

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New Zealand

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>February-December</i> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of upper secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English, Māori/Te Reo Māori</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 2 + 3 = 11$ or $6 + 2 + 4 = 12$ or $6 + 2 + 5 = 13$ | <i>11, 12 or 13 years total: timelines vary, see various timelines below</i> |

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. Each tier 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.

- 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 |

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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:

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 12+ | 1 |
| 9-11 | 0.75 |
| 8 | 0.67 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 6-7 | 0.5 |
| 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Economic Theory and Practice – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Ngā Whanaketanga Rumaki Māori – approved as an “additional” core course.
 - Te Marautanga o Aotearoa – approved as an “additional” core course.
- 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 New 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.

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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:

- Diploma de Conclusión de Estudios del Ciclo Diversificado del Bachillerato en Ciencias, Letras y Filosofía [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 |

- 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 |

- Maestro 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:

- 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 |



| 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 |

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Niger

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>October-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Quatrieme, 4eme</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Third year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>French</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 4 + 3 = 13$ | <i>13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Baccalauréat/Diplôme de Bachelier de l'Enseignement de Second Degré [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 [General Lower Secondary School] |

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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 (4eme) | 09 |
| Troisieme (3eme) | 10 |
| Deuxieme/Seconde (2eme/2nde) | 11 |
| Premiere (1er/1ere) | 12 |
| Terminale (Ter) | 13 |

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Nigeria

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Junior Secondary School Three (JSS3)</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of junior secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English, French, Hausa, Igbo, Yoruba</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 3 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: six years primary, three years junior secondary school and three years of senior secondary school</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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 Exam Boards |

- 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) |

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- Junior Secondary Certificate of Education (JSCE)

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

- Polytechnic (Secondary Level)

- 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 1 | 0.25 |



Grading Scales:

SSCE and WAEC

| 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 | 0 |

SSCE and WAEC

| 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 | 0 |

SSCE and WAEC

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Excellent | A | 4 |
| Very Good | A | 4 |
| Good | B | 3 |
| Credit | B | 3 |
| Credit | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|--------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Credit | C | 2 |
| Pass | D | 1 |
| Pass | D | 1 |
| Fail | F | 0 |

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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Civic Education – approved as a “social science” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** 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 13:

| Nigerian Terminology | School Year |
|----------------------|-------------|
| JSS 1 | 07 |
| JSS 2 | 08 |
| JSS 3 | 09 |
| SSS 1 | 10 |
| SSS 2 | 11 |
| SSS 3 | 12 |

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Northern Ireland

Background:

| | |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Form Two, Year Two, Year 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English, Irish (Gaelic)</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 6 + 3+ 3 = 12 with optional +1 = 13 or +2 = 14 | <i>Varies (12, 13, or 14); see document specific timelines below.</i> |

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. Each tier 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/Level 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 |

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)

| | |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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) (*All 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 |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| A | A | 4 |
| B | B | 3 |
| C | B | 3 |
| D | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| E | C | 2 |
| F | D | 1 |
| G | D | 1 |
| 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Approved as an “additional” core course:
 - Philosophy.
 - Religion B Philosophy & Ethics.
 - Approved as an “English/native language” core course:
 - Communications.
 - English as a Second Language
(*Pearson/Edexcel examination only*).
 - Approved as a “mathematics” core course:
 - Methods in Mathematics.
 - Approved as a “natural/physical science” core course:
 - Anatomy for Sport and Exercise
(BTEC Level 3 Course only).
 - Body in Action (BTEC Level 3 Course only).
 - Environmental Science & Environmental Management.
 - Human Physiology.
 - The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** 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 course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Denied BTEC Level 3 Courses:
 - Physiology of Fitness.
 - Sport and Society.
 - Social Aspects of Sport.
 - Social Principals of Sport.
 - Principles of Anatomy and Physiology in Sport
(*BTEC Level 3 Course only*).
 - Approved as “social science” core course:
 - Citizenship (earned 2010 and after).
 - Classical Civilization.
 - Communication and Culture.
 - Global Perspectives.
 - Humanities.
 - Modern Studies.
 - Psychology for Sports Performance
(BTEC Level 3 Course only).
 - Sport and Exercise Psychology
(BTEC Level 3 Course only).
 - World Development.
- 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 denied 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

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:

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 are less commonly known course titles that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Religion and Ethics (taken in years nine and 10) - approved as a “social science” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Math for Computer Science.
 - Rea 3022.

