



Eligibility Center



2018-19 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:

- Jennifer Minke, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, chair
- Amy King, University of California, Los Angeles, vice chair
- Elvin A. Browne, King University
- Brittany E. Henson, Palm Beach Atlantic University
- Ruth Lopez, University of North Florida
- Meghan Miller, Sacred Heart University

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 (International Guide), which complement the NCAA Divisions I and II bylaws. Specifically, the ISRC establishes acceptable forms of proof of high school graduation and core curriculum content for purposes of determining course, grade and credit utilized towards NCAA initial-eligibility requirements (as outlined in NCAA Divisions I and II bylaws). In addition, the ISRC examines and sets policy regarding country educational paths, country academic timelines, academic performance evaluation systems and grading scales.

In summary, for all prospective student-athletes who have any international component in their high school education (or the international country-specific equivalent), this International Guide supplements the initial-eligibility rules set forth in the NCAA Divisions I and II bylaws. Additional academic policies and procedures are used to assess an international prospective student-athlete's initial eligibility, including the expected date of high school graduation for amateurism legislation. *Note:* The use of the expected date of high school graduation in administering amateurism rules is overseen by the Eligibility Center amateurism certification staff and not the academic certification staff.

- 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 www.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:

Please be sure to include the prospective student-athlete's NCAA ID number with all student records.

Mailing Address:

NCAA Eligibility Center

P.O. Box 6222

Indianapolis, IN 46202-6222

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

[NCAA Eligibility Center International Contact Form](#)

Customer Service Hours:

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

Monday through Friday

Fax number: 317-968-5100

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.

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 *before Aug. 1, 2018*, you must meet all academic requirements and earn at least a combined SAT score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68 to be eligible to compete.

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	New SAT*	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum
3.550	400	400	37
3.525	410	410	38
3.500	430	420	39
3.475	440	430	40
3.450	460	440	41
3.425	470	450	41
3.400	490	460	42
3.375	500	470	42
3.350	520	480	43
3.325	530	490	44
3.300	550	500	44
3.275	560	510	45
3.250	580	520	46
3.225	590	530	46
3.200	600	540	47
3.175	620	550	47
3.150	630	560	48
3.125	650	570	49
3.100	660	580	49
3.075	680	590	50
3.050	690	600	50
3.025	710	610	51
3.000	720	620	52
2.975	730	630	52
2.950	740	640	53
2.925	750	650	53
2.900	750	660	54
2.875	760	670	55
2.850	770	680	56
2.825	780	690	56
2.800	790	700	57
2.775	800	710	58

DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE			
Core GPA	New SAT*	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum
2.750	810	720	59
2.725	820	730	60
2.700	830	740	61
2.675	840	750	61
2.650	850	760	62
2.625	860	770	63
2.600	860	780	64
2.575	870	790	65
2.550	880	800	66
2.525	890	810	67
2.500	900	820	68
2.475	910	830	69
2.450	920	840	70
2.425	930	850	70
2.400	940	860	71
2.375	950	870	72
2.350	960	880	73
2.325	970	890	74
2.300	980	900	75
2.299	990	910	76
2.275	990	910	76
2.250	1000	920	77
2.225	1010	930	78
2.200	1020	940	79
2.175	1030	950	80
2.150	1040	960	81
2.125	1050	970	82
2.100	1060	980	83
2.075	1070	990	84
2.050	1080	1000	85
2.025	1090	1010	86
2.000	1100	1020	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			
USE FOR DIVISION II BEGINNING AUGUST 2018			
Core GPA	New SAT*	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum
3.300 & above	400	400	37
3.275	410	410	38
3.250	430	420	39
3.225	440	430	40
3.200	460	440	41
3.175	470	450	41
3.150	490	460	42
3.125	500	470	42
3.100	520	480	43
3.075	530	490	44
3.050	550	500	44
3.025	560	510	45
3.000	580	520	46
2.975	590	530	46
2.950	600	540	47
2.925	620	550	47
2.900	630	560	48
2.875	650	570	49
2.850	660	580	49
2.825	680	590	50
2.800	690	600	50
2.775	710	610	51
2.750	720	620	52
2.725	730	630	52
2.700	740	640	53
2.675	750	650	53
2.650	750	660	54
2.625	760	670	55
2.600	770	680	56
2.575	780	690	56
2.550	790	700	57
2.525	800	710	58
2.500	810	720	59
2.475	820	730	60
2.450	830	740	61
2.425	840	750	61
2.400	850	760	62
2.375	860	770	63
2.350	860	780	64
2.325	870	790	65
2.300	880	800	66
2.275	890	810	67
2.250	900	820	68
2.225	910	830	69
2.200	920	840 & above	70 & above

DIVISION II PARTIAL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE			
USE FOR DIVISION II BEGINNING AUGUST 2018			
Core GPA	New SAT*	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum
3.050 & above	400	400	37
3.025	410	410	38
3.000	430	420	39
2.975	440	430	40
2.950	460	440	41
2.925	470	450	41
2.900	490	460	42
2.875	500	470	42
2.850	520	480	43
2.825	530	490	44
2.800	550	500	44
2.775	560	510	45
2.750	580	520	46
2.725	590	530	46
2.700	600	540	47
2.675	620	550	47
2.650	630	560	48
2.625	650	570	49
2.600	660	580	49
2.575	680	590	50
2.550	690	600	50
2.525	710	610	51
2.500	720	620	52
2.475	730	630	52
2.450	740	640	53
2.425	750	650	53
2.400	750	660	54
2.375	760	670	55
2.350	770	680	56
2.325	780	690	56
2.300	790	700	57
2.275	800	710	58
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2.175	840	750	61
2.150	850	760	62
2.125	860	770	63
2.100	860	780	64
2.075	870	790	65
2.050	880	800	66
2.025	890	810	67
2.000	900	820 & above	68 & above

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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.



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Gabon	Jordan	Netherlands
Gambia	Kazakhstan	New Zealand
Georgia	Kenya	Nicaragua
Germany	Korea, Republic of (South Korea)	Niger
Ghana	Kosovo	Nigeria
Greece	Kuwait	Northern Ireland
Grenada	Kyrgyzstan	Norway
Guatemala	Latvia	Pakistan
Guinea (Guinea-Conakry)	Lebanon	Palestine
Guyana	Lesotho	Panama
Haiti	Liberia	Papua New Guinea
Honduras	Lithuania	Paraguay
Hong Kong	Luxembourg	Peru
Hungary	Macedonia	Philippines
Iceland	Madagascar	Poland
India	Malawi	Portugal
Indonesia	Malaysia	Qatar
International Baccalaureate	Mali	Romania
Iran	Mexico	Russian Federation
Iraq	Moldova	Rwanda
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Guide Updates

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

January 2018:

- Lesotho—Country profile added
- Australia (New South Wales)—issuing body update

December 2017:

- Ireland—Grading scale updated
- Nepal—Country profile added

November 2017:

- Singapore—Review of complete country profile
- Palestine—Grading scale updated

October 2017:

- Bermuda—Document name updated
- Canada—Quebec: CEGEP graduation date advancement policy update (*effective 2019*)
- Finland—Document name updated
- Togo—New country profile added
- Qatar—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 (ACT): 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. [Technical and Vocational Training Baccalauria] تخنیکي او حرفوي ثانوي تعلیماتو بری لیک/شهادتنامه دوره ثانوي تعلیمات حرفوي و تخنیکي

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

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

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

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:

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](#).

Visit www.eligibilitycenter.org for more information on NCAA initial eligibility requirements.



Albania

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Dëftesë Pjekurie [Certificate of Maturity]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Dëftesë e përfundimit dhe Certifikatë e adftësive profesionale për punëtor të Kualifikuar [Final Certificate and Statement of Vocational Abilities] from a technical high school

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Maturës Shtetërore [State Matura] and the Level 3 Vocational Training Certificate [technician level]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Deftese Lirimi

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Algeria

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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)
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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)
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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	Fairly Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2
Ajourne	Failed, Adjourned	F	0

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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:

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

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

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Technico Medio [Middle Level Technician]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form Three, Year Nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 and then an optional +2 = 13	11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and then two or four years of upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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)
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	August

2. General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate CAPE examinations 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

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.
 - 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:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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)
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	August

2. General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate examination 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



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1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Advanced Proficiency Examinations/Diploma (CAPE)
(must pass **two** or more separate CAPE examinations 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)
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:

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 - Human and Social Biology – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
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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

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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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)
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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)
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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)
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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
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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

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Armenia

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Mijnakarg Krtutyany Attestat [Certificate of Complete Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Hasunutian Vkaikan [Certificate of Maturity]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Krtser Masnaget [Junior Specialist] of middle professional education

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. Himnakan yndhanur krtutyany [Certificate of Basic Education]

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

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	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, Papiamentu, English, West Frisian
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 4 = 12 or 8 + 5 = 13	12 or 13 years total: eight years primary, four or five years upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

