



Components of the QCIA

Statement of Achievement

This section certifies the student's demonstrated knowledge and skills according to the student's individual educational program. The free-form text statements show achievement information under six curriculum organisers.

Schools choose some or all of the following six curriculum organisers:

- Areas of study and learning
- Communication and technologies
- Community, citizenship and the environment
- Leisure and recreation
- Personal and living dimensions
- Vocational and transition activities.

Statement of Participation

Activities undertaken as part of the student's senior schooling are shown here. There is no explanation of the activity or any achievements or standards that might be associated with the activity.



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The Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA) recognises and reports the learning achievements of students who are undertaking an individualised learning program.

How the QCIA works

To be eligible, students must have impairments or difficulties in learning that are not primarily due to socioeconomic, cultural and/or linguistic factors.

Schools identify eligible students and decide the best certification option for each student. Consultation with students and their parents/carers should be central to this decision-making process.

The individual learning program for the QCIA does not have credit value nor does it contribute toward the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) or the required pattern of learning for the QCE.

If a student is eligible for the QCIA, they will be able to record achievements for other learning areas of the QCE in their learning account, for example a course from preparatory learning or vocational education and training (VET). This learning is recorded on the Senior Statement and cannot be duplicated on the QCIA.

However, to receive the QCIA a student must be undertaking a significant individualised learning program.



Frequently asked questions

Q Who is eligible for the QCIA?

A Students who:

- undertake studies that are part of an individualised learning program
- and
- have either an impairment or difficulties in learning.

Q What is an individualised learning program?

A An individualised learning program is developed by the school to meet individual learning needs. It may be a school-developed program or an adapted version of other areas of QCE study that does not meet the syllabus standards or VET requirements.

Q Does a student with an impairment or difficulties in learning have to receive this certificate?

A No. The school will consult with the student and parents or carers to decide which educational program is best suited. There are several ways in which achievements can be reported.

Q What achievements are included on the QCIA?

A The certificate records educational achievement in two areas:

- Statement of Achievement
- Statement of Participation.

Q What achievements will not be included on the QCIA?

A Authority subjects, Authority-registered subjects and vocational education and training (VET) are areas of learning that can contribute toward the QCE. Any achievements in these areas will be recorded on the Senior Statement.

Q If a student obtains a QCIA, does it also contribute towards a QCE?

A No. The QCE recognises broad learning options and confirms achievements of a significant amount of learning, a set standard of achievement, and the fulfilment of literacy and numeracy requirements.

Q Can a QCIA student receive a Senior Statement?

A Yes. The Senior Statement records any achievements that contribute toward the QCE that have been banked in the student's learning account.

Q If a student completes a learning project, will this be recorded on the QCIA?

A No. Learning projects are unique, independent programs of study that are designed, negotiated and implemented by the learner. Successful completion is recorded on the Senior Statement.

Q When a student leaves school at the end of Year 12, do they receive a QCIA and a QCE?

A No. If a student meets the QCE requirements, a QCIA will not be issued. However, if a student receives the QCIA, they can continue to work toward the QCE — learning accounts remains open, regardless of age (however, credits expire after 9 years).

Q What can the QCIA be used for?

A The QCIA is a valuable record of student achievements. It:

- is an official record of completion of at least 12 years of education
- can be shown to employers as a summary of knowledge and skills
- can be used by training providers to help them decide the best training options to provide.

Find out more

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