

# Cameroon

**Background:** There are two differing educational systems in this country.

## Francophone System Background

Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	<i>Quatrieme, 4ème</i>
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French
<b>Graduation Timeline</b>	
6 + 4 + 3 = 13	13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

## Anglophone System Background

Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Key Stage 3, KS3, form three
Where is year nine typically located?	Last year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
<b>Graduation Timeline</b>	
Varies	11, 12 or 13 years

## ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

### Francophone System

1. *Baccalauréat/Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Secondaire/Baccalauréat General* [Secondary Education Baccalaureat]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. *Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Secondaire Technique/Baccalauréat Technique/Diplome de Bachelier de Technicien* [Technical Baccalaureat]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. *Brevet de Technicien* [Technician Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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4. *Brevet de Professionnel* [Professional Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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5. *Brevet d'Etudes Professionnelles (BEP)* [Certificate of Professional Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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6. *Certificat de Probation* [Certificate of Probation] (sometimes referred to as *Probatoire*)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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7. *Certificat d'Aptitude Pédagogique d'Instituteur de l'enseignement Maternel et Primaire (CAPIEMP)*  
[pre-primary and primary teacher certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine for Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle (BEPC) holders) and two years or four semesters after on-time achievement of the Cameroon General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level examination (GCE O-level) holders (see Anglophone system).
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### Anglophone System

1. *Cameroon General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level (GCE O-level)* [Must pass **five** or more GCE O-level 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	Board of Examinations
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	July

2. *Cameroon General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCE A-level)* [Must pass **two** or more GCE A-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation and to advance the expected date of high school graduation two years from the on-time completion of GCE O-level examinations]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Board of Examinations
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	July

## NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle (BEPC) du Second Degré* [Certificate of First Cycle Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (two years from the initial start of year nine)
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2. *Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle (CAP)* [Certificate of Professional Competency]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (two years or four 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+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year
2	0.50
1	0.25

## GRADING SCALES

<b>Francophone System</b>		
<b>Numeric Grade</b>	<b>U.S. Grade Equivalent</b>	<b>Quality Points</b>
16-20	A	4
14-15.99	A	4
12-13.99	B	3
10-11.99	C	2
8-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

**\*Note:** Conceded Pass—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade “D”) only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Translation</b>	<b>U.S. Grade Equivalent</b>	<b>Quality Points</b>
<i>Très Bien</i>	Very Good	A	4
<i>Bien</i>	Good	A	4
<i>Assez Bien</i>	Quite Good	B	3
<i>Passable</i>	Satisfactory	C	2
<i>Ajourné</i>	Fail	F	0

<b>Anglophone System GCE O-Level Examinations</b>		
<b>Grade</b>	<b>U.S. Grade Equivalent</b>	<b>Quality Points</b>
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	C	2
D	D	1
E	D	1
F	F (Failure)	0

<b>Anglophone System GCE A-Level Examinations</b>		
<b>Grade</b>	<b>U.S. Grade Equivalent</b>	<b>Quality Points</b>
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
F	F (Failure)	0
O	F (Failure)	0

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» Native language terms for years nine through 13:

<i>Native Language</i>	<i>School Year</i>
<i>Quatrieme (4ème)</i>	9
<i>Troisieme (3ème)</i>	10
<i>Deuxieme/Seconde (2ème/2nde)</i>	11

<i>Native Language</i>	<i>School Year</i>
<i>Premiere (1er/1ere)</i>	12
<i>Terminale (Ter)</i>	13

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

<i>English/Native Language</i>	<i>Math</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>Social Science</i>	<i>Additional Courses</i>
TSQ		Energetics		

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

° Spelling.

## 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.](#)

