

Barbados

Background:

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

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

This section is divided into two “tiers.” All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion. Each tier builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) (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 the year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	August

2. General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) (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 the year nine)
Issuing Body	Various Exam Boards
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	August

3. General Certificate of Education (GCE) (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 the year nine)
Issuing Body	Various Exam Boards
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	August

4. International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) (must pass **five** or more examinations 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 the year nine)
Issuing Body	Various Exam Boards
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	August

Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Two forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Two form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation two years from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Advanced Proficiency Examinations/Diploma (CAPE) (*must pass **two** or more CAPE exams 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	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	August

2. Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE)

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

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

3. Barbados Secondary School Certificate Part One

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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Crediting Policies:

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year
4+	1
3	0.75

Units of Credit	U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year
2	0.5
1	0.25

Grading Scales:

For school transcripts in years nine through 11 (form three through form five), if alpha grades are present, apply the CSEC grading scale below. For years 12 and 13, if alpha grades are present, apply the CAPE grading scale below.

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
I	A	4
II	B	3
III	C	2
IV	D	1
V	D	1
VI	F	0



Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	C	2
D	D	1
E	D	1
F	F	0

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)

Descriptor	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Outstanding	A	4
Good	B	3
Fairly Good	C	2
Moderate	D	1
Weak	D	1
Poor	F	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
I	A	4
II	A	4
III	B	3
IV	C	2
V	C	2
VI	D	1
VII	F	0

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)

Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Excellent	A	4
Very Good	A	4
Good	B	3
Satisfactory	C	2
Acceptable	C	2
Weak	D	1
Unsatisfactory	F	0



Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	A	4
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
F	D	1
G	F	0

GCSE: Ordinary Level (O-Level) Examination

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
E	C	2
F, G	D	1
H or Ungraded	F	0

IGCSE

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
E	C	2
F, G	D	1
Ungraded	F	0

AICE

For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) course

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2

AICE

For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) course

Subject Points	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
10	A	4
8	B	3
6	B	3
4	C	2
2	C	2



AICE

For half-credit, full-credit (AS-level equivalent) and double-credit (A-level equivalent) course

Half-Subject Points	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	B	3
2	C	2
1	C	2

Important Information:

- The following are less commonly known course titles that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - Communication Studies – approved as an “English/native language” core course.
 - Caribbean Studies – approved as a “social science” core course.
 - Environmental Science – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Human and Social Biology – approved as a “natural/physical science” core course.
 - Religious Education – approved as an “additional” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Commerce.

References:

See the “Multi-country References” section of this guide, located [here](#).

A complete version of the NCAA “Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility” can be found [here](#).

Visit eligibilitycenter.org for more information on NCAA initial eligibility requirements.