

Bahamas

Background

Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Form 3, year nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 or 6 + 3 + 3 = 12 or 6 + 3 + 4 = 13	11, 12 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, two or three or four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE)* [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Bahamas Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	July

2. *General Certificate of Education, Ordinary Level (GCE O-level)* examinations [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Exam board or boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

3. *General Certificate of Education, Advanced Level (GCE A-level)* examination [Must pass **two** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Exam board or boards
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bahamas Junior Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	End of year nine
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GRADING SCALES

For school transcripts in years nine through 12, **if alpha grades are present**, apply the BGCSE/BJC grading scale below.

BGCSE (GCE) O-Level (BJC)		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
F, G	D	1
H or Ungraded	F	0

Advanced Level (A-Level/A2-Level)		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
N, O	F	0
U	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- » The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - ° Commerce.
 - ° **Note:** When a summary page is submitted for a semester along with broken down reports for each subject, use the summary page in the certification.
- » [Click here](#) for the welcome email students receive with additional information on documents to submit for this country.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- » [Course Title Usage guide.](#)
- » [Determination of Credit resource.](#)
- » [International initial-eligibility flyer.](#)
- » [Student account task information.](#)
- » [NCAA Guide of International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility.](#)
- » [Country-specific webpages.](#)
- » [Multi-country references.](#)