

## Bermuda

### Background:

Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year 9, Key Stage 3, Form 3, Form III
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
<b>Graduation Timeline</b>	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 and an optional +1 = 12 or +2 = 13	11, 12 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, and two-to-four years upper secondary

### Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

- Bermuda School Certificate (BSC)/Bermuda School Diploma (BSD)

<b>Expected Timeline of Completion</b>	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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The following section is divided into three “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. Pursuing the Bermuda School Certificate is a separate path of study than the following tiers.

#### Tier One

- General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) or International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) (*must pass five or more separate (I)GCSE examination subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation*)

<b>Expected Timeline of Completion</b>	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
<b>Issuing Body</b>	Various exam boards
<b>First Available Date of Issue (typical)</b>	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 12. Earning a Tier Two form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation one year from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

- General Certificate of Education, Advanced Subsidiary Level (GCE AS-level) examinations (*must pass two or more separate AS-level examinations to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation*)

<b>Expected Timeline of Completion</b>	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
<b>Issuing Body</b>	Various exam boards
<b>First Available Date of Issue (typical)</b>	August

- One Advanced Subsidiary (AS-level) examination and one Advanced (A-level) examination pass in two differing subjects (*i.e., one AS-level in physics and one A-level in history*)

<b>Expected Timeline of Completion</b>	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
<b>Issuing Body</b>	Various exam boards
<b>First Available Date of Issue (typical)</b>	August

### Tier Three

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

1. General Certificate of Education, Advanced Level (GCE A-level) examinations (*must pass **two** or more separate A-level examinations to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation*)

<b>Expected Timeline of Completion</b>	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
<b>Issuing Body</b>	Various exam boards
<b>First Available Date of Issue (typical)</b>	August

2. International Advanced Level (A-level) examinations (*must pass **two** or more separate A-level examinations to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation*)

<b>Expected Timeline of Completion</b>	13 years (five years or ten semesters from the initial start of year nine)
<b>Issuing Body</b>	Various exam boards
<b>First Available Date of Issue (typical)</b>	August

### Grading Scales:

#### Bermuda School Certificate

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
4.0	A	4
3.0	B	3
2.0	C	2
1.0	D	1
0.0	F	0

#### Bermuda School Certificate

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



### (International) General Certificate of Secondary Education

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
F	D	1
G	D	1
U/UG (Ungraded)	F	0

### Advanced Subsidiary/Advanced Level

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

### 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 [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) for more information on NCAA initial eligibility requirements.