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SECONDARY SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS**

*FOR ADMISSION TO TAFE NSW COURSES*

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▶ **ABOUT THIS  
EDITION**

This guide provides information on years of education, secondary school qualifications and the TAFE NSW equivalent for studies undertaken overseas or interstate. This guide will assist enrolling officers and other staff involved in the assessment of overseas qualifications, in determining whether applicants with overseas secondary qualifications meet course entry requirements.

The equivalents in this guide are to be used for admission to TAFE NSW courses ONLY.

Requests for assessment of overseas secondary school qualifications for entry to other educational institutions should be referred to the educational institution into which admission is sought.

**Assessment of overseas secondary school qualifications for employment purposes should be directed to: The Qualifications Officer, NSW Board of Studies, 177 Clarence Street, SYDNEY NSW 2001, tel: (02) 9367 8111.**

## ▶ ABOUT THIS EDITION

### 1 About the information provided in this guide

- The TAFE NSW equivalents provided in this guide must be used wherever applicants with overseas secondary school qualifications are required to have the NSW School Certificate or the NSW Higher School Certificate to meet course entry requirements.
- Whenever the TAFE NSW equivalents provided in this guide do not meet course entry requirements, a challenge test or any additional study the applicant has undertaken may also be considered for entry purposes.
- Applicants to TAFE NSW courses must provide certified copies of their overseas secondary school documents and official translations in English when necessary.

### 2 When applicants cannot provide certified copies of their overseas secondary school documents

If for a serious reason applicants cannot provide their overseas secondary school documents, they will need to provide a statutory declaration with details of their secondary schooling.

#### Details may include:

- reason why the applicant does not have their secondary school documents
- name of the country and the institution where schooling was undertaken
- name of the completed qualification in the original language and in English wherever possible
- years of study and year the qualification was completed
- subjects studied and marks awarded

Details provided in the statutory declaration can be confirmed with the Multicultural Programs Unit.

### 3 Where to obtain official translations of documents

#### • Community Relations Commission For a multicultural NSW (CRC)

Language Services, Level 8, Stockland House, 175-183 Castlereagh Street, SYDNEY NSW 2000 Ph: 1300 651 500 (free call)

#### • Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)

Translations are free of charge for those who have been Australian permanent residents for less than 2 years. In NSW applications for translations can be lodged at providers of the Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP).

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### AFGHANISTAN

Main Languages of Instruction <i>Dari, Pashtu</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Middle School: 3 years		
	High School: 3 years . . . . .	Baccalauria . . . . .	Year 11
	Vocational Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Baccalauria . . . . .	Year 11
	One year post-secondary study . . . . .		NSW Higher School Certificate

### ALBANIA

Language of Instruction <i>Albanian</i>	Primary		
	First Cycle: 4 years		
	Upper Cycle: 4 years . . . . .	Leaving Certificate (Deftese Lirimi)	
	Secondary		
	General Secondary: 4 years . . . . .	Secondary School Leaving Certificate/Certificate of Maturity . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Technical Secondary: 4 years . . . . .	Secondary School Leaving Certificate/Certificate of Maturity . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate

### ALGERIA

Language of Instruction <i>Arabic</i>	Primary		
	Basic Education: 9 years . . . . .	Brevet d'Etudes Fondamentales	
	Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Baccalaureat de l'Enseignement Secondaire . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
		Baccalaureat de l'Enseignement Technique/Commercial. . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate

### ANDORRA

Language of Instruction <i>Spanish (Catalan)</i>	Primary 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Stage I: 4 years . . . . .	Educacion Secundaria Obligatoria (ESO) . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
	Stage II: 2 years . . . . .	Titulo De Bachillerato . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate

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<b>ANGOLA</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Portuguese</i>	Primary		
	Ensino de Base Level I: 4 years Level II: 2 years Level III: 2 years		
	Secondary		
	Ensino Medio: 4 years	Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Habilitacoes Literarias)	Year 11
	Completion 1 year post-secondary study		NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>ANTIQUA AND BARBUDA</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Primary: 6 years	Primary Scholarship Examination	
	Secondary: 5 years	Caribbean Examinations Council Examination Secondary Education Certificate	NSW School Certificate
	Sixth Form: 2 years	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>ARGENTINA</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Spanish</i>	Primary		
	Educación General Basica-EGB: 9 years (3 cycles: 3 years each cycle)		
	Secondary		
	Polimodal Stage: 3 years	Bachillerato	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Technical Secondary: 3 years	Tecnico/Tecnico Medio	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>ARMENIA</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Armenian</i>	Elementary School: 3 years		
	Basic School: 5 years	Incompleted Secondary Education Certificate	
	Senior Secondary: 2 years	Certificate of Completed Secondary Education (Certificate of Maturity)	NSW School Certificate



COUNTRY	YEARS OF FULL-TIME EDUCATION	SECONDARY SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS	TAFE NSW EQUIVALENT
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>			
Australian Capital Territory	Primary: 6 years	Year 10 School Document	NSW School Certificate
	Secondary: 6 years	Year 12 Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate
Northern Territory	Primary: 7 years	Junior Secondary Studies Certificate	NSW School Certificate
	Secondary: 5 years	Northern Territory Certificate of Education (Year 12)	NSW Higher School Certificate
South Australia	Primary: 7 years	Year 10 School Document	NSW School Certificate
	Secondary: 5 years	South Australia Certificate of Education	NSW Higher School Certificate
Queensland	Primary: 7 years	Junior Certificate	NSW School Certificate
	Secondary: 5 years	Senior Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate
Tasmania	Primary: 6 years	Tasmanian Certificate of Education (Year 10)	NSW School Certificate
	Secondary: 6 years	Tasmanian Certificate of Education (Year 12)	NSW Higher School Certificate (if at least three 150 hour courses done in Year 12)
Victoria	Primary: 6 years	Year 10 School Report	NSW School Certificate
	Secondary: 6 years	Victorian Certificate of Education	NSW Higher School Certificate
Western Australia	Primary: 7 years	Year 10 School Document or Certificate of Lower Secondary Studies	NSW School Certificate
	Secondary: 5 years	WA Certificate of Education	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>AUSTRIA</b>			
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	Primary – Volksschule: 4 years		
<b>German</b>	Secondary		
	Lower Education – Unterstufe: 4 years		
	Upper Education – Oberstufe		
	Advanced Level Academic Secondary (AHS): 4 years, or	Certificate of Secondary Education – Reifeprüfung	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Advanced Level Secondary Vocational (BHS): 4 years, or	Certificate of Secondary Education – Reifeprüfung and TVE Diploma	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Secondary Technical and Vocational (BMS): 4 years	Leaving Certificate – Abschlussprüfungszeugnis	NSW Higher School Certificate

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<b>AZERBAIJAN</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Azerbaijani and Russian</i>	Primary/Elementary 4 years		
	Secondary School: 5 years	Certificate of Primary Education	
	High School: 2 years	Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Svidetel'stv/oSrednem Obrazovanii)	Year 11
<b>THE BAHAMAS</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Junior High School: 3 years		
	Senior High School: 2 years	Bahamian GCSE Certificate (GCE O level)	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	Some schools offer 2 extra years after the CGE O level	GCE A level	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>BAHRAIN</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Arabic</i>	Elementary School: 6 years		
	Intermediate School: 3 years	Intermediate School Certificate	
	Secondary		
	General Secondary: 3 years	Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Tawjahiya)	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Commercial Secondary: 3 years	Commercial School Leaving Certificate (Tawjahiya)	NSW Higher School Certificate
Technical Secondary: 3 years	Technical School Leaving Certificate (Tawjahiya)	NSW Higher School Certificate	
<b>BANGLADESH</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Bangla</i>	Primary: 5 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 5 years	Secondary School Certificate	NSW School Certificate
Higher Secondary: 2 years	Higher Secondary Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate	
<b>BARBADOS</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	First Cycle: 5 years	Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
Second Cycle: 2 years	GCE A level, or Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)	NSW Higher School Certificate NSW Higher School Certificate	

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<b>BELARUS</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Belarusian</i>	Primary: 4 years		
	Secondary		
	Basic General Education: 6 years . . . . .	Certificate of Basic School Education . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
	General Secondary Education: 2 years . . . . .	Certificate of General Secondary Education . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Technical/Vocational Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Certificate of General Secondary Education/Trade . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Secondary Specialised School: 4 years . . . . .	Diploma of Specialised School . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>BELGIUM</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>French, Flemish (Dutch), German</i>	Primary: 6 years . . . . .	Certificat de Fin d'Etudes Primaires	
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Inferieur	
	Upper Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Superieur . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
		Getuigschrift van Hoger Secundair Onderwijs	
<b>BELIZE</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Primary: 8 years		
	Secondary: 4 years . . . . .	Caribbean Examinations Council Examination . . . . .	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
		Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) . . . . .	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
		British General Certificate of Education (GCE O level) . . . . .	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	Six Form . . . . .	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>BENIN</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>French</i>	Primary: 6 years . . . . .	Certificat d'Etudes Primaires (CEP)	
	Secondary		
	First Cycle (Niveau I): 4 years . . . . .	Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
	Second Cycle (Niveau II): 3 years . . . . .	Baccalaureat . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Technical Secondary School: 6 years . . . . .	Baccalaureat de Technicien . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>BERMUDA</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Middle School: 3 years		
	Senior School: 4 Years . . . . .	Bermuda School Certificate . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate