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

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
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

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Australia

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Australian Capital Territory ACT Year 12 Certificate and ACT Senior Secondary Certificate (*December 2015 and beyond*)

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

2. New South Wales Higher School Certificate and Record of Achievement

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body (January 2017 and after)	New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA)
Issuing Body (December 201 and prior)	Board Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES)
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	December

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

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

4. Queensland Certificate of Education and Senior Statement

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Queensland Studies Authority
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	December

5. 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 the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Government of South Australia
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	December



6. Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE) and Statement of Marks

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

7. Victoria Certificate of Education (VCE) Statement of Results and Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning Senior Level (VCAL) and Statement of Results

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

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

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

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Multiple territories: Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. New South Wales: Higher School Certificate when it is issued through the mail as an E-Record

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the 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	0.5

Grading Scales:

Australia Capital Territory

Australian Capital Territory/ACT Year 12 Certificate/ACT Senior Secondary Certificate

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



Australia Capital Territory

Australian Capital Territory/ACT Year 12 Certificate/ACT Senior Secondary Certificate

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	Very High Standard Achievement	A	4
B	High Standard of Achievement	B	3
C	Sound Standard of Achievement	C	2
D	Limited Standard of Achievement	D	1
E	Very Limited Standard of Achievement	F	0
S	Status (Indicates Transfer)	-	-

New South Wales or Years Nine and 10 Transcripts

These may apply to years 11 and 12 for some schools as well.

Descriptive	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

Northern Territory Certificate of Education (NTCE) and Record of Achievement

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



Northern Territory Certificate of Education (NTCE) and Record of Achievement

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

Queensland Senior Certificate and Senior Statement

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

South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) and Record of Achievement

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
20	A	4
17-19	A	4
14-16	B	3
11-13	C	2
8-10	D	1
3-7	F	0
0-2	F	0

Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE) and Statement of Marks

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
4	A	4
3.5	A	4
3	B	3
2.5	C	2
2	D	1

Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and Statement of Results

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	D	1
F, G, H	F	0
UG	F	0



Western Australia Certificate of Education (WACE) and Statement of Results

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
75-100	A	4
65-74.99	B	3
50-64.99	C	2
35-49.99	D	1
0-34.99	F	0

Western Australia Certificate of Education (WACE) and Statement of Results

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

Important Information:

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

- **Australia Capital Territory:**
 - Financial Modeling and Trigonometry – approved as a “mathematics” 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.
- **New South Wales:**
 - 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.
 - Religion (*taken in years 11 and 12*) – approved as a “social science” core course.
- **Northern Territory:**
 - None at this time.
- **Queensland:**
 - 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.
 - Math B and C – 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.
 - Studies of Society and Environment (SOCE) – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Study of Religion (*taken in years 11 and 12*) – approved as a “social science” core course.
- **South Australia:**
 - English Pathways – approved as an “English/Native Language” core course.
 - Math Applications – approved as a “mathematics” core course.
 - Religion (*taken in year 11*) – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Studies in Religion – approved as an “additional” core course.
 - Religion Studies – approved as an “additional” core course.



- **Tasmania:**
 - Applied Math – approved as a “mathematics” core course.
 - Math Bridge – approved as a “mathematics” 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.
- **Victoria:**
 - Further Math – approved as a “mathematics” 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.
- **Western Australia:**
 - 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 in Life (*taken in year 11 and 12*) – approved for use as an “additional” core course.
 - Study of Society and Environment (*sometimes abbreviated as “SOCE”*) – approved for use as a “social science” core course.

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australia Capital Territory:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Commerce.◦ Physical Education.• New South Wales:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Commerce.◦ Physical Education.• Northern Territory:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Commerce.◦ Physical Education.• Queensland:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Mathematics (or Math) A.◦ Science 21.◦ Marine Aquatic Practices.◦ Commerce. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• South Australia:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Commerce.◦ Design and Technology.◦ Physical Education.• Tasmania:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Commerce.◦ Physical Education.• Victoria:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Commerce.◦ Foundations of Math.◦ Health and Human Development.◦ Physical Education.• Western Australia:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Commerce.◦ Physical Education. |
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Abschlusszeugnis (completion certificate) from a Berufsschule (vocational) or Polytechnische Schule (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

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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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Grading Scales:

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

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



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Bahamas

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Bahamas Junior Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	End of year nine
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Grading Scales:

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

BGCSE (GCE) O-Level (BJC)

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

Advanced Level (A-Level/A2-Level)

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
N, O	F	0
U	F	0

Important Information:

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

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)
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- Diploma in Technology

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:

- 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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- Nurses Training Center, first and second year of the registered nurse program
- Secondary School Certificate (SSC)
- Technical Certificate
- Technical Diploma
- Trade Certificate Vocational Training
- 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

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Barbados

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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)
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	August

2. General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate CAPE exams 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)
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	August

2. Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE)

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

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Barbados Secondary School Certificate Part One

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

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.
 - 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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Belarus

Background:

Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	<i>Knacc 9, knac 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:

- 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)
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- 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)
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- 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)
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NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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)
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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 Supérieur (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)
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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)
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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)
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4. Getuigschrift 6 [Certificate] Flanders

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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)
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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)
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7. Getuigschrift Van Hoger Secundair Onderwijs

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. 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. Kwalificatiegetuigschrift [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)
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Grading Scales:

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
18-20 (90-100)	A	4
16-17 (80-89)	A	4
14-15 (70-79)	B	3
10-13 (50-69)	C	2
8-9.99*	D	1
0-9 (0-49)	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.

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.

References:

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Belize

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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)
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	August

Tier Two

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Advanced Proficiency Examinations/Diploma (CAPE) (*must pass **two** or more separate CAPE examinations 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)
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)
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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.
 - 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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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:

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

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Baccalauréat de Technicien [Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Secondaire Technique [Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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4. Diplôme de Technicien Industriel/DTI [Industrial Technician Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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)
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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)
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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
16.00-20.00	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

References:

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Bermuda

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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)
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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

- General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) or International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) (*must pass **five** or more separate (I)GCSE examination 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.

- General Certificate of Education, Advanced Subsidiary Level (GCE AS-level) examinations (*must pass **two** or more separate AS-level examinations 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

- 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.

1. General Certificate of Education, Advanced Level (GCE A-level) examinations (*must pass **two** or more separate A-level examinations 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

2. International Advanced Level (A-level) examinations (*must pass **two** or more separate A-level examinations 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

References:

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Bolivia

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

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

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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)
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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)

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	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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Bosnia and Herzegovina

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

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

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 (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
Odličan	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.

References:

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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)
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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

References:

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Brazil

Background:

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

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

- Ensino Fundamental

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Ensino Medio [Graduation Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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7. Diploma de Conclusao de Curso Supletivo [High School Diploma Equivalency Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Ensino Fundamental [Primary School Certificate/Diploma]

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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)
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	August

2. General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate examination 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)
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.
 - 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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Bulgaria

Background:

Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	<i>Knac 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)
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3. Udostoverenie za Poluvishsha Tekhnicheska Praktika [Qualification for Technicians]

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 Elementary/Basic Education

Expected Timeline of Completion	Year eight
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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 Degre [Secondary Education Baccalaureate]

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

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

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

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Diplôme d'Etat [State Diploma Which Gives Access to University Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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	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	September-June
What is year nine called?	Quatrieme, 4eme
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 3 = 13	13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

Anglophone System:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

Francophone System:

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

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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)
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3. Brevet de Technicien [Technician Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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4. Brevet de Professionnel [Professional Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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)
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6. Certificat de Probation [Certificate of Probation] (sometimes referred to as Probatoire)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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7. Certificat d'Aptitude Pédagogique 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 separate GCE O-level examinations 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 separate GCE A-level examinations 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
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2. Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle (CAP) [Certificate of Professional Competency]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Two years 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:

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.

