

# South African Senior Certificate

## Information Sheet

The following information is provided to assist students who have completed the South African Senior Certificate and are seeking admission to undergraduate study at The University of Queensland (UQ).

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For entry to all undergraduate programs at UQ applicants must meet two basic entry requirements:

1. satisfy the prerequisite requirements (including subject prerequisites and other requirements)
2. possess an entry rank high enough for a place in the program<sup>†</sup>  
† Entry ranks range from 1 to 99 (maximum). As admission is competitive the entry rank cut-offs for programs can fluctuate from year to year.

For detailed program information, including prerequisite requirements and entry rank cut-offs from previous admission periods, please refer to the University's *Undergraduate Prospectus for Australian Students* or website: [www.uq.edu.au/study](http://www.uq.edu.au/study).

### SATISFYING SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

The successful completion (i.e. minimum grade of D or 50%) of the following South African Senior subjects at the specified grade level will satisfy the subject prerequisites for admission to all UQ undergraduate programs:

South Africa Senior Certificate Subject	QLD Year 12 Subject Prerequisites
English 1 <sup>st</sup> Language (Higher Grade)	English (4,SA)
Mathematics (Standard Grade)	Mathematics A (4,SA)
Mathematics (Higher Grade)	Mathematics B (4,SA)
Biology (Higher Grade)	Biological Science (4,SA)
Physical Science (Higher Grade)	Chemistry (4,SA)
Physical Science (Higher Grade)	Physics (4,SA)

## GAINING AN ENTRY RANK

From 2008 the South African National Senior Certificate (NSC) will replace the Senior Certificate as the senior leaving exit qualification.

For senior studies completed prior to 2008, an aggregate score from a maximum of six Higher Grade subjects is used to derive an entry rank.

For students completing the NSC a grade average of the best six final subjects is calculated and converted to an entry rank.

### South Africa – Senior Certificate or Matriculation Certificate

Aggregate score – maximum of six subjects at the higher grade*	Entry Rank
39	99
38	98
37	97
36	96
35	95
34	94
33	93
32	92
31	91
30	90
28	88
26	86
24	84
22	82
20	80
18	78
16	76
14	74
12	72
10	70
8	65
6	60
4	50

\* Based on: A = 7; B = 6; C = 5; D = 4; E = 3

### South Africa – National Senior Certificate (NSC) since 2008<sup>1</sup>

Grade Average of best six subjects in final year <sup>2,3</sup>	Entry Rank
6.9	99
6.8	98
6.6	97
6.5	96
6.4	95
6.3	94
6.2	93
6.0	92
5.9	91
5.8	90
5.7	89
5.6	88
5.4	87
5.3	86
5.2	85
5.1	84
5.0	83
4.8	82
4.7	81
4.6	80
4.5	79
4.4	78
4.2	77
4.1	76
4.0	75
3.8	70
3.7	65
3.6	60
3.5	55
3.4	50

<sup>1</sup> Note: As certified by Umalusi or with matriculation endorsement.

<sup>2</sup> Based on: 7 = 80-100%; 6 = 70-79%; 5 = 60-69%; 4 = 50-59%; 3 = 40-49%; 2 = 30-39%; 1 = 0-29%

<sup>3</sup> Excluding the subject *Life Orientation*.

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