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Pakistan

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 9, Key Stage 3, Form III</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of upper secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Urdu, English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $5 + 3 + 4 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: five years primary, three years lower secondary and four years upper secondary</i> |

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 (for 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:

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1. Certificate in Commerce | 8. Matriculation Certificate |
| 2. Certificate in Fine Arts | 9. Middle Standard Examination |
| 3. Certificate in Language | 10. Primary Teaching Certificate |
| 4. Certificate in Library Science | 11. Secondary School Certificate |
| 5. Certificate in Mathematics | 12. Vocational Teaching Training Diploma |
| 6. Certificate in Technology | 13. Vocational Training Diploma |
| 7. First year intermediate college | |

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 |

| 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 |

References:

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Palestine

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Nine, Ninth, 9th Basic Grade</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Ninth year of primary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Arabic, Hebrew and English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 10 + 2 = 12 | <i>12 years total: 10 years primary and two years of upper secondary</i> |

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 |

| Descriptive 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 |



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. For 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 | <i>March-December</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>9°</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Spanish</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 3 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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:

- 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) |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|

- 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 |

References:

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Papua New Guinea

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>January-December</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Class 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English (Language of Instruction), over 820 Indigenous languages spoken</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $2 + 6 + 2 + 2 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: two years elementary, six years of primary, two years lower secondary, two years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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 |

- 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:

- 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) |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|

- Vocational Training Certificates

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

- Certificate of Basic Education (COBE)

| | |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | Eight years |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|



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 |

References:

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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? | Final 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:

- 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:

- 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 |

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 |

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Peru

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>March/April-December</i> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>3°</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Third year of upper secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Spanish</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 6 + 5 = 11 | <i>11 years total: six years primary and five years of secondary</i> |

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 |

| 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 |



Important Information:

- The following are less commonly known course titles that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Science, Technology and Environment – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.

References:

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Philippines

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>June-March</i> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 9, First Year</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Varies (see timelines below)</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Filipino and English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 4 = 10$ or $6 + 4 + 2 = 12$ or $8 + 4 = 12$ | <i>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</i> |

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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - AP Social Studies – approved for use as a “social science” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - MAPEH.
 - EP.
 - RHGP.

References:

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Poland

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-April/June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year nine, Year one</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Polish</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 3 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Świadectwo Dójrzalosci [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 Ukon'czenia Liceum Ogólnokształcącego [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 Ukon'czenia 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 Ukon'czenia 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 Ukon'czenia Szkoły Średniej [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 Ukon'czenia 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 |



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 |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Celujący | Excellent | A | 4 |
| Bardzo Dobry | Very Good | A | 4 |
| Dobry | Good | B | 3 |
| Dostateczny | Satisfactory | C | 2 |
| Mierny/Dopuszczający | 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 |

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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 Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
| Issuing Body | Ministry of Education |

3. Diploma de Formacao Profissional 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. Nivel 4 Qualificaco do Quadro Nacional de Qualificaces/Certificado de Qualificaco 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 Profissionais [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]



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 |

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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 Timeline 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:

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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 1 | 0.25 |



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 |

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Romania

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>October-July</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 9, Class IX</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of upper secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Romanian</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| <i>8 + 4 = 12 or 8 + 5 = 13</i> | <i>12 or 13 years total: eight years primary, four or five years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Diploma de Bacalaureat [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 |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|



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 |

| Numeric 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 |
| Excelent | Excellent | A | 4 |
| Bine | Good | B | 3 |
| Bine | Good | B | 3 |
| Sufficient | Sufficient | C | 2 |
| Sufficient | Sufficient | C | 2 |

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Russian Federation

Background:

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Class 9, Year 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school/basic school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Russian</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $4 + 5 + 2 = 11$ or $4 + 5 + 4 = 13$ or $4 + 5 + 2 + 2 = 13$ | <i>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)</i> |

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. Each tier 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 in Russia may take any of the below three paths to gain access to university in Russia:

- 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: $9 + 4 = 13$).
- 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: $9 + 2 + 2 = 13$).
- 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 Obrazovanii [Certificate of (Incomplete) General 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 |

| 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 |

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Rwanda

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Troisieme, 3eme, 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Kinyarwanda, English, French</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 3 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

