

South Australia (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. South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) and Record of Achievement (achieved by students in South Australia as well as the Northern territory)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Government of South Australia
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	December

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

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

Credit will be awarded as follows:

Subject Area	U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Semester
All Core Areas	0.50 credits

GRADING SCALE

Grade	Translation	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	Outstanding Achievement	20	A	4
A	Very High Achievement	17-19	A	4
B	High Achievement	14-16	B	3
C	Competent Achievement	11-13	C	2
D	Marginal Achievement	8-10	D	1
E	Low Achievement	3-7	F	0
-	Requirements Not Met	0-2	F	0



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

<i>English/Native Language</i>	<i>Math</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>Social Science</i>	<i>Additional Courses</i>
English Pathways	General Maths	Nutrition (Stages 1 and 2)	Ancient Studies (taken in years 11 and 12)	Religion Studies
	Math Applications		Religion (taken in year 11)	Studies in Religion
	Mathematical Methods (taken in years 11 and 12)		Society and Culture (Stages 1 and 2)	Spiritualities: Religion and Meaning (Stages 1 and 2)
	Specialist Mathematics (taken in years 11 and 12)		Spiritualities: Religion and Meaning (Stages 1 and 2)	

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- Commerce.
- Design and Technology.
- Essential Mathematics.
- Personal Learning Project.
- **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.
- Physical Education.
- Essential English taken at Stage 1 (11th grade) or Stage 2 (12th grade).

» [Click here](#) for the welcome email students receive with additional information on documents to submit for this country.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- » [Course Title Usage guide.](#)
- » [Determination of Credit resource.](#)
- » [International initial-eligibility flyer.](#)
- » [Student account task information.](#)
- » [NCAA Guide of International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility.](#)
- » [Country-specific webpages.](#)
- » [Multi-country references.](#)

