

Caveats for 2012 Year 12 results

These caveats reflect differences in rules and definitions for reporting on senior secondary certificates in the various states and territories. More detailed information is available on the [Australasian Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Authorities \(ACACA\)](#) website.

Senior secondary measures	
Senior secondary certificate awarded	Number of students for each school who left at the end of a specified year having fulfilled the requirements for a Senior Secondary Certificate of Education issued by a Board of Studies in the relevant state or territory.
Completed senior secondary school	Number of students for each school who left at the end of a specified year having completed the equivalent of two or more years post-Year 10 studies (not necessarily full-time nor consecutive), and who are eligible for a statement of results, or a record of achievements.

New South Wales ¹	
Senior secondary certificate awarded	Students awarded the NSW Higher School Certificate in the specified year and who did not have an enrolment the following year at the same school.
Completed senior secondary school	Students awarded any Year 12 level credential by the Board of Studies NSW in the specified year (Record of Achievement or Higher School Certificate) and who did not have an enrolment the following year at the same school. A Record of Achievement is awarded for the completion of one or more courses at Year 12 level.

Victoria	
Senior secondary certificate awarded	<p>For Victorian schools, these are students who have satisfactorily completed an accredited senior secondary qualification and who did not have an enrolment in the following year. An accredited qualification in Victoria is either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), and/or • Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) at the intermediate and/or senior level(s). <p>Note: Includes full-fee-paying students from overseas.</p>
Completed senior secondary school	<p>For Victorian schools, these are students who were eligible to complete an accredited senior secondary qualification and who did not have an enrolment in the following year. An accredited qualification in Victoria is either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), and/or • Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) at the intermediate and/or senior level(s). <p>Note: Includes full-fee-paying students from overseas.</p>

Queensland ²	
Senior secondary certificate awarded	<p>Incorporates all students including international, fee-paying and visa students. This measure represents students who left school at the end of the specified year having completed Year 12 or equivalent. These students received a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).</p>
Completed senior secondary school	<p>The measure incorporates all students including international, fee-paying and visa students. This represents school-aged students who left school at the end of the specified year having completed Year 12 or equivalent. These students received a Senior Statement.</p>

South Australia ¹	
Senior secondary certificate awarded	<p>This measure includes those students who had an enrolment in the specified year. These students may or may not have returned to study in the following year.</p>
Completed senior secondary school	<p>This measure includes those students who had an enrolment in the specified year but no enrolment in the following year. These students did not undertake any further South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) study in the following year.</p>

Western Australia ²	
Senior secondary certificate awarded	The measure represents the number of Year 12 students who left school at the end of the specified year and who had completed the requirements of the Western Australian Certificate of Education. It does not include international, full fee-paying or mature aged students.
Completed senior secondary school	The measure represents the number of full time Year 12 students who left school at the end of the specified year, completed two years of study post year 10 and who received a final statement of results. It does not include international, full fee-paying or mature aged students.

Tasmania ¹	
Senior secondary certificate awarded	Count of students (any age, any residential/citizen status) shown in Tasmanian Qualifications Authority (TQA) records as having met the standards required for the award of the Tasmanian Certificate of Education this year.
Completed senior secondary school	Count of students shown in TQA records as finishing year 12 or year 13 in the specified year and receiving a formal statement showing one or more results in senior secondary courses and/or VET. Providers are only included if they have at least 10 students in the Year 12 outcomes or in the VET outcomes. The accuracy and completeness of this measure depend on the accuracy and completeness of information sent to the TQA by providers.

Northern Territory ²	
Senior secondary certificate awarded	Is defined as a student that had an enrolment in the specified year and had met the completion requirements to gain the Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET).
Completed senior secondary school	This measure includes those students who had an enrolment in the specified year but no enrolment in the following year. These students did not undertake any further Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET) study in the following year.

Australian Capital Territory	
Senior secondary certificate awarded	Incorporates all students who received an ACT Year 12 Certificate at the end of a specified year.
Completed senior secondary school	Includes students who received a Year 12 Certificate in a specified year and those who were undertaking Year 12 studies at the end of a specified year but did not meet the requirements for a Year 12 Certificate.

¹ Any age, any residential/citizen status.

² Students aged 15 to 19 as at 31 December for that calendar year.