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 |

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) |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 | 2 |
| C | C | 2 |
| C | C | 2 |
| D | D | 1 |
| F | F | 0 |

| 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 |

| Performance | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Pass | D | 1 |
| Fail | F | 0 |

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Saba Island

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>G3A, 9^{de} jaar, Klas/Klasse 3,</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Dutch, English, Papiamentu</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| <i>8 + 4 = 12 or 8 + 5 = 13</i> | <i>12 or 13 years total: eight years primary, four or five years upper secondary</i> |

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 |

| 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 |

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Samoa

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>January-December</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Class 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of upper secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Samoan, English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 8 + 5 = 13 | <i>13 years total: eight years primary and five years upper secondary</i> |

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) |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|



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 |

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Saudi Arabia

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Class 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Arabic</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 3 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i> |

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:

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Certificate from an intermediate religious institute | 11. Comprehensive Secondary School Certificate |
| 2. College preparatory program (should be evaluated on the basis of underlying credentials) | 12. Secondary Certificate of Art Education |
| 3. Secondary Commercial School Diploma | 13. Secondary Certificate of Physical Education |
| 4. Secondary Agricultural School Diploma | 14. Vocational Training Certificate |
| 5. Secondary Vocational School Diploma | 15. Certificate of Technical Nursing |
| 6. Health Institute Diploma | 16. Literary Certificate |
| 7. Secondary Teacher Training Institute Certificate | 17. Certificate of the Technical Assistants Institute |
| 8. Intermediate School Certificate | 18. Certificate of the Institute for Instructor Training and Curriculum Development |
| 9. Religious Institute Secondary Education Certificate | 19. Certificate of the Teacher Upgrading Center |
| 10. Koranic Secondary School Certificate | |



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 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Excellent | A | 4 |
| Very good | A | 4 |
| Good | B | 3 |
| Satisfactory | C | 2 |
| Fail | F | 0 |

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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. Each tier builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

- 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 |

- 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.

- 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 /Intermediate 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 |



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

Standard 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

| 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Modern Studies – approved for use as a “social science” core course.

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Senegal

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Baccalauréat/Diplôme de Bachelier de l'Enseignement de Second Degré [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 |

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) |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|

4. Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle (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) |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

5. 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) |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|

6. 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 (4eme) | 9 |
| Troisieme (3eme) | 10 |
| Deuxieme/Seconde (2eme/2nde) | 11 |
| Premiere (1er/1ere) | 12 |
| Terminale (Ter) | 13 |

- The following are less commonly known course titles that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - TSQ – approved as an “English/native language” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** 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.

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Serbia

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>First year, first grade; first time, first grade</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of upper secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Serbian</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 8 + 4 = 12 | <i>12 years total: eight years primary and four years upper secondary</i> |

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] (*Montenegrin 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 |

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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commercial Knowledge of Goods – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Economic Geography – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Elements of Economics – approved as a “social science” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Descriptive Geometry.

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Seychelles, Republic of

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>January-December</i> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>S3</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Third year of secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Seychellois Creole and English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 5 = 11$ <i>or</i> $6 + 5 + 2 = 13$ <i>or</i> $6 + 5 + 3 = 14$ | <i>11, 13 or 14 years total: six years primary, five years of secondary and an optional two or three years of post-secondary schooling</i> |

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. Each tier 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 |

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:

| Seychelles Terminology | School Year |
|------------------------|-------------|
| S3 | 09 |
| S4 | 10 |
| S5 | 11 |

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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 |



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 13:

| Sierra Leone Terminology | School Year |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| JSS 1 | 07 |
| JSS 2 | 08 |
| JSS 3 | 09 |
| SSS 1 | 10 |
| SSS 2 | 11 |
| SSS 3 | 12 |

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Singapore

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>July-April</i> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 9, Year 3, Form 3</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Third year of secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 4 = 10$ or $6 + 4 + 2 = 12$ or $6 + 6 = 12$ | <i>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</i> |

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) Level Examination
4. Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE)



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) |

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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Combined Humanities – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - General Paper (at the A-levels)–approved as an “English/native language” core course.
- Students enrolled in the “Raffles Programme” in Singapore do not take the O-level examinations and move directly into A-level studies.

