

Botswana

Background

Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year 1
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	English, Tswana, Setswana
Graduation Timeline	
7 + 3 + 2 = 12	12 years total: eight years primary and four years secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Botswana Examinations Council
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	November

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Botswana Junior Certificate Examination

Expected Timeline of Completion	Issued at the end of year 10 (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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Note: Must pass five or more BGCSE examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation.

GRADING SCALE

Numeric Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	1-2	A	4
B	3-4	B	3
C	5-6	C	2
D, E	7-8	D	1
F, G	9	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.](#)