References:

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Canada

Background:

Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Typically grade 9 (Secondary 3 in Quebec)
Where is year nine typically located?	Varies
Native Language(s)	English, French (Solely French for Quebec)
Graduation Timeline	
Varies	Varies per territory. See document specific timelines below

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Alberta – Alberta 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	Alberta Education-Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	June

2. Alberta – Diplôme d'études Secondaires de L'Alberta [Diploma of Secondary Education]

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

3. Alberta – Certificate of Achievement

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

4. British Columbia – Senior Secondary Graduation Diploma or Certificate [Dogwood Diploma]

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

5. British Columbia – Diplôme de fin d'études Secondaires en Colombie-Britannique [French Dogwood Diploma]

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

6. British Columbia – Provincial Senior Secondary School Certificate

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



7. Manitoba – High School Graduation 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

8. Manitoba – 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	Secondary School
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	June

9. Manitoba – Provincial Senior Secondary School Certificate

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

10. New Brunswick – New Brunswick 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

11. New Brunswick – 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

12. Newfoundland and Labrador – 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

13. Newfoundland and Labrador – 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

14. Northwest Territories – 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



15. Northwest Territories – 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

16. Nova Scotia – Nova Scotia 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

17. Nunavut – 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

18. Ontario – Ontario 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

19. Ontario – 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

20. Prince Edward Island – 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

21. Quebec – 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

**This document is a first-tier document of, potentially, two tiers. This first document is considered acceptable proof of graduation, and is typically followed by a second-tier document from Quebec. Please see below for acceptable Tier Two documents.*



22. Quebec – 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

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23. Quebec – 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

**This document is a first-tier document of, potentially, two tiers. This first document is considered acceptable proof of graduation, and is typically followed by a second-tier document from Quebec. Please see below for acceptable Tier Two documents.*

24. Quebec – 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

**This document is a first-tier document of, potentially, two tiers. This first document is considered acceptable proof of graduation, and is typically followed by a second-tier document from Quebec. Please see below for acceptable Tier Two documents.*

25. Quebec – 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, is considered a Tier Two document for Quebec. This is considered acceptable proof of graduation and 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 for the student beyond a Tier One document's initial timeline only.*

26. Quebec – Diplôme 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, is considered a Tier Two document for Quebec. This is considered acceptable proof of graduation and 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 for the student beyond a Tier One document's timeline only.*



27. Quebec – Diplôme 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, is considered a Tier Two document for Quebec. This is considered acceptable proof of graduation and 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 for the student beyond a tier one document's initial timeframe only.*

28. Quebec – 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, is not part of the tiered system in Quebec. Students that complete the Pre-University Grade 12 Certificate do so after completing the Relevé de Notes (covers years 10 and 11).*

29. Saskatchewan – 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

30. Yukon Territory – 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

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. British Columbia – 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 the initial start of year nine)
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2. Northwest Territories – Junior High School Diploma or Arctic College requiring less than completion of grade 12 for admission
3. Ontario – Certificate of Education or Nursing Assistant Certificate
4. 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*)]
5. 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*)]
6. Saskatchewan – Grade 10 or 11 standing



Crediting Policies:

Alberta

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

British Columbia

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

Manitoba

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)

Newfoundland and Labrador

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
2 Credits	1 Unit
1 Credit	0.50 Units



Northwest Territories

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

Grade 10-12 Core Course Credits	U.S. Equivalent
5 Credits	1 Unit
3 Credit	0.50 Units
1 Credit	0.25 Units

Nova Scotia

Grade Nine Core Course Credits	U.S. Equivalent Credits
All Core Courses	1 Unit
Grade 10-12 Core Course Credits	U.S. Equivalent
1 Credit	1 Unit
0.50 Credits	0.50 Units

Nunavut

Grade Nine Core Course Credits	U.S. Equivalent Credits
Language Arts/English 9	1.0 Unit
Mathematics	1.0 Unit
All Other Core Courses	0.75 Units
Grade 10-12 Core Course Credits	U.S. Equivalent Credits
5 Credits	1 Unit
3 Credit	0.50 Units
1 Credit	0.25 Units

Ontario

Grade 9-12 Core Course Credits	U.S. Equivalent Credits
Civics (CHV20)	0.50 Units
All other Core Courses	1 Unit

(See the ["Important Information"](#) section below for more information on Ontario's course codes.)

Prince Edward Island

The third character in the course code on the transcript should indicate 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



Quebec

For Secondary 3, 4 and 5 coursework, unit values will be denoted in the last digit of the course code (e.g., Mathématiques 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 Units
4 Credits	0.75 Units
3 Credits	0.50 Units
2 Credits	0.34 Units
1 Credits	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 Unit	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

Saskatchewan

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 Unit
All other core courses	0.75 Units
Grades 10-12 Core Course Credits	U.S. Equivalent
1 Credit	0.75 Units

Yukon

Grade Nine Core Course Credits	U.S. Equivalent Credits
All Core Courses	1.0 Unit
Grades 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 Scales:

Alberta

Grade	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	80-100	A	4
B	65-79	B	3
C	50-64	C	2
D	40-49	D	1
F	0-39	F	0

British Columbia

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

Manitoba

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

New Brunswick

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

Newfoundland and Labrador

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



Northwest Territories

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

Nova Scotia

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

Nunavut

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

Ontario

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

Prince Edward Island

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



Quebec

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

Saskatchewan

Grade	Numeric Grade Equivalent	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

Yukon Territory

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 codes for each Canadian province are 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
British Columbia	998005
Manitoba	998006
New Brunswick	998010
Newfoundland and Labrador	998007
Northwest Territories	998012
Nova Scotia	998009

Province/Territory	Province Code
Nunavut	998013
Ontario	998003
Prince Edward Island	998008
Quebec	998001
Saskatchewan	998002
Yukon Territory	998011

Alberta

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

British Columbia

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.

Manitoba

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



New Brunswick

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.

Newfoundland and Labrador

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.

Northwest Territories

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
16, 26 and 36	No
15, 25 and 35	No
14 and 24	No Longer Offered

Nova Scotia

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.

Ontario

All courses successfully passed in grades nine through 12 will be awarded the credit as it is awarded on the high school transcript, with the exception of Civics (CHV20), which is awarded 0.50 units by the Ministry of Education.

- 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

Character	Grade Level
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

Character	Grade Level
D	Level 4
E	Level 5



Fifth Character in Course Code

Character	Course Type	Approved for Certification with Matching Course Title
D	Academic	Yes
P	Applied	No
O	Open	No
E	Workplace Preparation	No
C	College Preparation	No
U	University Preparation	Yes
M	College/University preparation	Yes
L	Locally Developed Courses	Reviewed on Case-by-Case Basis

*Civics (CHV20) will be used in the certification process and will only be awarded 0.50 units by the Ministry of Education

Prince Edward Island

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 course codes:

First Digit in Course Code

Digit	Grade Level
4	Grade 10
5	Grade 11
6	Grade 12

Digit	Grade Level
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	Unit of Credits
1	1.0
2	1.0
3	1.0

Digit	Unit of Credits
4	1.0
5	0.5



Quebec

The fourth digit in the course code on the Secondary 3-5 transcripts indicates the grade level at which the course was taken.

- *For example:* “Mathematiques 984306” is taken at the Secondary 3 level because the fourth digit in the course code is a 3.

If a student pursues the Diplôme d'Études Collegiales (DEC) [diploma of collegial studies] from a Collège 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

Saskatchewan

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.

Yukon Territory

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

References:

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Cayman Islands

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) (must pass **five** or more separate examination 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)
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	August

2. General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) (must pass **five** or more separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate examination 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** separate examinations 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)
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	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
I	A	4	IV	D	1
II	B	3	V	D	1
III	C	2	VI	F	0

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	Outstanding	A	4
B	Good	B	3
C	Fairly Good	C	2
D	Moderate	D	1
E	Weak	D	1
F	Poor	F	0



Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)

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

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.
 - 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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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 Degré [Secondary Education Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Baccalauréat de Technicien [Technical Baccalaureate]

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]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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)
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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)
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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'Études du Premier Cycle [Certificate of First Cycle Studies])

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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	October-June
What is year nine called?	Quatrieme, 4 ^{eme}
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French, Arabic
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 3 = 13	13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Baccalauréat [Baccalaureate of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Baccalauréat de Technicien [Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Brevet de Technicien [Technician Certificate]

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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)
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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

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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:

1. Certificate of Results of General Examination for High School graduates (HUIKAO) with verification of results directly from the China Qualifications Verification Authority (CDGDC)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	China Academic Degrees and Graduate Education Development Center (CDGDC)

2. Graduation Certificate

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

1. Graduation Certificate from a junior (lower) middle school

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

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
60-69	D	1
0-59	F	0

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Excellence	A	4
Good	B	3
Average/Fail	C	2

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Pass/Satisfactory	D	1
Unsatisfactory/Fail	F	0

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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:

1. Bachillerato/Bachiller Academico [Academic Secondary School Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Titulo de Maestro/Maestro Superior/Normalista Superior [Title/Diploma of Teacher/Advanced Teacher/Advanced Educator]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Certificado de Aptitud Profesional [Certificate of Professional Aptitude]
2. Certificado de Equivalencia del Grado de Bachiller [Certificate of Equivalence to the Bachiller Diploma]
3. Diploma de Experto [Diploma of Expert] from a secondary-level commercial, industrial or technical school
4. Certificado de Conclusion del Ciclo Basico [Certificate of Completion of Lower Secondary School]

Crediting Policies:

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

Units of Credit	U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year
4+	1
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
Aceptable	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

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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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3. Certificat d'Etudes Primaires [Certificate of Primary Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Six years (awarded upon the completion of primary school which is at the end of year six)
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Crediting Policies:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Baccalauréat [Baccalaureate]

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

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]

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]

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]

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:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Bachillerato/Bachiller [Secondary School Diploma]

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

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

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

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

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]

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]

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]

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]

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:

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]

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*)

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*)

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
Odličan	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:

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]

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]

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]

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]

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:

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]

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)

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	Ample 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	<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>Turkish, Greek, English</i>
Graduation Timeline	
$6 + 3 + 3 = 12$	<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. Apolyterion [Certificate of Completion] from an upper secondary school

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

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]

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]

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. Certificate of Completion from lower secondary school

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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	September-May
What is year nine called?	<i>Trída IX, 9</i>
Where is year nine typically located?	<i>Final year of primary school</i>
Native Language(s)	Czech
Graduation Timeline	
9 + 4 = 13	13 years total: nine years primary and four years upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Vysvedceni o Maturitni Zkousce [Maturity Certificate]

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

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
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 <i>*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.</i>

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

- Year 9 Afgangsbevis (Certificate).
- Year 10 Afgangsbevis (Certificate).