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Sint Eustatius

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>G3A, 9^{de} jaar, Klas, Klasse 3</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Dutch, English and Papiamentu</i> |
| 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 |

| 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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Sint Maarten

***Only applies to the Dutch municipality of the island of Saint Marten**

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | September-June |
| What is year nine called? | G3A, 9 ^{de} 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



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 | Amplly 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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Slovakia

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September-July</i> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Trieda I, Class I, Year 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of primary/lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Slovak</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 9 + 4 = 13 | <i>13 years total: nine years primary and four years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Vysvedcenie 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. Vy 'Ucny'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 |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Vy 'borny ' | Excellent | A | 4 |
| Chválitebny ' | Praiseworthy | B | 3 |
| Dobry ' | 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 |



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 | <i>February-December</i> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Varies</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of upper secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Somali, Arabic</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $4 + 4 + 4 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: four years primary, four years lower secondary, four years upper secondary</i> |

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 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 60 – 69 | C | 2 |
| 0 – 59 | F | 0 |

| Translation | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Excellent | A | 4 |
| Very Good/Very High Standard | B | 3 |
| Good/High Standard | C | 2 |

| Translation | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Highly Satisfactory/Good | C | 2 |
| Satisfactory | F | 0 |

References:

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South Africa, Republic of

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>January-December</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 9, grade 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of primary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English, Afrikaans</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 9 + 3 = 12 | <i>12 years total: nine years primary and three years secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. National Senior Certificate

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
| Issuing Body | Ministry of Education |

7. Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) College Entrance Certificate

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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2. Junior secondary/middle school leaving certificate

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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3. Lower primary/Teacher's certificate [Department of Education and Training]

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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4. National Certificate

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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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5. National Technical Certificate

| | |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Business Studies (*for years 10-12*) – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Life Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Physical Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** 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 | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Educacion Secundaria Obligatoria (ESO) 3, 3 (ESO), Tercer Curso</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Third year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Spanish, Catalan</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 4 + 2 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary, two years upper secondary</i> |

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 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 |

4. 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 |

5. 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 |

6. 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]

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

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) |
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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:

| Bachillerato Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 8 or more | 1.0 |
| 6 | 0.5 |

| Bachillerato 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 |

Important Information:

- 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Mathematics Applied to Social Sciences – approved as a “mathematics” core course.
 - Philosophy and Citizenship – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Scientific Culture – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Business Economics.
 - Research Project.
 - Teaching English.



- 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 |
| Bachillerato 1 | 11 |
| Bachillerato 2 | 12 |

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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. Each tier builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

- 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)

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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.

- 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:

- 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 |

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 |

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St. Kitts-Nevis

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September – June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Form Three, Year Nine, Year 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 6 + 3 + 2 = 11 and then an optional +2 = 13 | <i>11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, and then two-to-four years of upper secondary</i> |

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. Each tier 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)

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
| Issuing Body | Various exam 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)

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
| Issuing Body | Various exam 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 exam 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 exam 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. 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 exam 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 exam 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A | A | 4 |
| B | B | 3 |
| C | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------|-----------------------|----------------|
| D | D | 1 |
| E | D | 1 |
| F, G, H | F | 0 |

IGCSE

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A | A | 4 |
| B | B | 3 |
| C | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------|-----------------------|----------------|
| D | D | 1 |
| E | D | 1 |
| 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Religious Education – approved as an “additional” core course.
 - Caribbean Studies – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Human and Social Biology – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Communication Studies – approved as a “English” core course.
 - Environmental Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.

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St. Lucia

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

Tier One

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. Each tier builds upon the previous tier.

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 exam 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 exam 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 exam 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. 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 exam 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A | A | 4 |
| B | B | 3 |
| C | B | 3 |
| D | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| E | C | 2 |
| F, G | D | 1 |
| H or Ungraded | F | 0 |

IGCSE

| 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, 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Communication Studies – approved as an “English/native language” core course.
 - Caribbean Studies – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Environmental Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Human and Social Biology – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Religious Education – approved as an “additional” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.

References:

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St. Vincent

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Form Three, Year Nine, Year 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 2 = 11$ and then an optional $+2 = 13$ | <i>11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, and then two to four years of upper secondary</i> |

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. Each tier 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 exam 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 exam 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 exam 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. 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 exam 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| V | C | 2 |
| VI | D | 1 |
| VII | F | 0 |

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A | Excellent | A |
| B | Very Good | A |
| C | Good | B |
| D | Satisfactory | C |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| E | Acceptable | C |
| F | Weak | D |
| G | Unsatisfactory | F |

GCSE: Ordinary Level (O-Level) Examination

| 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, G | D | 1 |
| H or Ungraded | F | 0 |

IGSE

| 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, 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Communication Studies – approved as an “English” core course.
 - Caribbean Studies – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Environmental Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Human and Social Biology – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Religious Education – approved as an “additional” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.

