

International Baccalaureate

The following information is provided to assist domestic students who have completed or are undertaking the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma and intend to seek admission to undergraduate study at The University of Queensland (UQ).

About the International Baccalaureate

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma is a two year curriculum designed for students entering the final two years of senior schooling. Students study six subjects, of which a minimum of three (and not more than four) subjects are studied at Higher Level, with the remaining subjects studied at Standard Level. Each subject is graded on a scale from 1 to 7 (maximum) where 4 is the pass mark.

In order to be awarded the IB Diploma, students must attain a minimum of 24 points (out of a possible 45 points), which is premised on achieving at least a grade of 4 for each subject. Students unsuccessful in meeting the requirements for the award of an IB Diploma may be awarded an IB Certificate for the examinations completed.

Entry requirements

For entry to all undergraduate programs at UQ applicants must meet two basic entry requirements:

1. Eligibility (i.e. satisfy the subject prerequisites and other requirements)
2. Merit (i.e. possess a selection rank high enough for a place in the program[†])

[†] Selection ranks range from 1 to 99 (maximum). As admission is competitive the minimum selection thresholds for programs can fluctuate from year to year.

For detailed program information, including prerequisite requirements and minimum selection thresholds from previous admission periods, please refer to future-students.uq.edu.au.

Satisfying subject prerequisites

The successful completion of the following IB subjects will meet the listed Queensland subject prerequisites for entry to all undergraduate programs:

IB Diploma Subjects	QLD Year 12 Subject Prerequisites
English A1 or English A2 or English B (HL or SL) English A: Literature (HL/SL) or English A: Language and Literature (HL/SL)	English (Units 3 & 4, C)
Mathematical Studies (SL)	General Mathematics (Units 3 & 4,C)
Mathematics Analysis & Approaches (SL) Mathematics (SL or HL) or Mathematical Methods (SL or HL) or Mathematics Applications & Interpretations (SL or HL)	Mathematical Methods (Units 3 & 4,C)
Mathematics Analysis & Approaches (HL) or Mathematics (HL) or Mathematical Methods (SL or HL) or Further Mathematics (HL)	Specialist Mathematics (Units 3 & 4,C)
Biology (HL or SL)	Biology (Units 3 & 4,C)
Environmental Systems & Societies	Earth Science (Units 3 & 4, C)
Chemistry (HL or SL)	Chemistry (Units 3 & 4,C)
Physics (HL or SL) or Physical Science (HL) or Phys Chem Systems (HL)	Physics (Units 3 & 4, C)

Minimum grades required to pass prerequisites:

SL subjects: Grade of 4 or better

HL subjects: Grade of 3 or better

Providing results to QTAC

QTAC is able to obtain your IB results directly from the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) if your school has used the Results Release Service on the International Baccalaureate Information System (IBIS), nominating QTAC as the recipient. Otherwise, students will be required to provide a certified copy of their official academic transcript, as issued by the IBO.

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Gaining a selection rank

Results in the IB Diploma are converted to a common national measure of Year 12 student achievement, called a 'combined rank', before being assigned a QTAC selection rank for Queensland tertiary entrance purposes. Combined ranks are an indicator of how well a student has performed in relation to the Australian Year 12 cohort, expressed in a scale extending from 99.95 (maximum) to 30.

IB Diploma completed in 2018		
IB Score (2018)	Combined Rank (2018)	QTAC Selection Rank (2018)
45	99.95	99
44	99.85	99
43	99.70	99
42	99.40	99
41	98.80	98
40	98.25	98
39	97.50	97
38	96.70	96
37	95.75	95
36	94.50	94
35	93.30	93
34	92.10	92
33	90.65	91
32	88.95	88
31	87.10	87
30	84.40	84
29	81.90	82
28	79.90	80
27	77.65	78
26	75.15	75
25	72.10	73
24	68.70	70

Note: The approved table for converting 2020 measures of achievement to QTAC selection ranks will become available from QTAC in late December 2020. The information above should be used as a guide only.

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For IB Diplomas completed since 2007, an annually revised conversion is used, so conversions may fluctuate from year to year. Please find below the IB score to QLD rank conversion tables for 2018 and 2019 IB students.

For IB Diploma studies completed prior to 2007, a standard assessment schedule is used to convert IB aggregate points to a combined rank. Please contact UQ Admissions for further information.

IB Diploma completed in 2019		
IB Score (2019)	Combined Rank (2019)	QTAC Selection Rank (2019)
45	99.95	99
44	99.85	99
43	99.60	99
42	99.25	99
41	98.70	98
40	98.05	98
39	97.35	97
38	96.45	96
37	95.45	95
36	93.95	93
35	92.80	92
34	91.40	91
33	89.90	89
32	88.05	88
31	86.25	86
30	83.70	84
29	81.25	81
28	79.25	80
27	76.70	78
26	73.85	75
25	71.00	73
24	68.45	71

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Students who do not qualify for an IB Diploma

UQ does not allocate selection ranks to IB students with IB Certificates or incomplete IB diplomas. Diploma subjects as part of an incomplete IB Diploma can still be used to meet subject prerequisites. Students are encouraged to contact UQ Admissions for pathway options.