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Bevis for Studentereksamen (STX) [Certificate of Student Examination]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years* (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) <i>*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).</i>
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2. Bevis for Højere Forberedelseseksamen (HF) [Higher Preparatory Examination]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years* (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine) <i>*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).</i>
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3. Højere Handelseksamen (HHX) [Higher Commercial Examination]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years* (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) <i>*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).</i>
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4. Højere Teknisk Eksamen (HTX) [Higher Technical Examination]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years* (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) <i>*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).</i>
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NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Afgangsbevis/Klassebevis [Leaving Certificate after grades nine or 10]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine or 10 years (one/two years or two/four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Afgangsprove/Klasseprove [Leaving Examination after grades nine or 10]

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

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

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine or 10 years (one/two years or two/four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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 Hjoelper [Health Science Helper]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine or 10 years (one/two years or two/four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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7. Svendebrev [Journeyman's Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine or 10 years (one/two years or two/four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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8. Udvidede Afgangsbevis/Klassebevis from a Folkeskole [Lower Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine or 10 years (one/two years or two/four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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9. Udvidede Afgangsprove/Klasseprove [Advanced Leaving Examination after grade 10]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine or 10 years (one/two years or two/four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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	September-June
What is year nine called?	Quatrieme, 4eme
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French, Arabic
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 3 = 12 or 6 + 4 + 4 = 13	12 or 13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and three or four years upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Baccalauréat Technologique (BT) [Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Baccalauréat Professionnel (BP) [Professional Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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)
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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)
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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	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form Three, Year Nine, Year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 and an optional +2 = 13	11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and then two to four years of upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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)
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	August

2. General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate examinations 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)
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.
 - 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	August-June
What is year nine called?	Year nine, premier grado
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school or third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Spanish
Graduation Timeline	
$6 + 2 + 4 = 12$ or $6 + 4 + 2 = 12$	12 years total: six years primary, two years lower secondary, four years upper secondary <u>or</u> six years primary, four years lower secondary, two years upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Bachiller/Bachillerato [Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Maestro Normal/Mastro Normal Primario [Primary School Teacher]

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

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:

1. Bachiller/Bachillerato [Secondary School Diploma]

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

1. 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)
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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*)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate (*Science and Math Tracks*)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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)
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4. Al-Azhar Secondary Education Certificate (*Arts Track*)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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5. Technical Secondary School Diploma in Commercial Preparation

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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)
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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)
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8. Armed Forces Vocational Training Diploma

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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9. Teacher's Diploma

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

1. Al-Azhar Primary Education Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Basic Education Completion Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Al-Azhar Preparatory Education Certificate

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

References:

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El Salvador

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Bachiller/Bachillerato [Academic Secondary School Graduation Diploma]

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

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Cicle III [Ninth-Year Primary School Cycle]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Diploma de Educación Básica [Diploma of Basic (Primary/Lower Secondary School) Education]

Grading Scales:

Schools must indicate (either on the transcript or on an official letter on school letterhead) whether the minimum passing grade per year is a five (5) or a six (6):

Five-minimum Pass

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

Six-minimum Pass

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



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

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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:

1. Eritrean Secondary Education Certificate Examination

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

References:

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Estonia

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

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

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

- Pohikooli Loputunnistus [Certificate of Basic 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
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
2	F (Failure)	0
1	F (Failure)	0

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Vaga Hea	Very Good	A	4
Hea	Good	B	3
Rahuldav	Satisfactory	C	2
Puudulik	Poor/Fail	F (Failure)	0
Nõrk	Weak/Fail	F (Failure)	0

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Ethiopia

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Ethiopian University Entrance Examination Certificate

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

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

1. Ethiopian School Leaving Certificate
2. Ethiopian General Secondary Education Leaving Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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 (ኣርባ, ጥቅምት 4, 2009) on the Ethiopian calendar is Friday, October 14, 2016 on the Gregorian calendar.

Often students present British-patterned educational documents from this country (IGCSEs, AS- or A-levels, etc.). For information on how to assess the eligibility of students presenting these documents, please see the [United Kingdom country 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

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

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

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

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

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

Expected Timeline of Completion	Earned upon completion of the eighth year of schooling
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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

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Finland

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Lukion Paastotodistus/Dismissionsbetyg/Avgangsbetyg Fran Gymnasiet [Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Ylioppilastutkintotodistus/Studentsexamensbetyg [Matriculation Examination Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Teknikko [Technician] or Teknillisen Koulun Paastotodistus [Vocational Secondary School Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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4. Ammatillinen Perustutkinto [Initial Vocational Qualification]

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. Kaupakoulu [Vocational School Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Peruskoulun Paastotodistus [Basic School Graduation Certificate]

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

Lukion Paastotodistus/Dismissionsbetyg

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
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
Kiitettava	Very Good	A	4
Hyva	Good	B	3
Tyydyttava	Acceptable, Satisfactory	B	3
Kohtalainen	Fair	C	2
Valttava Just	Adequate, Sufficient	D	1
Heikko, Hylatty	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]

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]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Diplome du Baccalaureat General [Diploma of General Baccalaureate]

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

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
Troisième (3ème)	09
Deuxième/Seconde (2ème/2nde)	10
Première (1er/1ère)	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]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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
Troisième (3ème)	9
Deuxième/Seconde (2ème/2nde)	10
Première (1er/1ère)	11
Terminale (Ter)	12

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The Gambia

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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)
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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)
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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)
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*State exams must accompany the certificate/diploma noted here. These are issued by the National Examinations Center.

4. Propheziul-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)
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5. Propheziul-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)
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NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Arasruli sashaulo Ganatieblis Motsmoba [Certificate of Incomplete Secondary Education]

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

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



5-point Scale

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

10-point Scale

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

Important Information:

No state exams were administered from 2003-2010 due to war.

References:

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Germany

Background:

Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Klasse 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Second year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	German
Graduation Timeline	
$8 + 2 + 2^* = 12$	12 years: eight years primary, two years lower secondary and two years upper secondary*

*In 2016, Germany completed the transition from a 13-year to a 12-year educational system. Beginning with 2017 high school graduates, 12 years is the expected timeline for all students to graduate.

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 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Zeugnis der Fachgebundenen Hochschulreife [Certificate of Subject-Restricted Higher Educational Maturity]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Zeugnis der Fachhochschulreife [Certificate of Maturity for a University of Applied Sciences]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine). 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.
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4. Abschlusszeugnis [Completion Certificate] (from a technical school)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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6. Secondary Stage II Berufsfachschule [School Leaving Certificate of Full-time Vocational School]

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:

An Abschlusszeugnis [Completion Certificate], Zeugnis [Certificate] or Abgangszeugnis [Leaving Certificate for those who Failed the Final Examination] from the types of schools listed below:

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| 1. Berufsaufbauschule [Extended Vocational School] | 7. Gesamtschule [Comprehensive School] |
| 2. Berufsfachschule [Vocational Technical School] | 8. Hauptschule [Main (<i>lower secondary</i>) School] |
| 3. Berufsgrundbildungsjahr/BGJ [Vocational Basic Education Year] | 9. Mittelschule [Middle School] |
| 4. Berufsschule [Vocational School] | 10. Realschule [Intermediate or Middle School] |
| 5. Berufsschule Berufsgrundbildungsjahr (BGJ) [Vocational Basic Education Year] | 11. Regelschule [Norm School] |
| 6. Berufsschule Berufsvorbereitungsjahr (BVJ) [Vocational Preparation Year] | 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.

