

Lesotho

Background

Academic Calendar	January-November
What is year nine called?	Year 2
Where is year nine typically located?	Second year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Sesotho, English
Graduation Timeline	
7 + 3 + 2 = 12	12 years total: seven years primary, three years lower secondary and two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Lesotho General Certificate of Secondary Education (LGCSE)* [Must pass **five** or more separate LGCSE 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	Various examination boards

2. *Cambridge Overseas School Certificate at the Ordinary Level (COSC O-level)* [Must pass **five** or more O-level 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	Various examination boards

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Junior Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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GRADING SCALES

Lesotho General Certificate of Education (LGCSE)

Grade	Descriptor	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A*	Excellent	A	4
A	Very Good	A	4
B	Good	B	3
C	Fairly Good	B	3
D	Moderate	C	2
E	Limited	C	2
F	Very Limited	F	0
G	Weak	F	0



Cambridge Overseas Certificate (COSC)		
<i>Numeric Grade</i>	<i>U.S. Grade Equivalent</i>	<i>Quality Points</i>
1	A	4
2	B	3
3-6	C	2
7-8	D	1
9	F	0

Cambridge Overseas Certificate (COSC)		
<i>Descriptor</i>	<i>U.S. Grade Equivalent</i>	<i>Quality Points</i>
Excellent	A	4
Good	B	3
Credit	C	2
Pass	D	1
Fail	F	0

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.](#)