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### BHUTAN

Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Primary: 7 years	Primary School Certificate Examination (PCSE)	
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 2 years	Lower Secondary School Examination	
	Upper Secondary: 2 years	Indian Certificate of Secondary Education	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	Higher Secondary: 2 years	Indian School Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate

### BOLIVIA

Language of Instruction <i>Spanish</i>	Primary: 8 years		
	Secondary: 4 years	Bachiller Humanistico Bachiller Tecnico (Tecnico Medio, Tecnico Perito)	NSW Higher School Certificate NSW Higher School Certificate

### BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Languages of Instruction <i>Bosnian, Croatian</i>	Primary: 8 years		
	Secondary: 4 years	Matura Diploma	NSW Higher School Certificate

### BOTSWANA

Languages of Instruction <i>English, Setswana in lower primary</i>	Primary: 7 years	Primary School Leaving Examination (PSCE)	
	Secondary		
	Junior Secondary: 3 years		NSW School Certificate
	Senior Secondary: 3 years	Cambridge Overseas School Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Technical Vocational: 3 years	National Diploma	NSW Higher School Certificate

### BRAZIL

Language of Instruction <i>Portuguese</i>	Primary and Lower Secondary		
	Ensino Fundamental: 8 years	Certificado de Conclusao de Ensino Fundamental	
	Upper Secondary		
	Ensino Medio: 3 years	Certificado de Ensino Medio	NSW School Certificate/Year 11

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<b>BRUNEI</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>English, Malay</i>	Primary		
	Lower Primary: 3 years		
	Primary: 3 years	Primary Certificate of Education	
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 3 years	Junior Secondary Assessment (PMB)	
	Upper Secondary: 2 years	Brunei/Cambridge GCE O level	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	Six Form/Pre-university: 2 years	Brunei/Cambridge GCE A level	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>BULGARIA</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Bulgarian</i>	Primary: 4 years		
	Pre-secondary: 4 years	Certificate of Basic Education	
	Secondary (after completion of Certificate of Basic Education)		
	General Comprehensive Secondary: 3 years, or	Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	4 years	Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Profile-Oriented School: 5 years, or	Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Vocational Secondary: 5 years, or	Diploma za Sredno-Spetzialno	NSW Higher School Certificate
Professional Technical School: 3 years	Diploma za Sredno-Spetzialno	NSW School Certificate/Year 11	
<b>BURKINA FASO</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>French</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 4 years	Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle/Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle	NSW School Certificate
	Upper Secondary: 3 years	Baccalaureat/Diplome de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degree Diplome de Technicien or Baccalaureat de Technicien	NSW Higher School Certificate NSW Higher School Certificate

COUNTRY	YEARS OF FULL-TIME EDUCATION	SECONDARY SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS	TAFE NSW EQUIVALENT
<b>BURUNDI</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>French, Burundi languages</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 4 years . . . . .	Lower Secondary School Certificate (Certificat du Tronc Commun)	NSW School Certificate
	Upper Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Diplome des Humanities Completes . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Technical Secondary		
	Lower Technical Secondary: 4 years . . . . .	Diploma A3 (Technicien) . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
Upper Secondary Technical: 3 years . . . . .	Diploma A2 (Technicien) . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate	
<b>CAMBODIA</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Khmer</i>	Primary 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Diploma of Lower Secondary Education	
	Upper Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Diploma of Upper Secondary Education . . . . .	Year 11
<b>CAMEROON</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>French, English</i>	British Anglophone		
	Primary: 7 years		
	Secondary		
	First Cycle: 5 years . . . . .	Cameroon GCE O level . . . . .	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	Second Cycle: 2 years . . . . .	Cameroon GCE A level . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Technical Secondary		
	First Cycle: 4 years . . . . .	City and Guilds of London Institute . . . . . Craft Examination, or Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle (CAP) . . . . .	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	Second Cycle: 3 years . . . . .	Brevet de Technicien . . . . . Baccalaureat	NSW Higher School Certificate

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**CAMEROON (continued)**

**Languages of Instruction**

*French, English*

**French Francophone**

Primary: 6 years	.....	Certificat d'Etudes Primaires Elementaires	
Secondary			
Lower Secondary Education: 4 years	.....	Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle (BEPC)	NSW School Certificate
Upper Secondary Education: 3 years	.....	Baccalaureat	NSW Higher School Certificate
Technical Secondary: Two cycles			
First Cycle: 4 years	.....	Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle (CAP)	NSW School Certificate
Second Cycle: 3 years	.....	Brevet de Technicien	NSW Higher School Certificate
		Baccalaureat	NSW Higher School Certificate
		Diplome de Bachelier de Technicien	NSW Higher School Certificate

**CANADA**

**Languages of Instruction**

*English, French*

**Alberta**

Primary: 6 years			
Secondary: 6 years	.....	General High School Diploma/Advanced High School Diploma	NSW Higher School Certificate

**British Coloumbia**

Primary: 4 years			
Intemediate: 7 years	.....		NSW School Certificate/Year 11
Graduation Program: 2 years	.....	Graduation Transcript /Dogwood Diploma	NSW Higher School Certificate

**Manitoba**

General course: 9 years			
Specialised course: 3 years	.....	High School Graduation Diploma	NSW Higher School Certificate

**New Brunswick**

Elementary School: 5 years			
Secondary			
Junior Middle School: 5 years			
Senior High School: 2 years	.....	High School Graduation Diploma	NSW Higher School Certificate

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Languages of Instruction

English, French

**Newfoundland**

Primary: 6 years

Secondary

Junior High School: 3 years

Senior High School: 3 years ..... High School Graduation Diploma ..... NSW Higher School Certificate

**North West Territories**

Primary: 6 years

Secondary: 6 years ..... General High School Diploma/Advanced High School Diploma ..... NSW Higher School Certificate

**Nova Scotia**

Primary: 1 year

Elementary: 6 years

Secondary

Junior High School: 3 years ..... NSW School Certificate

Senior High School: 3 years ..... Nova Scotia High School Completion Certificate ..... NSW Higher School Certificate

**Ontario**

Elementary education: 8 years

Secondary: 4 years ..... Ontario Secondary School Diploma – OSSD (Advanced level) ..... NSW Higher School Certificate

**Prince Edward Island**

Elementary: 5 years

Secondary

Junior Middle: 5 years

Secondary: 2 years ..... Prince Edward Island High School Graduation Diploma ..... NSW Higher School Certificate

**Quebec**

Primary: 6 years

Secondary: 5 years ..... Diplome d'Etudes Secondaires (DES) ..... NSW School Certificate/Year 11

Pre-university: 2 years ..... Diplome d'Etudes Collegiales (DEC) ..... NSW Higher School Certificate

**Saskatchewan**

Kindergarten – Grade 12 ..... Grade 12 Standing or Division IV Standing ..... NSW Higher School Certificate



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### CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Language of Instruction <i>French</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	General Secondary		
	First Cycle: 4 years	Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle (BEPC)	NSW School Certificate
	Second Cycle: 3 years	Baccalaureat or Diplome de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degre	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Technical Secondary		
	Lower Secondary Technical: 3/4 years	Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle (CAP)	NSW School Certificate
	Upper Secondary Technical: 3 years	Baccalaureat Technique	NSW Higher School Certificate

### CHAD

Languages of Instruction <i>French or Arabic</i>	Primary: 6 years	Certificat d'Etudes Primaires Elementaires	
	Secondary		
	Lower Cycle: 4 years	Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle (BEPC)	NSW School Certificate
	Upper Cycle: 3 years	Baccalaureat	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Technical Upper Secondary: 3 years	Baccalaureat Technique	NSW Higher School Certificate

### CHILE

Language of Instruction <i>Spanish</i>	Primary: 8 years	Leaving Certificate	
	Secondary		
	Academic Secondary: 4 years	Licencia de Educacion Media	Year 11
	Technical Secondary: 5 years	Tecnico Medio	NSW Higher School Certificate

### CHINA – MAINLAND

Language of Instruction <i>Mandarin</i>	Primary: 5 or 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Junior General Secondary: 3 or 4 years, or	Certificate of Graduation	
	Junior Vocational Secondary: 3 or 4 years	Certificate of Graduation	
	Senior Secondary		
	Senior General Secondary: 3 years	Certificate of Graduation	Year 11
		Chinese National University Entrance Examination.	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Specialised Secondary		
	For Senior General Secondary Graduates: 2 years	Certificate of Graduation	NSW Higher School Certificate
	For Junior General Secondary Graduates: 4 years	Certificate of Graduation	Year 11
	Technical Workers School: 3 years	Certificate of Graduation	Year 11
	Senior Secondary Vocational: 2 or 3 years	Certificate of Graduation	Year 11