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Ghana

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Senior Secondary School Certificate Examinations (SSSCE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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)
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2. Certificate B (*Teacher education*)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Common Entrance Examination

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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4. Middle School Leaving Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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5. Nurses and Midwives Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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6. Basic Education Certificate of Junior Secondary School

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

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
1	A	4
2	A	4
3	B	3
4	B	3

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
5-6	C	2
7-8	D	1
9	F (Failure)	0

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
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 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	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year 9, class 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Greek
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Apolyterio [Certificate of Completion] (awarded by a Lykeio Upper Secondary School)

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

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Grenada

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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)
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	August

2. General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate examination 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 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)
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.
 - 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:

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)
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2. Perito Comercial, Industrial, Agrícola, Técnico [Certificate/Diploma – Completion of Technical/Vocational Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Maestro de Educación [Completion of Technical/Vocational Education in Teaching]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Diplomado [Diploma]
2. Ciclo de cultura general [Lower Secondary School] (any documents from a lower secondary school)

Grading Scales:

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Excelente	Excellent	A	4
Muy Bueno	Very Good	B	3
Bueno	Good	C	2
Mínimo	Minimum	D	1
Reprobado	Fail	F	0

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
90-100	A	4
80-89	B	3
70-79	C	2

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
60-69	D	1
0-59	F	0

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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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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Guyana

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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 (SEC) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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)
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	August

2. General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate examination 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 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)
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:

- 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.
 - 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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Haiti

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Baccalauréat [Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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5. Brevet Supérieur [Advanced Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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9. Diplôme de Fin d'Études Normales [Normal School Completion Diploma]

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

1. Brevet de Technicien [Certificate of Technician]
2. Brevet Siple or Élémentaire [Basic Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Brevet Supérieur [Higher certificate, grade II]
4. Brevet d'Aptitude Professionnelle [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 Professionnelle [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:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Bachillerato/Bachiller en Ciencias y Letras [Secondary School Diploma in Sciences and Letters]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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2. Secreitaria 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	
$6 + 5 = 11$ or $6 + 3 + 3 = 12$ or $6 + 6 = 12$ or $6 + 5 + 2 = 13$	11, 12 or 13 years total: timeline varies, see various timelines below

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (HKALE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Hong Kong Advanced Supplementary Level Examination (HKASLE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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4. Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE)

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

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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]

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]

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. Bizonyítvány [certificate] from a Gépíró és Gyorsíró Szakiskola (*Training School for Shorthand or Typing*) or other similar types of special training schools
2. Egészségügyi Szakiskolai Bizonyítvány [Vocational Health School Certificate]
3. Szakkozepiskolai Technikuskepesítő 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	September-May
What is year nine called?	Year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Second year of lower secondary
Native Language(s)	Icelandic
Graduation Timeline	
$7 + 3 + 4 = 14$	14 years total: seven years primary, three years lower secondary and four years upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Studentsprof [University Matriculation Examination]

Expected Timeline of Completion	14 years (six years or 12 semesters from the initial start of year 9)
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2. Sveinsprof [Technical Secondary School Diploma]
3. Verslunarprof [Business Diploma]
4. Verslunarmenntaprof [Applied Business Studies Diploma]

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Landsprof [Upper Secondary School Admissions Examination]
2. Framhaldsdeildir [Continuation Classes]
3. Grunnskólalprof [Year 10 Certificate]

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

- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Art History.
 - Social Awareness.

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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*)

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

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

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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- Pre-professional Certificate (*pre-dental, pre-engineering, pre-medical, pre-agriculture*)

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

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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- Senior Secondary School Certificate (*National Institute of Open Schooling*)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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- Higher Secondary School Certificate (*all streams other than arts and sciences*)

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

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

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

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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- Certificate of Vocational Education Examination (CVE-12)

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

1. All-India Higher Secondary Certificate (*earned after standard grade XI*)

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. All-India Senior School Certificate (AISSC)

Expected Timeline of Completion	Varies
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3. Diploma in education where admission is based on the 10-year secondary school certificate

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

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

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) (Madrash Menengah Tingkat Atas) [Certificate of Completion – Islamic General/Academic Upper Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Ijazah – Sekolah Menengah Atas/Madrasah Aliyah (SMA MA) [Certificate of Graduation from Academic/Islamic Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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)
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5. Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar – Sekolah Menengah Kejuruan (STTB SMK) [Certificate of Completion – Vocational Upper Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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)
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7. Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar – Sekolah Teknik Menengah (STTB STM) [Certificate of Completion – Technical Upper Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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8. Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar – Sekolah Pendidikan Guru (STTB SPG) [Certificate of Completion – Teacher Training Education]

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

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

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. International Baccalaureat Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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.
 - Theory of Knowledge – approved as an “additional” core course.

References:

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Iran

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Pre-University Certificate

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

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

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. Trade Certificate

Grading Scale:

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
17.0 – 20.0	A	4
14.0 – 16.9	B	3
12.0 – 13.9	C	2
10.0 – 11.9	D	1
0.0 – 9.9	F	0

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Iraq

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Adadiyah [Sixth Form Baccalaureate]

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

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Vocational Secondary School Certificate

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 Technician

2. Third Form Baccalaureate

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Certificate of Intermediate Studies (*Ninth Grade only*)

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

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
90 – 100	A	4
80 – 89	A	4
70 – 79	B	3

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
60 – 69	C	2
50 – 59	D	1
0 – 49	F (Failure)	0

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Excellent	A	4
Very good	A	4
Good	B	3

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Average	C	2
Fair/Pass	D	1
Fail	F (Failure)	0



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Ireland

Background:

Academic Calendar	<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:

1. Ráiteas ar Thorthaí Sealadacha ag Scrúdú na hArdteistiméireachta [Statement of Provisional Results at the Leaving Certificate Examination]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 or 12 years (three/four years or six/eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	State Examinations Commission

2. Senior Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 or 12 years (three/four years or six/eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	State Examinations Commission

3. Leaving Certificate Applied

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 or 12 years (three/four years or six/eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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4. Leaving Certificate Vocational Program (LCVP)

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 or 12 years (three/four years or six/eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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5. Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC) Level 5 Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 or 12 years (three/four years or six/eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Junior Certificate

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

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	C	2

New Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
5	C	2
6	D	1
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.

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Israel

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Teudat Bagrut [Matriculation Certificate]

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

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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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7. Diploma di Abilitazione all'Insegnamento nelle Scuole del Grado Preparatorio [Diploma of Qualification for Teaching in Preparatory-level Schools]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Diploma di Qualifica Professionale [Diploma of Vocational Training]
2. Diploma di Maestro d'Arte [Diploma of Master of Art]
3. Diploma di 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
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5. Conservatorio [Conservatory of Music]



Grading Scales:

Grade (in words)	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Nove – Dieci	A	4
Otto	B	3
Sette	B	3
Sex	C	2
Cinque	F (Failure)	0

Grades (In Words)	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Quattro	F (Failure)	0
Tre	F (Failure)	0
Due	F (Failure)	0
Uno	F (Failure)	0
zero	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:

- The following are less commonly known course titles that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Foreign Language and Culture – approved as an “additional” core course.
- 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.

References:

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Jamaica

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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)
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	August

2. General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate examinations 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)
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)
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2. Jamaican School Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six 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:

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.
 - 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

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

- 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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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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Grading Scales:

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2
2	F	0
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	January-November/December
What is year nine called?	Form I
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	English, Kiswahili
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 4 = 12	12 years total: eight years primary and four years upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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)
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- 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)
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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)
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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)
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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

Five-point Scale

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



100-point Scale

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
90-100	A	4
80-89	A	4
70-79	B	3
60-69	C	2
0-59	D	1

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Kosovo

Background:

Academic Calendar	<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)
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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)
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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]

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. General Secondary Education Certificate, science track

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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?	Knacc 9, Year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Kyrgyz, Russian
Graduation Timeline	
4 + 5 + 2 = 11	11 years total: four years primary, five years lower secondary and two years upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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)
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- 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)
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NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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- Svidetel Stvo [Certificate]

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

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
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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)
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2. Diploms par Profesionalo Videjo Izglitibu [Diploma of Secondary Vocational Education] from an Arodvidusskola [Vocational Secondary School] or Arodgimnasia [Vocational Gymnasium]

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. Atestats par Pamatizglitibu [Basic Education Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Aplieciba par Profesionalo Pamatizglitibu [Certificate of Basic Vocational Education]

3. Diploma par Arodpmatizglitibu [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)
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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)
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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	January-November
What is year 9 called?	Year 2
Where is year 9 typically located?	Second year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Sesotho, English
Graduation Timeline	
7 + 3 + 2 = 12	12 years total: seven years primary, three years lower secondary and two years upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Lesotho General Certificate of Secondary Education (LGCSE) (*must pass **five** or more separate LGCSE examinations 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 separate O-level examinations 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)
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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)
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Grading Scales:

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
1	A	4
2	A	4
3	B	3
4	B	3

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
5-6	C	2
7-8	D	1
9	F (Failure)	0

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
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



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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:

1. Brandos Atestatas [Maturity Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years total (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper Secondary School (typically on Ministry letterhead)

2. Taikomuju Mokslu Vidurines Mokyklos Brandos Atestats [Maturity Certificate of Applied Sciences Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years total (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper Secondary School (typically on Ministry letterhead)

3. Qualifications obtained after successful completion of Vocational School if "Secondary Education Obtained" (Igijo Vidurini Issilavinima) is inscribed

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years total (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper Secondary School (typically on Ministry letterhead)

