

Portugal

Background

Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of basic education
Native Language(s)	Portuguese
Graduation Timeline	
9 + 3 = 12	12 years total: nine years of basic education and three years of upper secondary education

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificado Nivel Secundario de Education* [Certificate of Secondary Education]

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

2. *Diploma de Ensino Secundario* [Diploma of Secondary Education]

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

3. *Diploma de Formacao Profissional de Nivel III/Certificado de Qualificacao Profissional de Nivel III* [Diploma of Third Level Professional Training] (certificate is only awarded along with the diploma)

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

4. *Nível 4 Qualificação do Quadro Nacional de Qualificações/Certificado de Qualificação Profissional de Nivel IV* [Certificate of Qualifications at Level Four of the National Qualifications Framework]

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

5. *Diploma de Estudos Profissionais* [Diploma of Professional Studies]

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

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diploma do Ensino Basico* [Diploma of Basic Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. *Certidao do Curso Geral Nocturno* [Certificate of General Evening Course]

GRADING SCALES

Year Nine		
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2
2	D	1
1	F	0

For Years 10 through 12		
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
18-20	A	4
14-17	B	3
10-13	C	2
5-9	D	1
0-4	F	0

For Years 10 through 12			
Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Muito Bom	Very good	A	4
Bom	Good	B	3
Suficiente	Sufficient	C	2
Mediocre	Mediocre	D	1
Mau	Bad	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.](#)