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<b>CHINA – HONG KONG</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Mandarin/English</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Secondary Level: 5 years	Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE)	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	Six Form: 2 years	Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (HKACE)	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>CHINA – MACAO</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Mandarin and/or Portuguese</i>	Primary: 4 years		
	Pre-Secondary: 2 years		
	Secondary: 6 years		
	University Preparation Program: 1 year	GCE A Level	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>CHINA – TAIWAN</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Mandarin</i>	Elementary/Primary Education: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Junior High School: 3 years	Junior High School Diploma	
	Senior High School: 2 years	Senior High School Leaving Certificate	Year 11
	Comprehensive High School: 3 years	Senior High School Leaving Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>COLOMBIA</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Spanish</i>	Primary: 5 years		
	Secondary		
	Basic Cycle: 4 years	Certificado al Quinto Grado de Ensenaza Primaria	
	Vocational Cycle: 2 years	Bachillerato	Year 11
<b>CONGO</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>French</i>	Primary: 6 years	Certificat d'Etudes Primaires Elementaires (CEPE)	
	Secondary		
	Lower Cycle: 4 years	Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle (BEPC)	NSW School Certificate
	Upper Cycle: 3 years	Baccalaureat	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Upper Cycle (technical): 3 years	Brevet de Technicien/Baccalaureat Technique	NSW Higher School Certificate

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<b>CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF) previously ZAIRE</b>			
Language of Instruction	Primary: 6 years	Certificat d'Etudes Primaires	
<i>French</i>	Secondary: 6 years	Diplome d'Etat d'Etudes Secondaires du Cycle Long	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>COSTA RICA</b>			
Language of Instruction	Primary: 6 years	Diploma de Conclusion de Estudios Primarios	
<i>Spanish</i>	Secondary		
	Ciclo Basico: 3 years	Diploma de Conclusion de Estudios de Educacion Diversificado	
	Ciclo Diversificado Academico: 2 years	Bachillerato	NSW School Certificate
	Ciclo Diversificado Tecnico: 3 years	Tecnico Medio	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>CROATIA</b>			
Language of Instruction	Primary: 8 years		
<i>Croatian</i>	Secondary: 4 years	Maturalna svjedodzba	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>CUBA</b>			
Language of Instruction	Primary: 6 years		
<i>Spanish</i>	Secondary: 3 years	Secondary School Completion Diploma	
	Pre-university course: 3 years	Bachiller/Certificado de Fin de Estudios Secundarios	Year 11
		Tecnico Medio/Perito	
<b>CYPRUS</b>			
Languages of Instruction	Primary: 6 years		
<i>Greek (Greek Cypriot)</i>	Secondary		
<i>Turkish (Turkish Cypriot)</i>	Greek Cypriot		
	Gymnasium: 3 years		
	Lykeion: 3 years	Apolytirion, Cyprus Certificate of Education	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Turkish Cypriot		
	Middle school (ortaokul): 3 years		
	Lise: 3 years	Lise Bitirme Diploması	NSW Higher School Certificate

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**CZECH REPUBLIC**

Language of Instruction	Primary and lower secondary		
<i>Czech</i>	Primary: 5 years		
	Lower Secondary: 4 years		
	Secondary		
	General Secondary School (Gymnasium): 4 years	Maturita	NSW Higher School Certificate

**DENMARK**

Language of Instruction	Primary and Lower Secondary		
<i>Danish</i>	9 years	Leaving Examination	
	10 years	Class 10 Examination	NSW School Certificate
	Upper Secondary		
	Gymnasium: 3 years	Upper Secondary School Leaving Examination (Hojere Forberedelseksamen)	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Higher Preparatory: 2 years	Higher Preparatory Examination	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Technical and Commercial Upper Secondary: 3 years	Higher Commercial Examination	NSW Higher School Certificate
		Higher Technical Examination	NSW Higher School Certificate

**DOMINICA**

Language of Instruction	Primary: 7 years	Common Entrance Examination (CEE)	
<i>English</i>	Secondary: 5 years	Caribbean Secondary Examinations Council Examination (CXC)	Year 11

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

Language of Instruction	Primary: 6 years	Certificado de Suficiencia en los Estudios Primarios	
<i>Spanish</i>	Secondary		
	Ciclo Basico: 4 years		
	Ciclo Superior: 2 years	Bachillerato/Bachiller Tecnico/Perito	Year 11

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### ECUADOR

Language of Instruction <i>Spanish</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Basic Cycle: 3 years		
	Secondary Cycle: 3 years	Bachillerato en Humanidades o Ciencias	Year 11
		Bachillerato tecnico	Year 11

### EGYPT

Language of Instruction <i>Arabic</i>	Primary		
	Secular: 5 years		
	Al-Azhar: 6 years	Al-Azhar Primary School Certificate	
	Preparatory		
	Secular: 3 years	Certificate of Completion of Compulsory Education	
	Al-Azhar: 3 years	Al-Azhar Preparatory Certificate	
	Secondary		
Secular: 3 years	General Secondary School Certificate	NSW School Certificate/Year 11	
Al-Azhar: 6 years	Al-Azhar General Secondary School Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate	

### EL SALVADOR

Language of Instruction <i>Spanish</i>	Primary and Lower Secondary: 9 years		
	Upper Secondary: 3 years	Bachillerato/ Bachiller	Year 11

### ERITREA

Languages of Instruction <i>English and mother tongues</i>	Elementary: 5 years		
	Middle Level: 2 years		
	Secondary: 4 years	Eritrean Secondary Education Certificate Examination (ESECE)	NSW School Certificate/Year 11

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<b>ESTONIA</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Estonian or Russian</i>	Primary and Basic Education: 9 years		
	Secondary		
	General Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Secondary School leaving Certificate . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Upper Secondary/Gymnasium: 3 years . . . . .	Secondary School Certificate . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>ETHIOPIA</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Amharic, English</i>	Primary		
	Lower Cycle: 4 years		
	Upper Cycle: 4 years . . . . .	Primary School Certificate Examination	
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 2 years . . . . .	Ethiopian School Leaving Certificate . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
	Senior Secondary: 2 years . . . . .	Ethiopian School Leaving Certificate Examination . . . . . (ESLCE)	Year 11
<b>FIJI</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Junior Secondary: 4 years . . . . .	Fiji Junior Certificate (Year 10) . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
	Senior Secondary: 2 years . . . . .	Fiji School Leaving Certificate (Year 12) . . . . .	Year 11
		Fiji Form 7 Examination (Year 13) . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
	University of South Pacific Foundation . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate	
<b>FINLAND</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Finnish, Swedish</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	School Leaving Certificate (Peruskoulun Paastotodistus grundskolans avgangsbetyg)	
	Upper Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Leaving Certificate (Lukion Paastotodistus Gymnasiets avgangsbetyg)	NSW Higher School Certificate
	National Matriculation . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate	

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**FRANCE**

<b>Language of Instruction</b> <i>French</i>	Primary		
	Cours Preparatoire (Preparatory): 1 year		
	Cours Elementaire (Elementary): 2 years		
	Cours Moyen (Intermediate): 2 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 4 years . . . . .	Brevet de College Brevet de Technologique Brevet Professionel	
Upper Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Baccalaureat de l'Enseignement du Second Degre . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate	
	Baccalaureat de Technicien . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate	

**GABON**

<b>Language of Instruction</b> <i>French</i>	Primary: 6 years . . . . .	Certificat d'Etudes Primaires Elementaires (CEPE)	
	Secondary		
	Lower Cycle: 4 years . . . . .	Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle (BEPC) . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
		Brevet de Technicien . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
	Upper Cycle: 3 years . . . . .	Certificat de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
		Baccalaureat . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Baccalaureat Technique . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate	

**GAMBIA**

<b>Language of Instruction</b> <i>English</i>	Primary: 6 years . . . . .	Primary School Leaving Certificate	
	Secondary		
	Junior Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Junior Secondary School Leaving Certificate	
	Senior Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Senior Secondary Leaving Certificate . . . . .	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	Six Form . . . . .	West African Examination Council A Level . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate

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<b>GEORGIA</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Russian, Georgian</i>	Primary: 4 years		
	Secondary Lower Cycle: 4 years Upper Cycle: 3 years . . . . .	Secondary School Certificate (Sashualo Skolis Atesti) . . . . . University Entrance Examination (Misagebe Gamotsdebi) . . . . .	NSW School Certificate/Year 11 NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>GERMANY</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>German</i>	Primary: 4 years (in most states) 5 or 6 years (in some states)		
	Secondary		
	General Secondary (Hauptschule): . . . . . 9th or 10th school year	Hauptschulabschluss . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
	Intermediate School (Realschule): . . . . . 10th school year	Mittle Reife/Realschulabschluss	
	Grammar school (Gymnasium): . . . . . 12th or 13th school year	Abitur/Allgemeine . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>GHANA</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Junior Secondary School: 3 years . . . . . Senior Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Junior Secondary School Leaving Certificate Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) Senior Secondary Certificate Examination (SSCE) . . . . .	Year 11
<b>GIBRALTAR</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Primary: 7 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 5 years . . . . . Upper Secondary: 7 years . . . . .	General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) . . . . . General Certificate of Education A Level (GCE A Level) . . . . .	NSW School Certificate/Year 11 NSW Higher School Certificate