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Paragrindinio Issilavinimo Paztmejimo [Year 10 Basic Education Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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)
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3. Metu Profesines Vidurines Mokyklos Kolegijos Atestatas [Certificate of Vocational Secondary School]

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

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	September-July
What is year nine called?	Cinquieme, 5eme
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Luxembourgish, German, French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12 or 6 + 3 + 4 = 13	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. 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 Technicien (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)
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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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Macedonia

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Diploma of Passed State Maturity Exams

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years total (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Republic of Macedonia

2. Svidetelstvo za 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)
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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)
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3. Uverenje 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
Otlichno	Excellent	A	4
Mnogo Dobre	Very good	B	3
Dobre	Good	B	3
Zadovolitelno	Fair	C	2
Bezuspeshno	Unsatisfactory/Insufficient	F	0

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Madagascar

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. 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:

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)
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2. Diplôme d'Instituteur [Primary School Teacher Diploma]

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

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
Troisième (3ème)	9
Deuxième/Seconde (2ème/2nde)	10
Première (1er/1ère)	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)
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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	January-November
What is year nine called?	Form III, Form 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Malay, English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 or 6 + 3 + 3 = 12 or 6 + 3 + 4 = 13	11, 12 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, two, three or four years upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) [Malaysian Certificate of Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Malaysia Examinations Syndicate

2. Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia (STPM) [Malaysian High School Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Malaysia Examinations Syndicate

3. Malaysian Independent Chinese Secondary School Unified Examination (MICSSUE)

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

4. Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia Vokesyenal (SPMV) [Malaysian Certificate of Education for Vocational Schools]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Malaysia Examinations Syndicate

5. Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) [Malaysian Certificate of Education for Technical Schools]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Malaysia Examinations Syndicate

6. Sijil Matrikulasi [Matriculation Certificate Vocational Unified Examination (VUE)]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (one year or two consecutive semesters from on-time completion of MICSSUE or Vocational Unified Examination or five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

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)
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2. The Unified Examination Certificate

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

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

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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)
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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

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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)
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3. Egresado Pasante (Certificate issued on completion of course work requirements, but other requirements for graduation have not been met)

4. Preparatoria Técnica [Upper Secondary-level Technical Program designed to feed into tertiary level]

5. Certificado de Educación 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)
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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
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.
 - Socioeconomic Structure of Mexico – approved as a “social science” 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).

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Moldova

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Diploma de Baccalaréat [Secondary School Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. Atestat de Studi Medii de Cultura Generala [Certificate of General Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. Atestat de Maturitate [Maturity Certificate] from a Scola Media de Cultura Generala [School of General Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Certificat di Studii Gimnaziale [Certificate of Secondary Studies]
2. Adeverinta [Certificate of Professional Qualifications]
3. Certificat de Studii Secundare Professionale [Certificate of Vocational Secondary Education]

Grading Scales:

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
10	A	4
9	A	4
7 – 8	B	3
5 – 6	C	2
1 – 4	F (Failure)	0



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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Montenegro

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Svedocanstvo o Završenju Srednjeg Vaspanja [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 Završenju 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 Obrazovanju [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 Položenom 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 Pozivnosmerenom 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
Odličan	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	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form Three, Year Nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 and then an optional: +2 = 13	11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, and then two or four years of upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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)

2. General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate CAPE examinations 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)



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.
 - 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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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)
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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)
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3. Capacité en Droit [Aptitude in Law]

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

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
Troisième (3ème)	09
Deuxième/Seconde (2ème/2nde)	10
Première (1er/1ère)	11
Terminale (Ter)	12

References:

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Mozambique

Background:

Academic Calendar	<i>February-December</i>
What is year nine called?	9 ^o
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 Literárias [Certificate of Learning Competence] or [Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

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

2. Certificado do Nível Técnico e Vocacional Médio [Certificate of Medium Technical and Vocational Level]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or ten semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Carta de Ensino Primário de Segundo Grau [Certificate of 2nd Cycle Primary]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Seven years
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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)
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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

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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)
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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



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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)
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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)
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- Lower Secondary Examinations

Expected Timeline of Completion	Earned at the end of year eight
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Grading Scales:

Marks	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
75 – 100	A	4
60 – 74	A	4
45 – 59	B	3

Marks	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
32 – 44	C	2
0 – 31*	F	0

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.

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

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

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

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. Diploma Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs (MBO) [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)
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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)
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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)
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Grading Scales:

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

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Uitmuntend	Excellent	A	4
Zeer goed	Very good	A	4
Goed	Good	A	4
Ruim voldoende	Ample 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>Troisième année, 3ème</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. Diplôme de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degré [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. Diplôme de Baccalauréat 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. Diplôme de Baccalauréat 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. Diplôme de Baccalauréat de Technicien/Diplôme de Baccalauréat 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. Diplôme de Baccalauréat 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)
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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
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
Troisième (3eme)	09
Deuxième/Seconde (2eme/2nde)	10

Native Language	School Year
Première (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</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 separate IGCSE examinations 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 a 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.

3. National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 3 (*either in the form of a Certificate or a 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:

1. National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 1

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

NZQA

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
Blank/NG/A	Standard Achieved	C	2
NA	Standard Not Achieved	F (Failure)	0

Important Information:

- The following are less commonly known course titles that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Ngā Whanaketanga Rumaki Māori – approved as an “additional” core course.
 - Reo Maori language – 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 NZQA Record of Achievement.
- Coursework from years 11-13:
 - Should be added only from the NZQA Record of Achievement and not from school issued transcripts.
 - Should be 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.

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Nicaragua

Background:

Academic Calendar	March-December
What is year nine called?	Tercero Año
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Spanish
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 or 6 + 3 + 3 = 12	11 or 12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, two or three years upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Diploma de Conclusión de Estudios del Ciclo Diversificado del Bachillerato en Ciencias, 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

2. Bachiller Técnico [Technical Bachelor], Técnico Medio [Mid-level Technician], Enfermero Técnico Medio [Mid-level Technician Nurse] three year technical-vocational program

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. 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:

1. Diploma de Conclusión de Educación General Básica [Diploma of Completion of General Basic Education]

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

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
90 – 100	A	4
80 – 89	A	4
70 – 79	B	3
60 – 69	C	2
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	October-June
What is year nine called?	Quatrieme, 4eme
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 3 = 13	13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Baccalauréat/Diplôme de Bachelier de l'Enseignement de Second 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)
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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

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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)
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- 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)
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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:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

Tier One

1. General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) (*must pass **five** or more separate GCSE examinations 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 separate IGCSE examinations 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 separate Level 1/Level 2 Certificate examinations 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 separate O-level examinations 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 separate AS-level examinations 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 separate AS-level examinations 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 separate A-level examinations 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 separate A-level examinations 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.
 - Approved as “social science” core course:
 - Human Physiology.
 - 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.
- 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.
 - *Denied BTEC Level 3 Courses:*
 - Physiology of Fitness.
 - Scientific Principles Module.
 - Sport and Society.
 - Social Aspects of Sport.
 - Social Principals of Sport.
- Only BTEC coursework listed on a ‘Level 3’ document and included on the approved course list (*above*) can be considered for use in an academic certification. Those not listed as either approved or 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)
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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:

- 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

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Bachillerato/Bachiller [Secondary School Graduation Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Certificado de Terminación de Estudios Correspondientes al Primer Ciclo 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)
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2. Certificado de Maestro Normal/Maestro de Enseñanza 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

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Papua New Guinea

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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)
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- Vocational Training Certificates

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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- Certificate of Basic Education (COBE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	Eight years
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Grading Scale:

Upper Secondary/Higher School Certificate

Grades typically awarded in years 11 and 12

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	Excellent	A	4
B	Very Good	B	3
C	Good	C	2
D	Satisfactory	D	1
E	Weak	F (Failure)	0

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Paraguay

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Bachillerato/Bachiller Profesional [Professional Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. Certificado Oficial de Estudios de Educación Secundaria Comun-Quinto año
[Official Certificate of Studies of Common Secondary Education- fifth year]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. Bachillerato Técnico [Technical Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

4. Diploma de Aptitud Profesional [Diploma of Professional Competency]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

Grading Scales:

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
14 – 20	A	4
12 – 13	B	3
11	C	2
0 – 10	F (Failure)	0

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.

