

QCIA vs QCE PATHWAYS

	QCIA PATHWAY (Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement)	QCE PATHWAY (Queensland Certificate of Education)
End Year 12 Certificate	- Documents a student's learning achievements, skills, and participation in an individualised educational program. - Students work towards goals and get a QCIA certificate that outlines what they have achieved e.g. - Reads and comprehends a variety of different texts. - Writes a resume and letter of application. - Solves everyday mathematical problems. - Prepares healthy mealtime options. - If they have completed a Cert II, then they will also get a statement of attainment that shows any courses that have been completed. Students cannot get a QCIA and QCE.	- Certifies that a student has met the requirements of Queensland's senior secondary qualification. - Students work towards getting their QCE by the end of Year 12 (but have until age 25 to complete it). - To get a QCE certificate: - Need 20 credits. - Need a minimum level of literacy and numeracy. - Other criteria but these can be met through a SETP (Senior Education and Training Plan). - Students will get a statement of attainment outlining the courses they have completed.
Literacy and Numeracy	- Units of work are based on goals and have a real-life application. - Literacy - develops skills for post school e.g. writing a resume and letter of application, job interview skills including common questions asked in interviews, filling out incident reports etc. - Numeracy - has a strong focus on financial literacy. - Many units in QCIA cover similar skills to Short Course Numeracy but are done at a much slower pace and students can still access support, such as help from parents, Siri etc. - If concepts/tasks within the unit are too difficult, they can simply be removed or modified to something simpler. These courses do not meet the minimum standards for a QCE.	- Approximately Year 5-7 level of work. Short Course Literacy – Extended Meets the minimum literacy level for QCE Overview of the course Short Course Numeracy – Extended Meets the minimum numeracy level for QCE Overview of the course If concepts/tasks are too difficult, they cannot be removed or modified to something easier.

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Certificate Courses	- Limited to the completion of 3 certificate II courses. - Cert I and II courses completed will bank credits towards a QCE. - No cert III courses or higher.	- No limit on the number or level of cert courses. - Cert courses will bank credits towards a QCE . - Typically a cert II course = 4 credits. - Typically a cert III = between 6 and 8 credits. - If students do a cert II in one field and then a cert III in the same field, they do not get the 4 credits for the cert II and then 8 for the cert III. They will only get 8 credits.
Exams	- No exams as part of the QCIA. - Teachers may though set diagnostic testing to determine a student's starting point.	- Short Course Literacy - no exams. - Short Course Numeracy - open book exam. This is a formal exam whereby it cannot be supervised by a parent.
Assignments	- No assignments as part of the QCIA. - Students demonstrate their ability and skills when completing weekly activities. - Students can have assistance to complete these tasks. - Tasks can be adjusted according to the student's capability.	- Will have assignments that need to be completed by the set due date. - Work must be the students' own. - Tasks cannot be adjusted. - Short Course Literacy has written assessments and a spoken task. - Short Course Numeracy has written assessments.
Proposed Plan (for Year 10 Student)	- Orientation unit - QCIA literacy - QCIA numeracy - Either QCIA general living units or cert II courses e.g. Cert II visual arts - No cert III option	10 Short Course Literacy 10 Short Course Numeracy - Foundation Science (compulsory) - Certificate course such as Cert I Construction, Cert II Visual Arts or Community Services (Cert IIIs are available for Year 11 & 12 students)
Other	- Possible to try the QCE pathway first and if it is not working change to QCIA. Courses completed under QCE may impact on the QCIA certificate, but this can be mapped out as part of the decision-making process. - Possible to change from QCIA up to QCE but the timing of this is important to avoid having to complete assessments that were done earlier in the year.	If students pass Short Course Literacy and Numeracy and complete a Cert II in Year 10, they will have 6 credits towards a QCE. This will lighten the study load in Year 11 & 12.
Resources & More Information	QCIA explained - QCAA website QCIA at Faith - Faith website	QCE explained - QCAA website Vocational Education at Faith - Faith website (Cert I and II courses)