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<b>GREECE</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Greek</i>	Primary: 6 years	Study Certificate	
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary (Gymnasio): 3 years	Study Certificate	
	Upper Secondary: 3 years		
	Lykeia: 3 years	National Apolytirion	NSW Higher School Certificate
	TES (Technical Vocational Schools): 2 years	Ptychio	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>GUATEMALA</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Spanish</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 3 years	Ciclo Pre-vocational (Pre-vocational cycle)	
	Upper Secondary: 2 years	Bachillerato	Year 11
		Perito	Year 11
<b>GUINEA</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>French</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 4 years	Brevet Elementaire	NSW School Certificate
	Upper Secondary: 3 years	Baccalaureat	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>GUYANA</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Primary: 6 years	Secondary School Entrance Examination (SSEE)	
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 4 years	Secondary School Proficiency Examination (SSPE)	NSW School Certificate
	Senior Secondary: 2 years	General Certificate of Education A Level	NSW Higher School Certificate
		Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination	NSW Higher School Certificate

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<b>HAITI</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Creole, French</i>	Primary: 6 years	Certicat d'Etudes Primaires	
	Secondary		
	Lower General Cycle: 3 years	Brevet Elementaire du Premier Cycle (BEPC)	
	Specialised Upper Cycle: 3 years	Baccalaureat Rethorique	NSW Higher School Certificate
	4 years	Baccalaureat II Philosophie	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>HONDURAS</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Spanish</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Ciclo Comun: 3 years		
	Ciclo Diversificado: 2 years	Bachillerato/Perito	Year 11
	3 years	Bachiller Industrial/Tecnico	Year 11
	4 years	Tecnico Medio	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>HUNGARY</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Hungarian (Magyar)</i>	Primary and Lower Secondary/Elementary: 8 years (or 4, or 6 years in some schools)		
	Secondary		
	Grammar School (Gimnasium): 4 years, 6 or 8 depending on the school	Erettsegi/Matura	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Technical School (Szakkozepiskola): 4 years	Erettsegi/Matura	NSW Higher School Certificate
	School for Vocational Skills (Szakmunkaskepzo Iskola): 3-5 years		
	3 years	Szakmunkas	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	4 years	Erettsegi Bizonyitvany	NSW Higher School Certificate
5 years	Higher Vocational Qualification	NSW Higher School Certificate	
<b>ICELAND</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Icelandic</i>	Primary and Lower Secondary: 10 years		
	Upper Secondary		
	Comprehensive/Grammar Schools: 4 years	Matriculation Examination/Studentsprof	NSW Higher School Certificate
Industrial Vocational Schools: 4 years	Sveinsprof	NSW Higher School Certificate	

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<b>INDIA</b>			
Languages of Instruction	Primary (Standards I-VIII)		
<i>Hindi or regional language</i>	Primary Stage: 5 years		
	Upper Primary Stage/Middle School: 3 years		
	Secondary or High School: 2 years . . . . .	<b>National Qualifications</b>	
	(Standards IX-X) . . . . .	All India Secondary School Certificate (SX) . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
		Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE SX) . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
		<b>State issued qualifications (SX) (various titles)</b> . . . . .	Year 9
	Senior Secondary or Intermediate: 2 years . . . . .	<b>National Qualifications</b>	
	(Standards XI-XII) . . . . .	Indian School Certificate (ISC SXII) . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
		All India Senior School Certificate (SXII) . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
		<b>State issued qualifications for SXII or year 12</b>	
		Standard XII Examination . . . . .	Year 11
		Certificate of Vocational Education (CVE12) . . . . .	Year 11
		Other titles. . . . .	Year 11
<b>INDONESIA</b>			
Language of Instruction	Primary: 6 years		
<i>Bahasa Indonesia</i>	Secondary		
	Junior Secondary: 3 years		
	Senior Secondary: 3 years		
	General Secondary (SMU), or . . . . .	General Secondary School Certificate of Completion . . . . .	Year 11
		(Sekolah Menengah Umum – STTB SMU)	
	Vocational Secondary (Sekolah Menengah . . . . .	Vocational Secondary School Certificate of Completion . . . . .	Year 11
	Kejuruan – SMK)	(STTB SMK)	
<b>INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREAT</b>			
	2 year upper secondary school programme . . . . .	International Baccalaureat Diploma . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
	internationally recognised for entry to higher education institutions		

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<b>IRAN</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Farsi</i>	Primary: 5 years		
	Middle School: 3 years	Certificate of General Education	
	Secondary Cycle: 3 years	High School Diploma	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	Pre-university Programme: 1 year	Pre-university Certificate National Entrance Examination (Kunkur)	NSW Higher School Certificate NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>IRAQ</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Arabic</i>	Primary: 6 years	Primary Baccalaureat	
	Secondary		
	Intermediate Cycle: 3 years	Third Form Baccalaureat	
	Preparatory Cycle: 3 years	Sixth Form Baccalaureat (Adadiyah)	NSW Higher School Certificate
Technical Secondary: 3 years	Certificate of Technician	NSW Higher School Certificate	
<b>IRELAND</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Primary: 8 years		
	Secondary		
	Junior Cycle: 3 years Senior Cycle: 2 years	Junior Certificate Leaving Certificate	Year 11 NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>ISRAEL</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Hebrew, Arabic</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 3 years Upper Secondary: 3 years	Bagrut	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>ITALY</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Italian</i>	Primary: 5 years	Licenza Elementare	
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 3 years Upper Secondary: 5 years	Diploma di Licenza della Scuola Media Diploma d'Esame di Stato (Secondary School State Examination)	NSW Higher School Certificate

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### IVORY COAST (CÔTE D'IVOIRE)

<b>Language of Instruction</b> <i>French</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Cours Preparatoire: 2 years (CP1, CP2)		
	Cours Elementaire: 2 years (CE1, CE2)		
	Cours Moyen: 2 years (CM1, CM2) . . . . .	Certificat d'Etudes Primaires Elementaires (CEPE)	
	Secondary		
	Lower Cycle: 4 years . . . . .	Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
	Upper Cycle: 3 years . . . . .	Diplome de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degree . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate or Baccalaureat
	Lower Technical: 4 years . . . . .	Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
	Upper Technical: 3 years . . . . .	Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle (CAP) . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
		Baccalaureat Technique . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
		Bachelier Technicien . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate

### JAMAICA

<b>Language of Instruction</b> <i>English</i>	Primary: 6 years . . . . .	National Assessment Program	
	Secondary		
	First Cycle: 3 years . . . . .	Grade 9 Achievement Test Jamaican School Certificate	
	Second Cycle: 3 years . . . . .	Secondary School Certificate . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
		Caribbean Examination Council Secondary Education . . . . .	Year 11 Certificate
	Sixth Form: 2 years . . . . .	GCE A Level . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
		CAPE . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate

### JAPAN

<b>Language of Instruction</b> <i>Japanese</i>	Primary: 6 years . . . . .	School Leaving Certificate	
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 4 years . . . . .	Lower Secondary School Leaving Certificate . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
	Upper Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Kotogakko/Upper Secondary School . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
		Certificate/Shomeisho	

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<b>JORDAN</b>			
Language of Instruction	Primary and Preparatory: 10 years		
<i>Arabic</i>	Secondary: 2 years	General Secondary Educational Certificate (Tawjihi)	NSW Higher School Certificate
		General Vocational Secondary Education Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>KAZAKHSTAN</b>			
Languages of Instruction	Primary: 4 years		
<i>Kazakh, Russian</i>	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 5 years	Certificate of Completed Secondary Education (Svidetel'stvo/o Srednem Obrazovanii)	
	Upper Secondary: 2 years	Diplom o Srednem Spetsialnom Obrazovani	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	Vocational Secondary: 3 years	Diplom o Srednem Spetsialnom Obrazovani	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Secondary Specialised Schools: 4 years	Diploma of Specialised Secondary Education (Diplom o Srednem Spetsialnom Obrazovanii)	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>KENYA</b>			
Language of Instruction	Primary: 8 years		
<i>English</i>	Secondary: 4 years	Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE)	Year 11
<b>KOREA (REPUBLIC OF)</b>			
Language of Instruction	Primary/Elementary: 6 years		
<i>Korean</i>	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary/Middle School: 3 years		
	Upper Secondary: 3 years	High School Diploma	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>KUWAIT</b>			
Language of Instruction	Primary: 4 years		
<i>Arabic</i>	Intermediate: 4 years		
	Secondary: 4 years	General Secondary School Certificate (Shahadat-al-Thanawia-al A'ama)	NSW Higher School Certificate

