



Allocation of State Education

All students attending Queensland state schools have an allocation of state education. This is the number of semesters of state education to which the student is entitled.

Basic allocation

All students who begin education in the Preparatory Year ('Prep') at a state school before they turn 6 years and 6 months receive the basic allocation of 26 semesters.

The basic allocation usually covers both the period of compulsory schooling and the compulsory participation phase.

This allocation is irrespective of the student's prior enrolment in a Pre-Preparatory program or a special education program prior to Prep.

Students who commenced schooling in Year 1 prior to 2007 (i.e. before the introduction of the Prep Year in Queensland) are entitled to 24 semesters of state education.

Remaining allocation

Students who do not commence state schooling in Queensland or do not commence in Prep (e.g. move from another state or have been enrolled at a non-state school), are allocated a specific number of semesters of state education by a state school principal upon enrolment. This is the student's remaining allocation.

Principals consider a wide range of factors before making a decision about a student's remaining allocation, including:

- age (see, if relevant, [Mature Age Students](#)), ability and development of student
- previous principals' decisions of remaining allocation as advised on transfer notes, including any additional semesters expended due to a student repeating a year level
- supporting material e.g. most recent report card/s regarding previous years of education claimed by student seeking to enrol or re-enrol where no transfer note is provided
- exemptions for 8 weeks or more granted previously, during which students did not receive education, including where students miss 8 weeks or more of education due to illness
- previous enrolment at a state or non-state school and/or with a school of distance education
- prior education interstate, overseas or through home education
- promoting continuity of student's learning experiences
- whether enrolment is for compulsory schooling or compulsory participation phase
- if enrolment is in the compulsory participation phase, the student's commitment to complete a course of study as outlined in their Senior Education and Training Plan
- suitability and availability of other education, training or employment programs and options
- pathways for student transition to post-school options.

When a student who has exhausted all of their allocation of semesters wants to continue their enrolment, that student can remain at school until the end of the semester in which they turn 16 without applying for additional semesters.

If students have exhausted all of their allocation of semesters and want to receive more state education, they can apply for additional semesters of state education, using an approved form available from the school.

Students applying for additional semesters of state education must make sure that their application is lodged more than 12 weeks before the start of the first additional semester. In some circumstances, the person who makes the decision will accept an application within 12 weeks of the start of the semester, if a valid reason for the delayed application is provided.

Applications for additional semesters of state education need to outline educational reasons for an allocation of additional semesters of state education.