

Australian Capital Territory (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. Australia Capital Territory Year 12 Certificate (Prior to December 2015)

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

2. Australia Capital Territory Senior Secondary Certificate (December 2015 and beyond)

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

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from initial start of year nine)
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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	Very High Standard Achievement	5	A	4
B	High Standard of Achievement	4	B	3
C	Sound Standard of Achievement	3	C	2
D	Limited Standard of Achievement	2	D	1
E	Very Limited Standard of Achievement	1/0	F	0
S	Student did not receive a grade for medical reasons, or; indicates transfer credit from a different source. No credit/grade will be awarded for courses with grade of "S" indicated.	-	-	-

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

English/Native Language	Math	Science	Social Science	Additional Courses
	Financial Modeling and Trigonometry	Health Science	Health and Wellbeing (taken in years 11 and 12)	Religious Studies (taken in years 11 and 12)
	Math Applications (taken in years 11 and 12)		Sociology of Health and Medicine	
	Specialist Methods			

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

- Commerce.
- Essential Mathematics.
- Exercise Science.
- Outdoor and Environmental Education.
- Physical Education.
- Sports Development.
- [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.](#)