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### KYRGYZTAN

Languages of Instruction <i>Kyrgyz, Russian</i>	Elementary: 4 years		
	Secondary: 5 years		
	Upper Secondary: 2 years, or	Certificate of Completed Secondary Education	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	Vocational Secondary: 3 years	Diploma of Completed Vocational Technical Education	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Specialised Secondary: 4 years	Diploma of Completed Specialised Secondary Education	NSW Higher School Certificate

### LAOS (PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC)

Languages of Instruction <i>Laotian, French</i>	Primary: 5 years		
	Secondary		
	Junior Secondary: 3 years	Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle	
	Senior Secondary: 3 years	Baccalaureat	NSW School Certificate/Year 11

### LATVIA

Languages of Instruction <i>Latvian, Russian</i>	Basic Primary: 4 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 5 years		
	General Secondary: 3 years	Certificate of General Secondary Education (Atestats par Videjo Izglitiba)	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Vocational Secondary: 4 years	Diploma of Secondary Vocational Education	NSW Higher School Certificate

### LEBANON

Languages of Instruction <i>Arabic and French or Arabic and English</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Intermediate: 3 years		
	Secondary		
	General Secondary: 3 years	Baccalaureat General	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Technical Secondary: 3 years	Baccalaureat Technique	NSW Higher School Certificate
Professional Secondary: 3 years	Certificat de Formation Professionnelle de Matrise	NSW Higher School Certificate	

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<b>LESOTHO</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Primary: 7 years	Primary School Leaving Certificate	
	High School: 5 years	Cambridge Overseas School Certificate	Year 11
<b>LIBERIA</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	First Cycle: 3 years	Junior High School Certificate	
	Second Cycle: 3 years	Senior High School Certificate	Year 11
<b>LIBYA</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Arabic</i>	Basic Education: 9 years	Basic Education Leaving Certificate	
	Secondary		
	General Secondary: 4 years, or	High School Leaving Certificate	Year 11
	Specialised Secondary: 4 years, or	High School Leaving Certificate	Year 11
	Intermediate Vocational: 4 years	Intermediate Vocational Certificate	Year 11
<b>LIECHTENSTEIN</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>German</i>	Primary: 5 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 4 years		
	Intermediate: 4 years, or	Secondary School Leaving Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Gymnasium: 5 years	Matura	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>LITHUANIA</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Lithuanian</i>	Primary: 4 years		
	Secondary		
	Junior Secondary: 6 years	General Certificate of Lower Secondary Education	NSW School Certificate
	Senior Secondary: 2 years	Maturity Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate



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<b>LUXEMBOURG</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Luxembourgish, German, French</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower General Secondary: 5 years		NSW School Certificate
	Upper General Secondary: 2 years, or	Diplome de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Upper Technical Secondary: 2 years	Certificate de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires Technique	NSW Higher School Certificate
		Diplome de Technicien	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>MACEDONIA</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Macedonian, Turkish, Albanian</i>	Primary		
	Lower Primary: 4 years		
	Upper Primary: 4 years		
	Secondary		
	General Secondary: 4 years	Secondary Leaving Diploma (Matura from Gymnazija)	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Technical Vocational Secondary: 4 years	Secondary Leaving Diploma (Matura from Gymnazija)	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>MADAGASCAR</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>French, Malagasy</i>	Primary: 6 years	Certificat d'Etudes Primaires Elementaires	
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary Cycle: 4 years	Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle	NSW School Certificate
	Upper Secondary Cycle: 3 years, or	Baccalaureat de L'Enseignement du Second Degre	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Technical Secondary: 7 years	Baccalaureat de L'Enseignement Technique	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>MALAWI</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Chichewa, English</i>	Primary: 8 years	Primary School Leaving Certificate (PSLC)	
	Secondary		
	Junior Secondary: 2 years	Junior Secondary School Certificate	NSW School Certificate
	Senior Secondary: 2 years	Malawi School Certificate of Education	NSW Higher School Certificate
		Cambridge Overseas Higher School Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate

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## MALAYSIA

<b>Languages of Instruction</b> <i>Bahasa Malaysia, Mandarin, Tamil, English</i>	Primary .....	Primary School Achievement Test (PSAT/UPSR)	
	Chinese Primary: 6 years		
	Malay Primary: 6 years		
	Tamil Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 3 years .....	Penilaian Menengah Rendah (PMR)	
	Chinese Junior Secondary: 3 years .....	UEC Junior	
	Chinese Senior Secondary: 3 years .....	UEC Senior .....	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Academic Upper Secondary: 2 years .....	Sigil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) .....	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	Technical/Vocational Upper Secondary: 2 years .....	Sigil Pelajaran Malaysia Vokesynal (SPMV) .....	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
Six Form: 2 years .....	Sigil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia (STPM) .....	NSW Higher School Certificate	
Matriculation: 1 year .....	Matrikulasi .....	NSW Higher School Certificate	

## MALI

<b>Language of Instruction</b> <i>French</i>	Primary: 6 years .....	Certificat de Fin d'Etudes du Premier Cycle de l'Enseignement Fondamental	
	Secondary		
	Enseignement Fondamental: 3 years .....	Diplome d'Etudes Fonfamentales	
	Upper Secondary		
	Lycee: 3 years .....	Baccalaureat .....	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Lycee Technique: 3 years .....	Baccalaureat Technique .....	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Centre de Formation Professionnelle: 2 years .....	Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle	
	4 years .....	Brevet de Technicien .....	NSW Higher School Certificate

COUNTRY	YEARS OF FULL-TIME EDUCATION	SECONDARY SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS	TAFE NSW EQUIVALENT
<b>MALTA</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Maltese, English</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Junior Lyceums: 5 years, or		
	Secondary: 5 years	Secondary Education Certificate General Certificate of Education O level	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	Sixth Form: 2 years, or	General Certificate of Education A level	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Junior College: 2 years	Malta Matriculation Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>MAURITANIA</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>French, Arabic</i>	Primary: 6 years	Certificat d'Etudes Primaires	
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 3 years	Brevet 'Etudes du Premier Cycle (BEPC)	
	Upper Secondary: 3 years	Baccalaureat de l'Enseignement du Second Degre	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>MAURITIUS</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Primary: 6 years	Certificate of Primary Education	
	Secondary: 5 years	Cambridge Overseas School Certificate/GCE O level	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	Six Form: 2 years	Cambridge Overseas Higher School Certificate/CGE A level	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>MEXICO</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Spanish</i>	Primary: 6 years	Primary Certificate (Certificado de Primaria)	
	Secondary		
	High School: 3 years	High School Certificate (Certificado de Secundaria)	
	Bachillerato: 3 years, or	Baccalaureat (Certificado de Bachillerato)	Year 11
	Bachillerato Bivalente: 3 years	Baccalaureat and Technician Certificate (Certificado de Bachillerato y Certificado Tecnico)	Year 11

COUNTRY	YEARS OF FULL-TIME EDUCATION	SECONDARY SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS	TAFE NSW EQUIVALENT
<b>MOLDOVA</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Romanian, Russian</i>	Primary: 4 years		
	Secondary		
	Giminazu/Lower Secondary: 5 years		
	Lyceum/Upper Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Diploma de Bacalaureate/Attestate de Maturitate . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Technical/Vocational School: 3 years . . . . .	Diploma of Completed Vocational/Technical Education . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>MONACO</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>French</i>	Primary		
	Cours Preparatoire (Preparatory): 1 year		
	Cours Elementaire (Elementary): 2 years		
	Cours Moyen (Intermediate): 2 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 4 years . . . . .	Brevet de College Brevet de Technologique Brevet Professionel	
	Upper Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Baccalaureat de l'Enseignement du Second Degre . . . . . Baccalaureat de Technicien . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>MONGOLIA</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Mongolian</i>	Primary: 4 years		
	Secondary		
	Junior Secondary: 4 years		
	Senior Secondary: 2 years . . . . .	Certificate of Secondary Education (Gerchilgee) . . . . .	Year 11
	Vocational Secondary: 2 years . . . . .	Certificate of Secondary Vocational Education . . . . .	Year 11
<b>MOROCCO</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Arabic</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Junior Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Certificate d'Enseignement Secondaire (CES)	
	Senior Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Baccalaureat . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate

COUNTRY	YEARS OF FULL-TIME EDUCATION	SECONDARY SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS	TAFE NSW EQUIVALENT
<b>MOZAMBIQUE</b>			
Language of Instruction	Primary: 7 years		
<i>Portuguese</i>	Secondary: 5 years	Certificado de Habilitacoes Literarias	Year 11
	Completion 1 year post-secondary study		NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>MYANMAR (FORMERLY BURMA)</b>			
Language of Instruction	Primary: 5 years		
<i>Burmese</i>	Secondary		
	Middle School: 4 years		
	Higher Secondary: 2 years	Basic Education High School Examination Matriculation	NSW School Certificate
	Technical Secondary: 2 years	Technical High School Diploma	NSW School Certificate
<b>NAMIBIA</b>			
Language of Instruction	Primary		
<i>English</i>	Junior Primary: 3 years		
	Senior Primary: 4 years		
	Secondary		
	Junior Secondary: 3 years	Junior Secondary Certificate	NSW School Certificate
	Senior Secondary: 2 years	International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)	Year 11
<b>NEPAL</b>			
Languages of Instruction	Primary: 7 years		
<i>Nepalese, English</i>	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 2 years		
	Upper Secondary: 3 years	School Leaving Certificate	
	Higher Secondary: 2 years	Higher Secondary Certificate	Year 11
	Or		
	Basic Technical: 3 years	Training Level Certificate	NSW School Certificate
	Middle Level Technical: 4 years	Craftsman Certificate	Year 11