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Sudan, Republic of

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 |

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Suriname

Background:

| | |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>October-August</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Classe 3</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Third year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Dutch</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 4 + 2 = 12$ or $6 + 4 + 3 = 13$ | <i>12 or 13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary, two or three years upper secondary</i> |

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 initial start of 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 initial start of 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 initial start of year nine) |
| Issuing Body | Upper secondary school |

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 |

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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 Vuxenutbildning [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 |

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 |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 100 and up | 1 credit per course |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 50 | 0.5 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Civil Law – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Cultural History – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Environment & Energy – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Ethnicity & Culture – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Humanities – approved as an “additional” core course.
 - International Economics – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - International Relations – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Religion A – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Religion B – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Religion 1 – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Religion 2 – approved as a “social science” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** 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 960406-1234 (Date of birth would be April 6, 1996).
- Swedish documents will be tasked for by title, *not* by a period of time.

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Switzerland

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Klasse 3, 3eme, Classe 1</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>German, French, Italian, Romansh</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| See Chart Below | <i>Timeline varies by canton—please use timeline resource below</i> |

| 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 Innerrhoden | 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.



Preprimary education is provided by Kindergarten/Écoles Infantines/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 Maturitätszeugnis/Confédération Suisse 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 Maturitätszeugnis/Certificat de maturité cantonal reconnu par la Confédération/Attestato di maturità cantonale riconosciuta dalla Confederazione [Federally Recognized Cantonal Maturity Certificate]

| | |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | See timeline for specific canton, above |
| Issuing Body | Swiss canton |

3. Eidgenössisches Berufsmaturitätszeugnis/Certificat fédérale de maturité professionnelle/Attestato federale di maturità professionale [Federal Vocational Maturity Certificate]

| | |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | See timeline for specific canton, above |
| Issuing Body | Swiss canton |

4. Fachmaturitätszeugnis/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 pratica [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 |



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:

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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 1 | 0.25 |

Grading Scale:

| 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.

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Syria

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year Nine, Year Three</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Arabic</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 6 + 3 + 3 = 12 | <i>12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, three years upper secondary</i> |

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) |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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 | 0 |

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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 |
| 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) |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 1 | 0.25 |



Grading Scale:

| 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:

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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Tajikistan

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 5, Year 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Tajik, Persian, Russian</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $4 + 5 + 2 = 11$ | <i>11 years total: four years primary, five years lower secondary, two years upper secondary</i> |

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 Miēnai 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) |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|



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 |

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Tanzania

Background:

| | |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>January-December (varies)</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Form Three, Key Stage Three, Year Nine</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Second year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| <i>7 + 4 = 11 or 7 + 4 + 2 = 13</i> | <i>11 or 13: seven years primary, four years secondary or seven years primary, four years secondary, two additional years secondary</i> |

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. Each tier 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 |



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 |

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Thailand

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>May/June-March/April</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Matayom III, Year 3</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Thai, English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 6 + 3 + 3 = 12 | <i>12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, three years upper secondary</i> |

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 |



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:

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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Togo

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | October-June |
| What is year nine called? | 4eme, 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 Professionnelle (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) |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 |

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Tonga

Background:

| | |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>February-December</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Form three, third form</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Third year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Tongan, English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 5 + 1 = 12$ or $6 + 5 + 2 = 13$ | <i>12 or 13 years total: six years primary, five years lower secondary, one or two years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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) |

- 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:

- 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 1 | 0.25 |



Grading Scales:

| 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 |

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Trinidad-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. Each tier 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 exam 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 exam 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 exam 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. 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 exam 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 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 |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A | A | 4 |
| B | B | 3 |
| C | B | 3 |
| D | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| E | C | 2 |
| F, G | D | 1 |
| H or Ungraded | F | 0 |

IGCSE

| 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, 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Communication Studies – approved as an “English” core course.
 - Caribbean Studies – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Environmental Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Human and Social Biology – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Religious Education – approved as an “additional” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.

