

# Malawi

## Background

|                                       |                                                                                              |
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| Academic Calendar                     | October-August                                                                               |
| What is year nine called?             | Form I                                                                                       |
| Where is year nine typically located? | Final year of lower secondary school                                                         |
| Native Language(s)                    | English                                                                                      |
| <b>Graduation Timeline</b>            |                                                                                              |
| 8 + 2 + 2 = 12                        | 12 years total: eight years primary, two years lower secondary and two years upper secondary |

## ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

### 1. Malawi School Certificate of Education (MSCE)

|                                 |                                                                                    |
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| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years total (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
| Issuing Body                    | Malawi Examinations Board                                                          |

## NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

### 1. Junior Secondary Certificate

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| Expected Timeline of Completion | Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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## GRADING SCALES

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points | Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1-2           | A                     | 4              | 7-8           | D                     | 1              |
| 3-4           | B                     | 3              | 9             | F                     | 0              |
| 5-6           | C                     | 2              |               |                       |                |

| Grade            | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points | Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Distinction      | A                     | 4              | Pass  | D                     | 1              |
| Pass-with-credit | B                     | 3              | Fail  | F                     | 0              |
| Pass-with-credit | C                     | 2              |       |                       |                |

## 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.](#)