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### NETHERLANDS

Language of Instruction <i>Dutch</i>	Primary: 8 years		
	Secondary		
	Junior General Education: 4 years	MAVO (Middelbaar Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs)	Year 11
	Senior General Education: 5 years	HAVO (Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet)	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Pre-university Education: 6 years	VWO (Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs)	NSW Higher School Certificate

### NEW ZEALAND

Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Primary: 8 years		
	Secondary: 3 years	School Certificate/National Certificate in Education Achievement (NCEA Level 1)	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	4 years	6th Form Certificate/NCEA Level 2	Year 11
	5 years	Higher School Certificate (+ 6th Form)	NSW Higher School Certificate
		University Entrance/Bursary and Scholarship Examinations (UEBS)	NSW Higher School Certificate
	NCEA Level 3	NSW Higher School Certificate	

### NICARAGUA

Language of Instruction <i>Spanish</i>	Primary: 6 years	Primary School Diploma (Diploma de Educacion Primaria)	
	Secondary		
	Ciclo Basico: 3 years	Basic Cycle Diploma (Diplo de Curso Basico)	
	Ciclo Diversificado Academico: 3 years	Bachillerato	Year 11
	Ciclo Diversificado Tecnico: 3 years	Tecnico Medio	Year 11

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### NIGER

Language of Instruction <i>French</i>	Primary: 6 years	Certificat d'Etudes Primaires Elementaires	
	Secondary		
	Secondary School: 4 years	Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle	
	Lycee: 3 years	Baccalaureat	NSW Higher School Certificate
		Diplome de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degree	NSW Higher School Certificate
Technical Secondary: 2 years		Brevet d'Aptitude Professionnelle	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	3 years	Bachelier Technicien	NSW Higher School Certificate

### NIGERIA

Languages of Instruction <i>Hausa, Ibo, Yoruba, English</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Junior Secondary: 3 years	Junior School Certificate	
	Senior Secondary: 3 years	Senior School Certificate	Year 11
	Technical Colleges: 3 years		National Technical Certificate (NTC)
		National Commercial Certificate (NCC)	Year 11

### NORWAY

Languages of Instruction <i>Norwegian, Saami in some primary schools</i>	Primary: 7 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 3 years		
	Upper Secondary: 3 years		Avgangseksamen
		Certificate of Upper Secondary Education (Vitnemal fra den Videregaende Skole)	NSW Higher School Certificate

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<b>PAKISTAN</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Urdu, English</i>	Primary: 5 years		
	Middle school: 3 years		
	Secondary: 2 years	Secondary School Certificate	NSW School Certificate
		Matriculation	NSW School Certificate
	Higher Secondary: 2 years, or	Higher School Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate
		Intermediate Examination	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Commercial Institute: 2 years, or	Diploma	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Polytechnics and Colleges of Technology: 2 years	Diploma	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>PALESTINE (WEST BANK AND GAZA)</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Arabic</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Preparatory: 3 years		
	Secondary		
	Academic: 3 years	General Secondary Education Certificate (Tawjihi)	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Technical Secondary: 3 years	General Secondary Education Certificate (Tawjihi)	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Vocational Secondary: 3 years	Trade Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>PANAMA</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Spanish</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Ciclo Comun: 3 years		
	Ciclo Academico: 3 years	High School Graduation Diploma (Bachillerato)	Year 11
<b>PAPUA NEW GUINEA</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Primary: 6 years	National Examination	
	Secondary		
	Provincial High School: 4 years	Secondary School Leaving Certificate	NSW School Certificate
	National High School: 2 years	Higher School Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate



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<b>PARAGUAY</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Spanish</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Ciclo Basico: 3 years		
	Ciclo Bachillerato: 3 years	Bachillerato	Year 11
<b>PERU</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Spanish</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	First Stage: 2 years		
	Academic Secondary: 3 years	Certificado de Educacion Secundaria Comun Completa Diploma de Aptitud Profesional	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	Technical Secondary: 3 years	Bachiller Profesional	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
<b>PHILIPPINES</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>English, Filipino</i>	Primary		
	Government: 6 years		
	Private: 7 years		
	Secondary		
	General Secondary: 4 years, or	High School Diploma + 2 years of University	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Vocational Secondary: 4 years, or	High School Diploma + 2 years of University	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Specialised Science Arts Secondary School: 4 years	High School Diploma + 2 years of University	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>POLAND</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Polish</i>	Basic: 6 years	Competence Test	
	Secondary		
	Gymnasium: 3 years	Aptitude Test	
	Lyceum: 3 years	Matura	NSW Higher School Certificate
		Matriculation Certificate of General Secondary School (Swiadectwo Dojrzalosci OgoInoksztalcacego)	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Technical Secondary: 4 years	Matura Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Vocational Secondary: 2 years	Matura Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Complementary Lyceum: 2 years	Matura Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate

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<b>PORTUGAL</b>			
Language of Instruction	Basic Education: 9 years		
<i>Portuguese</i>	Secondary: 3 years	..... Certidao de Fim de Estudos Secundarios	..... NSW Higher School Certificate
	Vocational Secondary: 3 years	..... Diploma Tecnico Profissional	..... NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>PUERTO RICO</b>			
Language of Instruction	Primary: 7 years		
<i>Spanish</i>	Secondary: 6 years	..... High School Graduation Diploma	..... Year 11
<b>QATAR</b>			
Language of Instruction	Primary: 6 years		
<i>Arabic</i>	Secondary Preparatory		
	Religious Preparatory Institute: 3 years (boys only)		
	Academic Preparatory School: 3 years		
	For boys only:		
	Religious Secondary School: 3 years, or	..... Religious Secondary Certificate	..... NSW Higher School Certificate if very high results
	Academic Secondary School: 3 years, or	..... General Secondary Education Certificate	..... NSW Higher School Certificate if very high results
	Commercial Secondary School: 3 years, or	..... Secondary Commercial Certificate	..... NSW Higher School Certificate if very high results
	Technical Trade Secondary: 3 years	..... Secondary Technical Certificate	..... NSW Higher School Certificate if very high results
<b>ROMANIA</b>			
Language of Instruction	Primary: 4 years		
<i>Romania</i>	Gymnazium/Lower Secondary: 5 years	..... Certificat de Capacitate	
	High School/Upper Secondary School: 3 or 4 years	..... Diploma de Bacalaureat	..... NSW Higher School Certificate
	Professional/Apprenticeship School: 2 or 3 years	..... Diploma de Absolvire	..... NSW Higher School Certificate

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### RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Language of Instruction <i>Russian</i>	Primary: 4 years		
	Basic General Education: 5 years . . . . .	Diploma of Incomplete General Secondary Education	
	Secondary		
	Secondary General Education: 2 years . . . . .	Attestat . . . . .	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	Secondary Specialised Education: 3 years . . . . .	Diploma of Basic Specialised Education . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Advanced Level Specialised Education: 4 years . . . . .	Diploma of Advanced Specialised Education . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate

### RWANDA

Language of Instruction <i>French</i>	Primary		
	First Cycle: 4 years		
	Second Cycle: 2 years		
	Vocational Training course: 3 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 3 years		
	Technical Secondary: 3 years . . . . .		Year 11
	Upper Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Diplomes des Humanites Completes . . . . .	Year 11

### SAMOA

Languages of Instruction <i>English, Samoan</i>	Primary: 8 years . . . . .	Year 8 Certificate	
	Secondary		
	Junior Secondary: 3 years, or . . . . .	Year 11 Certificate . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
	Senior Secondary: 5 years . . . . .	Western Samoan School Certificate . . . . .	Year 11
	+1 year . . . . .	Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate

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### SAUDI ARABIA

Language of Instruction <i>Arabic</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Intermediate School: 3 years		
	General Secondary School: 3 years, or . . . . .	General Secondary Education Certificate (Tawjhiyah) . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Commercial/Agricultural Schools: 3 years, or . . . . .	Secondary Commercial/Agricultural School Diploma . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
Industrial Vocational Schools: 4 years . . . . .	Secondary Industrial/Vocational Diploma . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate	

### SENEGAL

Language of Instruction <i>French</i>	Primary: 6 years . . . . .	Certificat d'Etudes Primaires Elementaires	
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Brevet de Fin d'Etudes Moyennes (BFEM)	
	Lycee d'Enseignement General 3 years, or . . . . .	Baccalaureat de l'Enseignement du Second Degre . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
		Baccalureat Technique . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Lycee Technique: 3 years, or . . . . .	Brevet de Technicien . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
Centre de Formation Professionnelle: 2 years . . . . .	Brevet d'Etudes Professionnelles . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate	
	3 years . . . . .	Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate

### SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO

Language of Instruction <i>Serbian</i>	Primary: Basic 8 years		
	Gymnazija: 4 years . . . . .	Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Matura) . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Technical Secondary: 4 years . . . . .	Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Matura) . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate

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<b>SEYCHELLES</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Creole, English</i>	Primary		
	Lower Primary: 3 years (P1-P3)		
	Middle Primary: 3 years (P4-P6) . . . . .	National Tests	
	Secondary		
	4 years (S1-S4) . . . . .	National Tests . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
	1 Year (S5) . . . . .	National Tests . . . . .	Year 11
	Seichelles Polytechnic: 1 year . . . . .	Foundation Studies/ GCE O Level . . . . .	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	2 years . . . . .	International General Certificate of Education (IGCSE) . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
	or	Cambridge Overseas Higher School Certificate/GCE . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
	National College of Arts: 2 years . . . . .	A Level National Certification/ GCE A Level) . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>SIERRA LEONE</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Junior Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Basic Education Certificate Examination	
	Senior Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Senior Secondary Certificate Examination . . . . .	Year 11
	Trade Centres: 3 years . . . . .	Trade Centre Craft Certificate . . . . .	Year 11
	Technical Institutes: 3 years . . . . .	BTEC Diploma . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
	City and Guilds Certificate . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate	
<b>SINGAPORE</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Primary		
	Foundation: 4 years (P1-P4)		
	Orientation: 2 years (P5-P6) . . . . .	Primary School Leaving Examination	
	Secondary		
	Normal Academic: 4 years . . . . .	Singapore Cambridge GCE "O" . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
	Normal Technical: 4 years . . . . .	Singapore Cambridge GCE "O" . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
	Polytechnics: 3 years . . . . .	Singapore Cambridge GCE "A" . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
Junior Colleges: 2 years . . . . .	Singapore Cambridge GCE "A" . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate	

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<b>SLOVAK REPUBLIC</b>			
Language of Instruction	Basic Education		
<i>Slovak</i>	Lower Cycle: 4 years		
	Lower Secondary: 5 years		
	Secondary		
	Gymnasium: 4 years	Maturita	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Specialised Secondary School: 5 years	Maturita	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Secondary Vocational School: 2 years	Certificate of Final Examination	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	3 years	Apprenticeship Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate
	5 years	Maturita	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>SLOVENIA</b>			
Language of Instruction	Primary: 9 years		
<i>Slovene</i>	Secondary		
	Gymnasium: 4 years	Matura	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Technical/Professional Schools: 4 years	Poklicna Matura	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Vocational Schools: 3 years	Secondary/Vocational Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>SOLOMON ISLANDS</b>			
Language of Instruction	Primary: 6 years		
<i>English</i>	Secondary: 3 years	Form 3 leaving Certificate	
	5 years	Solomon Island School Certificate	NSW School Certificate
	Six Form	Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>SOMALIA</b>			
Language of Instruction	Primary: 8 years		
<i>Somali</i>	Secondary		
	General Secondary: 4 years, or	Secondary School Leaving Certificate	Year 11
	Technical Secondary: 4 years, or	Secondary Technical School Leaving Certificate	Year 11
	Teacher Training (Primary): 4 years		Year 11

COUNTRY	YEARS OF FULL-TIME EDUCATION	SECONDARY SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS	TAFE NSW EQUIVALENT
<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>English, Afrikaans</i>	Primary		
	Foundation: 3 years		
	Intermediate: 3 years		
	Secondary		
	Senior Phase: 3 years . . . . .	General Education and Training Certificate	
Further Education Phase: 3 years . . . . .	Senior Certificate . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate	
<b>SPAIN</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Spanish</i>	Primary		
	Lower Primary: 2 years		
	Middle Primary: 2 years		
	Upper Primary: 2 years		
	Secondary		
	Compulsory Secondary: 4 years . . . . .	Graduado en Educacion Secundaria . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
Post-Compulsory Secondary Education: 2 years . . . . .	Bachillerato . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate	
	Tecnico . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate	
<b>SRI LANKA</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Sinhalese, Tamil, English</i>	Primary: 5 years		
	Secondary		
	Junior Secondary: 3 years		
	Senior Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Sri Lanka General Certificate of Education O Level . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
	Pre-university course: 2 years . . . . .	Sri Lanka General Certificate of Education A Level . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>ST KITTS &amp; NEVIS</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Primary: 7 years . . . . .	Comprehensive Placement Assessment	
	Secondary: 5 years . . . . .	Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) Secondary . . . . .	Year 11
		Education Certificate	
	College: 2 years . . . . .	CGE A Level . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate

COUNTRY	YEARS OF FULL-TIME EDUCATION	SECONDARY SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS	TAFE NSW EQUIVALENT
<b>ST LUCIA</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>English, Afrikaans</i>	Primary: 7 years		
	Secondary		
	Secondary School: 3 years	Secondary Education Certificate O level	NSW School Certificate
	Further Education: 2 years	Associate Degree	NSW Higher School Certificate
		CAPE Diploma	NSW Higher School Certificate
	A Level	NSW Higher School Certificate	
	Certificate in Education	NSW Higher School Certificate	
<b>SUDAN</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Arabic</i>	Basic Education: 8 years		
	Secondary		
	Academic Secondary: 3 years	Sudan School Certificate	NSW School Certificate
	Agricultural Commercial and Industrial	Sudan School Certificate	NSW School Certificate
	Secondary: 3 years		
Girls Home Economics School: 3 years	Sudan School Certificate	NSW School Certificate	
<b>SURINAM</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Dutch</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 4 years		
	Upper Secondary: 2 years	HAVO (Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs)	Year 11
	3 years	VWO (Voobereidend Wetenschappelyk Onderwijs)	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>SWAZILAND</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Primary: 7 years		
	Secondary		
	Junior Secondary: 2 years	Junior Certificate	
	Senior Secondary: 2 years	Cambridge Overseas School Certificate (COSC)	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	+2 years	Cambridge Overseas Higher School Certificate, or International Baccalaureat	NSW Higher School Certificate



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<b>SWEDEN</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Swedish</i>	Primary		
	Comprehensive School-Grundskola: 9 years . . . . .	Leaving Certificate (Slutbetyg)	
	Secondary		
	Gymnasium: 3 years . . . . .	Secondary School Leaving Certificate . . . . . (Afgangsbetyg/Slutbetyg)	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Technical and Vocational Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Secondary School Leaving Certificate . . . . . (Afgangsbetyg/Slutbetyg)	NSW Higher School Certificate
Adult Secondary (KOMVUX): 3 years . . . . .	Secondary Leaving Certificate . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate	
Folkskolen: 3 years . . . . .	Folkskolen Certificate . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate	
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>German, French, Italian</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 3 years		
	Academic Upper Secondary: 4 years . . . . .	Maturity Certificate (Maturutatszeugnis/Certificat de Maturite/ Baccalaureat/ Attestato di Maturita)	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Vocational Secondary: 4 years, or . . . . .	Federal Apprenticeship Certificate/ Commercial Maturity . . . (Fahigkeitszeugnis/Certificat de Capacite/ Attestato di Capacita)	NSW Higher School Certificate
Advanced Vocational School: 3 years . . . . .	Vocational Maturity Certificate . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate	
1 year . . . . .	Vocational Maturity Diploma . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate	
<b>SYRIA</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Arabic</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Preparatory School: 3 years . . . . .	Preparatory School Leaving Certificate (Al Kafa'a)	
	Secondary		
	General Secondary Education: 3 years . . . . .	Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Al Shahada Al Thanawiya) Baccalaureat . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate NSW Higher School Certificate
Technical Secondary Education: 3 years . . . . .	Technical Baccalaureat . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate	

COUNTRY	YEARS OF FULL-TIME EDUCATION	SECONDARY SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS	TAFE NSW EQUIVALENT
<b>TAJIKISTAN</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Tajik, Russian</i>	Elementary: 4 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 5 years		
	Upper Secondary: 2 years . . . . .	Certificate of Completed Secondary Education . . . . .	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	Vocational Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Diploma of Completed Vocational Technical Education . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
Specialised Secondary: 4 years . . . . .	Diploma of Completed Secondary Education . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate	
<b>TANZANIA</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Kiswahili, English</i>	Mainland Primary: 7 years		
	Zanzibar Primary: 8 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 4 years . . . . .	Certificate of Secondary Education . . . . . National Form IV Certificate	NSW School Certificate
	Upper Secondary: 2 years . . . . .	National Form VI . . . . . Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education . . . . .	Year 11 Year 11
	Technical/Vocational Education: 3 years . . . . .	Technical College Certificate . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>THAILAND</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Thai</i>	Primary: 6 years . . . . .	Primary Leaving Certificate	
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Maw 3	
	Upper Secondary – General Stream: 3 years . . . . .	Maw 6 . . . . .	Higher School Certificate
	Upper Secondary – Vocational Stream: 3 years . . . . .	Maw 6 . . . . . National Entrance Examination . . . . .	Higher School Certificate NSW Higher School Certificate