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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 <u>or</u> six years primary, four years lower secondary, two years upper secondary <u>or</u> 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

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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 Dojrzałości [Maturity Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

2. Świadectwo Ukończenia Liceum 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 Ukończenia Liceum Technicznego [Certificate of Completion of Technical Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

4. Świadectwo Ukończenia Liceum Zawodowego [Certificate of Completion of Vocational Lyceum]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

5. Świadectwo Ukończenia 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 Ukończenia Technikum Zawodowego [Certificate of Completion of Technical Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school



NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. S'wiadectwo Szkolne [Annual School Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Issued at the end of each academic school year
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2. S'wiadectwo 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)
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Grading Scales:

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Celujacy	Excellent	A	4
Bardzo Dobry	Very Good	A	4
Dobry	Good	B	3
Dostateczny	Satisfactory	C	2
Mierny/Dopuszczajacy	Barely Passing	D	1
Niedostateczny	Unsatisfactory	F	0

6-point Scale

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

100-point Scale

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
95-100	A	4
90-94	A	4
80-89	B	3
50-79	C	2
30-49	D	1
0-29	F	0

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Portugal

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 basic education</i>
Native Language(s)	<i>Portuguese</i>
Graduation Timeline	
$9 + 3 = 12$	<i>12 years total: nine years of basic education and three years of upper secondary education</i>

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 Qualificacao do Quadro Nacional de Qualificacoes/Certificado de Qualificacao 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)
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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	<i>September-June</i>
What is year nine called?	<i>Year Three, Year Nine, 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. 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)
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3. Commercial Secondary School Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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4. Religious Secondary School Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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5. Technical Secondary School 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:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Diploma de Baccalaureat [Baccalaureate Diploma]

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

2. Diploma de Merit [Merit Diploma]

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

3. Certificat de Absolvire a Liceului [Certificate of Secondary School Completion]

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

4. Certificat de Absolvire a Cursului de Calificare [Certificate of Completion of a Vocational Qualification Program]

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

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Diploma de Absolvire a Scolii Profesionale [Diploma of Completion of a Vocational School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Certificat de Absolvire a Ciclului Inferior Al Liceului [Diploma of Junior/Lower Secondary School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Eight years
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Grading Scales:

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
10	A	4
9-9.99	A	4
8-8.99	B	3
7-7.99	B	3
6-6.99	C	2
5-5.99	C	2
0-4.99	F	0

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
Suficient	Sufficient	C	2
Suficient	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

- 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

- 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:

- 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)
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Grading Scales:

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

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Otlichno	Excellent	A	4
Khorosho	Good	B	3
Udovletvoritelno	Satisfactory	C	2
Neudovletvoritelno	Unsatisfactory/Poor	F	0

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Rwanda

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Diplome A2 [A2 Diploma] Technical Certificate of Secondary Education Level A2 [Diplome d'Etudes Secondaires Techniques A2]; Professional Certificate of Secondary Education level A2 [Diplome d'Etudes Secondaires Professionnelles A2]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. Certificat du Cycle Supérieur 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 Humanités 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)
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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)
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3. Diplome A3 [A3 Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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	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, Papiamentu
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 4 = 12 or 8 + 5 = 13	12 or 13 years total: eight years primary, four or five years upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

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

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

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

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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



Grading Scales:

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

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate (PSSC)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. South Pacific Form Seven Certificate (SPFSC) (*first awarded in 2004*)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. Samoa Secondary Leaving Certificate (SSLC) (*replaces Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate (PSSC), first awarded in 2013*)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Samoa School Certificate (*received upon completion of the National Examination for year 12*)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Year 11 Certificate (*awarded at the end of year 11; discontinued*)

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

Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate (PSSC)

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

Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate (PSSC)

Descriptor	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Excellent standard of achievement	A	4
Very high standard of achievement	A	4
High standard of achievement	B	3
Good standard of achievement	B	3
Satisfactory standard of achievement	C	2
Adequate	C	2
Some achievement	C	2
Lower level of achievement	D	1
Little level of achievement	F	0

South Pacific Form Seven Certificate (SPFSC)

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
80 – 100	A	A	4
66 – 79	A	A	4
56 – 65	B	B	3
45 – 55	C	C	2
30 – 44	D	D	1
0 – 29	F	F	0

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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 (<i>should be evaluated on the basis of underlying credentials</i>) | 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 separate Standard Level examinations, 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 separate National 5 examinations 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 separate Intermediate 1 /Intermediate 2-level examinations 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 separate Higher-level examinations 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 separate Higher/Advanced Higher-level examinations 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 separate Advanced Higher-level examinations 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

Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2, Higher and Advanced Higher Grades

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	C	2
D	D	1
O	F	0

Important Information:

- The following are less commonly known course titles 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	October-July
What is year nine called?	Quatrieme year, 4eme
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 2 = 12 or 6 + 4 + 3 = 13	12 or 13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and two or three years upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Baccalauréat/Diplôme de Bachelier de l'Enseignement de Second Degre [Diploma of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. Diplôme de Bachelier Technicien/Baccalauréat Technique [Technical Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Technical upper secondary school

3. Brevet de Technicien [Technician Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Specialized upper secondary school

4. Brevet de Professionnel [Professional Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Professional upper secondary school

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

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Professional upper secondary school

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)
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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)
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3. 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)
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4. Diplôme d'Agent Technique de l'Agriculture (ATA) Certificate of Agricultural techniques]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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5. Certificat Elementaire d'Aptitude Pedagogique (CEAP) (Certificate of Elementary Teaching Ability)

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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 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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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 Završenju Srednjeg Vaspanja [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 Završenju 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 Obrazovanju [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 Položenom 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 Pozivnosmerenom 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

6. Diploma o Stecenom Srednjem Obrazovanju [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



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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

This section is divided into two “tiers.” 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 separate IGCSE examinations 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 separate A-level examinations 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)
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NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Seychelles National Test

Expected Timeline of Completion	Year six (primary six) and year nine (secondary three)
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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)
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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	July-April
What is year nine called?	Year 9, Year 3, Form 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 = 10 or 6 + 4 + 2 = 12 or 6 + 6 = 12	10 or 12 years; six years primary, four years secondary, or six years primary, four years secondary and then optional two years upper secondary or six years primary, six years secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education (GCE) Ordinary (O-level) Examination (*must present **five** O-level exam passes in **five** different subject areas to be considered as proof of high school graduation*)

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	SEAP (Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board)

2. H1 Level, H2 or H3 Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced (A-level) Examination (*must present **two** A-level exam passes in **two** different subject areas*)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	SEAP (Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board)

3. National University of Singapore (NUS) High School Diploma

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	National University of Singapore

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Certificate awarded by Institute of Technical Education (ITE)
2. National Technical Certificate Grade 2 (NTC-2)
3. Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education (GCE) Normal (N, both T and A) 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	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, 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)
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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)

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

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Vysvedenie 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
Chváľitebny '	Praiseworthy	B	3
Dobry '	Good	B	3
Dostatocny '	Satisfactory	C	2
Nedostatocny '	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 Zaključnem 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 Končani 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)
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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

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South Africa, Republic of

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. National Senior Certificate

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

2. Senior Certificate

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

3. Senior Certificate with Matriculation Exemption

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

4. Secondary School Senior Certificate of the Department of Public Education, Western Cape

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

5. Gauteng Senior School Certificate

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

6. Gauteng University Entrance Certificate

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

7. Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) College Entrance Certificate

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



NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Common entrance exam

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

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

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

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.

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Spain

Background:

Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Educacion Secundaria Obligatoria (ESO) 3, 3 (ESO), Tercer Curso
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Spanish, Catalan
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 2 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary, two years upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Bachillerato/Bachiller Unificado y Polivalente (BUP) [Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

2. Curso de Universitaria (COU) [University Orientation Course]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

3. Titulo de Tecnico 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]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Bachillerato de Grado Superior [Secondary School Diploma: 10th grade]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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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.
- The following are less commonly known course titles that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - History of Philosophy – approved as a “additional” core course.
 - Mathematics Applied to Social Sciences – approved as a “mathematics” core course.
 - Philosophy and Citizenship – approved as a “social 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 separate O-level examinations 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.

- Sri Lankan General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced Level (*must pass **two** or more separate A-level examinations 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	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. General Certificate of Education (GCE) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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

2. General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate CAPE examinations 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.
 - 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	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form Three, Year Nine, Year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 and then an optional +2 = 13	11 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, and then two to four years of upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

Tier One

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 separate examination 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)

2. General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate examination 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

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1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Advanced Proficiency Examinations/Diploma (CAPE) (*must pass **two** or more separate CAPE examinations 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)

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.
 - 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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St. Vincent

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 separate examination 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

2. General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate CAPE examinations 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)

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.
 - 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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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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

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

References:

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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. Studieomdome fran Folkshogskola [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 Behorighet [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)
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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
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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
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	September-June
What is year nine called?	Klasse 3, 3eme, Classe 1
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	German, French, Italian, Romansh
Graduation Timeline	
See Chart Below	Timeline varies by canton—please use timeline resource below