References:

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Tunisia

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Quatrieme, 4eme</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Arabic</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 4 = 13$ | <i>13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, four years upper secondary</i> |

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 Body² | 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) |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 (4eme) | 9 |
| Troisieme (3eme) | 10 |
| Deuxieme/Seconde (2eme/2nde) | 11 |
| Premiere (1er/1ere) | 12 |
| Terminale (Ter) | 13 |

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Turkey

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year nine, Year one</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>First year of upper secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Turkish</i> |
| 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 iyi | Very Good | A | 4 |
| iyi | Good | B | 3 |
| Orta | Average | C | 2 |
| Gecmez | Fail | F | 0 |

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 |
| 1-4/0-49 | 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.

References:

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Turkmenistan

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-May</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 9, Year 6</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Sixth year of upper secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Turkmen</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $3 + 7 = 10$ | <i>10 years total: three years primary, seven years upper secondary</i> |

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 |
| | | |

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Turks and Caicos Islands

Background:

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Form Three, Year Nine/Year 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 2 = 11$ and then an optional $+2 = 13$ | <i>11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, and then two-to-four years of upper secondary</i> |

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. Each tier 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 (six consecutive semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
| Issuing Body | Various exam 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 (six consecutive semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
| Issuing Body | Various exam 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 exam 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. 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 exam 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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 |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A | A | 4 |
| B | B | 3 |
| C | B | 3 |
| D | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| E | C | 2 |
| F, G | D | 1 |
| H or Ungraded | F | 0 |

IGCSE

| 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, 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 that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Communication Studies – approved as an “English” core course.
 - Caribbean Studies – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Environmental Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Human and Social Biology – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Religious Education – approved as an “additional” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.

References:

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Uganda

Background:

| | |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>January-December</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Form Two</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Second year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English, Swahili</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $7 + 2 + 2 = 11$ and an optional $+2 = 13$ | <i>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</i> |

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. Each tier builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

- 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.

- 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:

- Individual Subject Passes from Upper Secondary School

| | |
|----------------------------------------|--------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | Varies |
|----------------------------------------|--------|



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 |

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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* [Certificate of Complete General Secondary Education] from a Gimnazia, Licei or a 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 |

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 |

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United Arab Emirates

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-May</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 3, Year 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Arabic</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 3 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, three years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Tawjihyya [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 |

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 40 – 49 | D | 1 |
| 0 – 39 | F | 0 |
| | | |

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United Kingdom (England and Wales)

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Form Three, Key Stage Three, Year Nine</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| Varies (11, 12 or 13) | <i>See document-specific timelines below.</i> |

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. Each tier 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/Level 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 |

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. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) Level 3 Diploma (*formerly National Certificate*)

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|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight 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 | 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. 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 |

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 | 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 |

7. 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 |

8. BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport

| | |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
| Issuing Body | Pearson/Edexcel |
| First Available Date of Issue (typical) | June/July |

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. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) Level 3 Extended Diploma (*formerly National 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 |

5. 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 |

6. 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 |

7. 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 |

8. 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 |

9. 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 |

10. 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 |

11. 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 |



12. 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 |

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) |
| Document Type | Certificate |
| Issuing Body | Various examination boards |

2. BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport
3. BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport
4. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) (All BTEC documents at Level 2 and below)
5. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) First Certificate
6. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) First Diploma
7. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) Foundation Diploma
8. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) Introductory Certificate
9. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) Introductory Diploma
10. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) Level 3 90 Credit Diploma
11. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma
12. Cambridge Pre-university Certificate (Pre-U Certificate)
13. City and Guilds Level 3 Diploma
14. Colleges of Further Education
15. National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) Foundation Level
16. Pitman Qualifications
17. Vocational Certificate of Education (VCE)

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 |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A | A | 4 |
| B | B | 3 |
| C | B | 3 |
| D | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|----------|-----------------------|----------------|
| E | C | 2 |
| F | D | 1 |
| G | D | 1 |
| 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 |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| A | A | 4 |
| B | B | 3 |
| C | B | 3 |
| D | C | 2 |

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| E | C | 2 |
| N, O | F | 0 |
| U | F | 0 |

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 |

Important Information:

