

South African Senior Certificate

Information Sheet

The following information is provided to assist domestic students who have completed or are undertaking their senior secondary studies in South Africa and intend to seek admission to undergraduate study at The University of Queensland (UQ).

ABOUT THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE

In 2008 the South African National Senior Certificate (NSC) replaced the Senior Certificate as the senior leaving exit qualification. For the NSC, all subjects are now offered at the same level, which is the same as the former higher grade level. Each subject is worth 20 credits, except Life Orientation which is worth 10 credits. In order to receive NSC a student must have gained 130 credits exclusively in Year 12.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

1. Eligibility (i.e. satisfy the subject prerequisites and other requirements)
2. Merit (i.e. possess an entry rank high enough for a place in the program[†])

[†] 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.

SATISFYING SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

The successful completion of the following South African senior secondary subjects at the specified grade level will meet the listed subject prerequisites for admission to all UQ undergraduate programs.

Qld Year 12 Subject Prerequisites	South African Senior Certificate (pre-2008)	South African National Senior Certificate (since 2008)
English (4,SA)	English 1 st Language (Higher Grade)	English Home Language or English (Additional First Language)
Mathematics A (4,SA)	Mathematics (Standard Grade)	Mathematics
Mathematics B (4,SA)	Mathematics (Higher Grade)	Mathematics
Biological Science (4,SA)	Biology (Higher Grade)	Life Sciences
Chemistry (4,SA)	Physical Science (Higher Grade)	Physical Science
Physics (4,SA)	Physical Science (Higher Grade)	Physical Science

Minimum grades required to pass prerequisites:

South African Senior pre-2008: grade of D (or 50%) or better

South African NSC since 2008: grade of 4 (or 50%) or better

GAINING AN ENTRY RANK

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 National Senior Certificate from 2008, a grade average of the best six final subjects is calculated and converted to an entry rank.

South Africa – Senior Certificate or Matriculation Certificate (pre-2008)¹

Aggregate score – maximum of six subjects at the higher grade ²	Entry Rank
56	99
54	98
52	97
50	96
48	95
46	94
43	93
41	92
39	91
37	90
35	89
33	88
31	87
29	86
27	85
25	84
23	83
21	82
18	81
16	80
14	79
12	78
10	77
8	76
6	75

¹ Senior Certificate Matriculation Endorsed (M)

² Based on: A=10; B=9; C=8; D=7; E=6; F=5; FF=4; G=3; GG=2; H=1.

South Africa – National Senior Certificate (NSC) since 2008¹

Grade Average of best six subjects in final year ^{2,3}	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

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¹ Note: As certified by Umalusi or with matriculation endorsement.

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

³ Excluding the subject *Life Orientation*.

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