Timelines			
Canton	Primary and Lower Secondary	Academic Upper Secondary (not compulsory)	Total Number of Years
Aargau	5 + 4	+4	13
Appenzell Ausserrhoden	6 + 3	+4*	13
Appenzell Innerhoden	6 + 3	+3	12
Basel Landschaft	5 + 4	+3 or 5	12 or 14
Basel-Stadt	4 + 5	+3	12
Bern	6 + 3	+3	12
Fribourg (Freiburg)	6 + 3	+4	13
Geneève	6 + 3	+4	13
Glarus	6 + 3	+3	12
Graubünden	6 + 3	+4*	13
Jura	6 + 3	+3	12
Luzern	6 + 3	+4*	13
Neuchâtel	5 + 4	+3	12
Schaffhausen	6 + 3	+4*	13
Schwyz (Schweiz)	6 + 3	+4*	13
Solothurn	6 + 3	+4*	13
St. Gallen	6 + 3	+4*	13
Thurgau	6 + 3	+4*	13
Ticino	5 + 4	+4	13
Nidwalden	6 + 3	+3	12
Obwalden	6 + 3	+3	12
Uri	6 + 3	+4*	13
Valais (Wallis)	6 + 3	+4*	13
Vaud	5 + 4	+3	12
Zug	6 + 3	+3*	12
Zürich	6+3	+3*	12

*In these cases, students can leave the lower secondary level one year earlier to enter the upper academic secondary level (e.g., in the case of Zürich, 6 + 2 + 4). Basel-Stadt allows the transition two years earlier, and both Neuchâtel 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/Confederazione 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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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:

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)
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2. Professional Secondary Certificate

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

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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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2. Completion of less than three years of a five-year Junior College Program

3. Joint five-year Junior College Entrance Examination Results

Expected Timeline of Completion	14 years (six years or 12 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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Crediting Policies:

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

References:

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Tajikistan

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Attestat Dar Borai Malimati Miyona [Certificate of Completed Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. Diplomi Ma 'Lumoti 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)
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Grading Scales:

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

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Alo	Excellent	A	4
Khub	Good	B	3
Kanoatbakhsh/Miena	Satisfactory	C	2
Bad	Unsatisfactory	F	0

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Tanzania

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

Tier One

1. Certificate of Secondary Education (CSE) (*must pass **five** or more separate GCSE examinations 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 separate ACSE-level examinations 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



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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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)
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- Paw War Chaw [Certificate of Vocational Education]

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

- 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)
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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

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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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4. Baccalaureat Probatoire [Probationary Baccalaureat]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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5. Baccalaureat Premiere Partie [Baccalaureat First Part]

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

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

References:

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Tonga

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- 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)
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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:

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 separate examination 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)

2. General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate CAPE examinations 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)

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.
 - 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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Tunisia

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. Baccalauréat Professionel [Professional Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. Brevet de Technicien Professionnelle (BTP) [Professional Technician Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

4. Diplôme de Fin d'Etudes Techniques Agricoles [Diploma of End of Technical Agricultural Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Diplôme de Fin d'Etude de l'Enseignement de Base [Diploma of End of Lower Secondary Studies]

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

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

Units of Credit	U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year
4+	1
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
Ajourné	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.

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Turkmenistan

Background:

Academic Calendar	September-May
What is year nine called?	Year 9, Year 6
Where is year nine typically located?	Sixth year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Turkmen
Graduation Timeline	
3 + 7 = 10	10 years total: three years primary, seven years upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Attestat o Srednem Obrazovanii [Attestation of Completed Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. Diplom o Srednem Professionalnom Obrazovanii [Diploma of Vocational Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. General Secondary Education Certificate (*ninth grade only*)

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

2. General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) (*must pass **five** or more separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate examination 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 separate CAPE examinations 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)

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.
 - 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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Uganda

Background:

Academic Calendar	January-December
What is year nine called?	Form Two
Where is year nine typically located?	Second year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English, Swahili
Graduation Timeline	
$7 + 2 + 2 = 11$ and an optional $+2 = 13$	11 or 13 years total: seven years basic education, two years lower secondary education, two years upper secondary education and an optional two years of additional upper secondary education

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

Tier One

- Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) (*must pass **five** or more separate UCE examinations 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 separate UACE examinations 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
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Grading Scales:

UCE

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

UCE

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Distinction	A	4
Pass-With-Credit	B	3
Pass-With-Credit	C	2
Pass	D	1
Fail	F	0

UACE

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
F	F	0

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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)
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Grading Scales:

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

5-point Scale

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

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	September-May
What is year nine called?	Year 3, Year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Arabic
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, three years upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Tawjihiyya [Secondary School Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Secondary Technical School Diploma

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Secondary Agricultural School Diploma

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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4. Secondary Commercial School Diploma

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

1. 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	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form Three, Key Stage Three, Year Nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
Varies (11, 12 or 13)	See document-specific timelines below.

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

This section is divided into three “tiers.” All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of high school graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion. Each tier builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

- General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) (*must pass **five** or more separate GCSE examinations 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

- International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) (*must pass **five** or more separate IGCSE examinations 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

- Level 1/Level 2 Certificates (*must pass **five** or more separate Level 1/Level 2 Certificate examinations 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

- General Certificate of Education (GCE) Ordinary Level (O-level) examinations (*must pass **five** or more separate O-level examinations 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

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 separate AS-level examinations 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 separate AS-level examinations 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*)

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



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 separate A-level examinations 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 separate A-level examinations 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



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. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) *(All BTEC documents at Level 2 and below)*

3. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) First Certificate

4. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) First Diploma

5. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) Foundation Diploma

6. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) Introductory Certificate

7. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) Introductory Diploma

8. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) Level 3 90 Credit Diploma

9. Business and Technology Education Council's (BTEC) Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma

10. Cambridge Pre-university Certificate (Pre-U Certificate)

11. City and Guilds Level 3 Diploma

12. Colleges of Further Education

13. National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) Foundation Level

14. Pitman Qualifications

15. 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.
 - Body in Action.
 - Environmental Science & Environmental Management.
 - Human Physiology.
 - Principles of Anatomy and Physiology in Sport.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Applications in Mathematics.
 - Film Studies.
 - General Studies.
 - Human Health and Physiology.
 - ICT (Information and Communication Technology).
 - Media Studies.
 - Religious Studies.
 - *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.

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Uruguay

Background:

Academic Calendar	March-November
What is year nine called?	Year 3, Year 9, Ano 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Spanish
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, three years upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Bachillerato/Bachiller [Graduation Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. Bachillerato Tecnico [Technical Secondary School Graduation Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

Grading Scales:

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
11 – 12	A	4
8 – 10	A	4
5 – 7	B	3
3 – 4	C	2
1 – 2	F	0

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Sobresaliente	Outstanding	A	4
Bueno	Good	A	4
Aprobado	Average	B	3
Deficiente	Deficient	C	2
Fracaso	Fail	F	0

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Uzbekistan

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Attestat O'rta Ma'lumot To'g'risida Shahodtnoma [Certificate of Completed Upper Secondary Education]
(Attestat o Srednem Obrazovanni in Russian)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. Diplom o Srednem Obrazovanii [Diploma of Vocational Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. Diplom from an uchilishche [Diploma from a Specialized Vocational School]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

4. Akademik Litsey Diplomi [Diploma of Academic Lyceum]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school



Grading Scales:

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

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>(Año 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)
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2. Certificado de Educacion Secundaria [Certificate of Lower Secondary Education]

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

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
16-20	A	4
13-15	B	3
10-12	C	2
1-9	F	0

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Excelente	Excellent	A	4
Bueno	Good	B	3
Satisfactorio	Satisfactory	C	2
Deficiente	Fail	F	0

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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)
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- 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)
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- 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)
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- Completion of Basic General Education Level 1 or Level 2

- Completion of Primary School

Expected Timeline of Completion	5 years
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Grading Scales:

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Gioi	Excellent	A	4
Kha	Good	B	3
Trung binh	Average, Fair	C	2
Kem	Poor	F	0

10-point Scale

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

40-point Scale

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
36-40	A	4
28-35	B	3
20-27	C	2
0-19	F	0

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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

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

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

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Zambia

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- General Certificate of Education (GCE) (ECZ School Certificate Examination)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Examinations Council of Zambia

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- Junior Secondary School Certificate

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	January-December
What is year nine called?	Form II, Year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Second year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
7 + 4 = 11 with an optional +2 = 13	11 or 13 years total: seven years primary, four or six years upper secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

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

Tier One

1. Zimbabwe Certificate of Secondary Education (CSE) (*must pass **five** or more separate CSE examinations 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	List issuing body here

2. General Certificate of Education (GCE) at Ordinary Level (O-level) (*must pass **five** or more separate GCE-O level examinations 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	List issuing body here

3. Cambridge Overseas School Certificate (*must pass **five** or more separate examinations 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. Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education (GCE) at Advanced Level (A-level) (*must pass **two** or more separate GCE-A level examinations 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	Zimbabwe School Examinations Council (ZIMSEC)



- Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education (ACSE) (*must pass **two** or more separate ACSE-level examinations 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

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- Grade 7 Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	Awarded Upon the Completion of Year (Grade) 7
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- Zimbabwe Junior Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	Awarded Upon the Completion of Year (Grade) 7
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- National Foundation Certificate
- 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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