

Papua New Guinea

Background

Academic Calendar	January-December
What is year nine called?	Class 9
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English (Language of Instruction), over 820 Indigenous languages spoken
Graduation Timeline	
2 + 6 + 2 + 2 = 12	12 years total: two years elementary, six years of primary, two years lower secondary, two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Higher Secondary School Certificate/Upper Secondary School Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Department of Education

2. Technical Training Certificate (TTC)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Department of Education

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Secondary School Certificate/Lower Secondary School Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	Ten years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Vocational Training Certificates

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Certificate of Basic Education (COBE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	Eight years
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GRADING SCALE

Upper Secondary/Higher School Certificate <i>Grades typically awarded in years 11 and 12</i>			
Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	Excellent	A	4
B	Very Good	B	3
C	Good	C	2
D	Satisfactory	D	1
E	Weak	F (Failure)	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.](#)