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<b>TOGO</b>			
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	Primary: 6 years		
<i>French</i>	College: 4 years	Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle	NSW School Certificate
		Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle	NSW School Certificate
	Lycee: 3 years	Baccalaureat	NSW Higher School Certificate
		Certificat de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires	NSW Higher School Certificate
		Entrance Examination	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>TONGA</b>			
<b>Languages of Instruction</b>	Primary: 6 years	Secondary Entrance Examination	
<i>Tongan, English</i>	Secondary		
	First Cycle: 6 years	Tongan School Certificate	
	Second Cycle: 1 year	Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate	Year 11
	National Form 7	Form 7 Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>TRINIDAD &amp; TOBAGO</b>			
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	Primary: 6 years	Common Entrance Examination	
<i>English</i>	Secondary		
	Junior Secondary: 3 years		
	Senior Secondary: 2 years	Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
		GCE O Level	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	+ 2 years	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination	NSW Higher School Certificate
		GCE A Level	NSW Higher School Certificate
		National Craftman Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate
		National Technician Certificate	NSW Higher School Certificate

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<b>TUNISIA</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Arabic, French</i>	Primary/Basic		
	Basic First Stage: 6 years		
	Basic Second Stage: 3 years	Diploma in Basic Education	
	Secondary		
	General Education: 2 years		NSW School Certificate
	Specialisation: 2 years, or	Baccalaureat	NSW Higher School Certificate
Vocational Secondary: 2 years		Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle	NSW School Certificate
	2 years	Brevet de Technicien Professionnel	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>TURKEY</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Turkish</i>	Primary: 8 years		
	Secondary		
	General High School: 3 years	Genel Lise Diplomasi	Year 11
	Vocational High School: 3 years	Meslek Lisesi Diplomasi	Year 11
	Technical High School: 3 years	Devlet Teknik Lise Diplomasi	Year 11
	State University Entrance Examination (OSS)		NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>TURKMENISTAN</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Turkmen, Russian</i>	Elementary: 4 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 5 years		
	Upper Secondary: 2 years	Certificate of Completed Secondary Education	NSW School Certificate
	Vocational Secondary: 3 years	Diploma of Completed Vocational Technical Education	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Specialised Secondary: 4 years	Diploma of Completed Specialised Secondary Education	NSW Higher School Certificate

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### UGANDA

Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Primary: 7 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 4 years . . . . .	Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
		Cambridge Overseas Secondary Certificate (COSC) . . . . .	NSW School Certificate
		East African Certificate of Education	
	Technical Schools: 3 years . . . . .	Uganda Junior Technical Certificate . . . . .	Year 11
	Upper Secondary: 2 years . . . . .	Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) . . . . .	Year 11
	Cambridge Overseas Higher School Certificate . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate	
	East African Advanced Certificate of Education . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate	
Technical Institutes: 2 years . . . . .	Uganda Technical Institute Certificate . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate	

### UKRAINE

Language of Instruction <i>Ukrainian</i>	Primary and Lower Secondary: 9 years . . . . .	Certificate of Incompleted Secondary Education (Svidotstvo pro Nepovnu Seredniu Zagal'nu Osvitu)	
	Upper Secondary		
	Gymnasium/Lyceum: 3 years . . . . .	Certificate of Completed Secondary Education . . . . . (Atestat pro Povnu Zagal'nu Sersdniu Osvitu)	NSW Higher School Certificate
Professional/Vocational: 3 or 4 years . . . . .	Certificate of Completed Secondary Education . . . . . (Atestat pro Povnu Zagal'nu Sersdniu Osvitu)	NSW Higher School Certificate	

### UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Language of Instruction <i>Arabic</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Preparatory/Intermediate: 3 years		
	General Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Secondary School Certificate (Tawjihyya) . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Religious Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Secondary School Certificate (Tawjihyya) . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Vocational Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Technical Secondary Diploma . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate

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**UNITED KINGDOM (ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, WALES & NORTHERN IRELAND)**

Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Primary		
	England, Wales, N. Ireland: 6 years Scotland: 7 years		
	Secondary		
	England, Wales, N. Ireland: 5 years . . . . .	General Certificate of Secondary Education . . . . . (GCSE/VOC GCSE)	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	Sixth Form: 2 years . . . . .	A Level . . . . . Vocational A Level (AVCE) . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate NSW Higher School Certificate
	Scotland: 4 years . . . . .	Standard Grade, or . . . . . Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ 1 and 2)	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	Sixth Form: 2 years . . . . .	Advanced Higher (Previously CSYS) . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate

**UNITED STATES AMERICA**

Language of Instruction <i>English</i>	Elementary Primary: 8 years		
	Secondary		
	High School: 4 years . . . . .	High School Diploma . . . . . High School Diploma (+Scholastic Aptitude Test or . . . . . College Entrance Examination)	Year 11 NSW Higher School Certificate
	Or		
	Primary: 6 years		
	Junior High: 3 years		
	High School: 3 years . . . . .	High School Diploma . . . . . High School Diploma (+Scholastic Aptitude Test or . . . . . College Entrance Examination)	Year 11 NSW Higher School Certificate
	Advancement Placement Course: 1 year . . . . .	Advancement Placement Examination . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate

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<b>URUGUAY</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Spanish</i>	Primary: 6 years		
	Secondary		
	Ciclo Basico: 3 years		
	Ciclo Diversificado: 3 years	Bachillerato	Year 11
	Ciclo Tecnico: 4 years	Bachillerato Tecnico	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>UZBEKISTAN</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>Uzbek, Russian</i>	Elementary: 4 years		
	Secondary		
	Lower Secondary: 5 years		
	Upper Secondary: 2 years	Certificate of Completed Secondary Education	NSW School Certificate/Year 11
	Vocational Secondary: 3 years	Diploma of Completed Vocational Technical Education	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Specialised Secondary: 4 years	Diploma of Completed Specialised Education	NSW Higher School Certificate
<b>VANUATU</b>			
Languages of Instruction <i>English, French</i>	Primary: 6 years	National Primary Education Examination	
	Secondary		
	First Cycle: 4 years	Year 10 Leaving Certificate	
	Second Cycle: 3 years	Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate	Year 11
		4 years	New Zealand University Entrance
<b>VENEZUELA</b>			
Language of Instruction <i>Spanish</i>	Primary: 9 years	Basic Education Certificate (Certificado de Educacion Basica)	
	Secondary		
	Academic Secondary: 2 years	Bachillerato	NSW School Certificate
	Technical Secondary: 3 years	Bachillerato Tecnico	Year 11

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### VIETNAM

<b>Language of Instruction</b>	Primary/Lower Secondary: 9 years		
<i>Vietnamese</i>	Upper Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	National University Entrance Exam . . . . .	Year 11
	Vocational Training Schools: 2 years . . . . .	Technician . . . . .	Year 11
	Secondary Technical and Professional: 4 years . . . . .	Senior Secondary Vocational Diploma . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate

### YEMEN

<b>Languages of Instruction</b>	Basic Education: 9 years		
<i>Arabic, English</i>	Secondary		
	Secondary School: 3 years . . . . .	Al Thanawiya . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Technical Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Vocation and Agricultural Education Certificate (Al Thanawiya)	NSW Higher School Certificate
	Agricultural Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Al Thanawiya . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate

### ZAMBIA

<b>Language of Instruction</b>	Primary		
<i>English</i>	Lower Primary: 4 years		
	Upper Primary: 3 years . . . . .	Primary School Leaving Certificate	
	Secondary		
	Junior Secondary: 2 years . . . . .	Junior Secondary School Leaving Certificate	
	Senior Secondary: 3 years . . . . .	Zambia School Certificate . . . . .	Year 11
	Post-Secondary Vocational Technical		
	Education: 2 years . . . . .	Certificate in Technical and Vocational Education . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate
	3 years . . . . .	Diploma in Technical and Vocational Education . . . . .	NSW Higher School Certificate



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**ZIMBABWE**

Language of Instruction  
*English*

Primary: 7 years

Secondary

Lower Secondary (Forms I and II) 2 years . . . . . Zimbabwe Junior Certificate

Lower Secondary (Forms III and IV) 2 years . . . . . Cambridge School Certificate (CSC) GCE O Level . . . . . NSW School Certificate/Year 11

Technical Lower Secondary (Forms III and IV) 2 years . . . . . National Foundation Certificate (NFC) . . . . . NSW Higher School Certificate

Upper Secondary: 2 years . . . . . Cambridge Higher School Certificate/GCE A Level . . . . . NSW Higher School Certificate

Technical Secondary: 2 years . . . . . National Diploma . . . . . NSW Higher School Certificate

Apprenticeship Courses 4 years . . . . . National Technician Certificate . . . . . NSW Higher School Certificate

Advanced National Craft Certificate . . . . . NSW Higher School Certificate