- The following are less commonly known course titles that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Approved as an “additional” core course:
 - Philosophy.
 - Religion B Philosophy & Ethics.
 - Approved as an “English” course:
 - Communications.
 - English as a Second Language (*Pearson/Edexcel examination only*).
 - Approved as a “mathematics” course:
 - Methods in Mathematics.
 - Approved as a “natural/physical science” course:
 - Anatomy for Sport and Exercise (*BTEC Level 3 Course only*).
 - Anatomy and Physiology (*BTEC Level 3 National Diploma or Level 3 National Extended Diploma Course only*).
 - Body in Action (*BTEC Level 3 Course only*).
 - Environmental Science & Environmental Management (*BTEC Level 3 Course only*).
 - Human Physiology (*BTEC Level 3 Course only*).
 - Principles of Anatomy and Physiology in Sport (*BTEC Level 3 Course only*).
 - Sport and Exercise Psychology (*BTEC Level 3 Course only*).
 - Approved as a “social science” course:
 - Citizenship (*earned 2010 and after*).
 - Classical Civilization.
 - Communication and Culture.
 - Global Perspectives.
 - Humanities.
 - Modern Studies.
 - Psychology for Sports Performance (*BTEC Level 3 Course only*).
 - Sport and Exercise Psychology (*BTEC Level 3 Course only*).
 - World Development.
 - Psychology for Sport Performance (*BTEC Level 3 Course only*).
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Applications in Mathematics.
 - Current Issues in Sport.
 - Environmental Education and Sustainability for Outdoor and Adventurous Activities.
 - Film Studies.



- General Studies.
 - Human Health and Physiology.
 - ICT (Information and Communication Technology).
 - Media Studies.
 - Professional Development in the Sports Industry.
 - Religious Studies.
 - Research Methods in Sport.
 - Sports Psychology.
 - Denied 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 denied 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/denied 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.

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Uruguay

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>March-November</i> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 3, Year 9, Ano 3</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Spanish</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 3 + 3 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, three years upper secondary</i> |

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 | <i>September-June</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Uzbek</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $4 + 5 + 3 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: four years primary, five years lower secondary, three years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Attestat O'rita 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 |

| 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 | <i>September-July</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>(Ano o Grado 3°) Year 3</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Third year of secondary education</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Spanish</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $6 + 5 = 11$ | <i>11 years total: six years basic education and five years secondary</i> |

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) |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|



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 |

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Vietnam

Background:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Calendar | <i>September-May</i> |
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year four (4), Year nine (9)</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Vietnamese</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $5 + 4 + 3 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: five years primary, four years lower secondary, three years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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 |

- 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:

- 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) |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

- 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) |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

- 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) |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|

- Completion of Basic General Education Level 1 or Level 2

- Completion of Primary School

| | |
|----------------------------------------|---------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 5 years |
|----------------------------------------|---------|



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 |

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Yemen

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>September-June</i> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Year Nine</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Final year of intermediate school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>Arabic</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| 9 + 3 = 12 | <i>12 years total: nine years of intermediate school, three years secondary school</i> |

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/AI Shahada AI Mutawassita

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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2. Certificate of Vocational Training

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| Expected Timeline of Completion | 11 or 12 years (three of four years or six or eight 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 |
| 3 | 0.75 |

| Units of Credit | U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | 0.5 |
| 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:

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| Academic Calendar | <i>January-December</i> |
| What is year 9 called? | <i>Year Nine</i> |
| Where is year 9 typically located? | <i>Final year of lower secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $7 + 2 + 3 = 12$ | <i>12 years total: seven years primary, two years lower secondary, three years upper secondary</i> |

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- General Certificate of Education (GCE) (ECZ School Certificate Examination)

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| 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:

- Junior Secondary School Certificate

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

| Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| E | C | 2 |
| F | F | 0 |
| O | F | 0 |
| | | |

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Zimbabwe

Background:

| Academic Calendar | <i>January-December</i> |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is year nine called? | <i>Form II, Year 9</i> |
| Where is year nine typically located? | <i>Second year of upper secondary school</i> |
| Native Language(s) | <i>English</i> |
| Graduation Timeline | |
| $7 + 4 = 11$ with an optional $+2 = 13$ | <i>11 or 13 years total: seven years primary, four or six years upper secondary</i> |

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. Each tier 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)

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
| Issuing Body | Various exam 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)

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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)

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
| Issuing Body | Various exam 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)

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| Expected Timeline of Completion | 13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
| Issuing Body | Zimbabwe School Examinations Council (ZIMSEC) |



- 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)

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | 13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
| Issuing Body | Various exam boards |

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 1. Grade 7 Certificate

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion | Awarded Upon the Completion of Year (Grade) 7 |
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- 2. Zimbabwe Junior Certificate

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 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.

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