

# 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
<b>Graduation Timeline</b>	
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

### 1. 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 and builds upon the previous tier. Pursuing the Bermuda School Certificate is a separate path of study than the following tiers.

#### Tier One

### 1. General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) or International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) [Must pass **five** or more (I)GCSE examinations in separate 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 examination 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.

### 1. General Certificate of Education, Advanced Subsidiary Level (GCE AS-level) examinations [Must pass **two** or more AS-level examinations in separate 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	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

### 2. 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 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 A-level examinations in separate 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	Various examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

2. International Advanced Level (A-level) examinations [Must pass **two** or more A-level examinations in separate subjects 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 examination boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

## GRADING SCALES

<i>Bermuda School Certificate</i>		
<i>Numeric Grade</i>	<i>U.S. Grade Equivalent</i>	<i>Quality Points</i>
4.0	A	4
3.0	B	3
2.0	C	2
1.0	D	1
0.0	F	0

<i>Bermuda School Certificate</i>			
<i>Grade</i>	<i>Translation</i>	<i>U.S. Grade Equivalent</i>	<i>Quality Points</i>
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**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>U.S. Grade Equivalent</b>	<b>Quality Points</b>
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**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>U.S. Grade Equivalent</b>	<b>Quality Points</b>
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
O	F	0

**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.](#)