

Singapore

Background

Academic Calendar	July-April
What is year nine called?	Year 9, year 3, form 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 = 10 or 6 + 4 + 2 = 12 or 6 + 6 = 12	10 or 12 years; six years primary, four years secondary, or six years primary, four years secondary and then optional two years upper secondary or six years primary, six years secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education (GCE) Ordinary (O-level) Examination* [Must present **five** O-level exam passes in five different subject areas to be considered as proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	SEAP (Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board)

2. *H1 Level, H2 or H3 Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced (A-level) Examination* [Must present **two** A-level exam passes in **two** different subject areas]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	SEAP (Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board)

3. *National University of Singapore (NUS) High School Diploma*

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

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Certificate awarded by Institute of Technical Education (ITE)
2. *National Technical Certificate, Grade 2 (NTC-2)*
3. *Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education (GCE) Normal (N, both T and A)*
LesingSchool Leaving Examination (PSLE)

GRADING SCALES

General Certificate of Education—Ordinary O-Level Examinations		
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
1-2	A	4
3-4	B	3
5-6	C	2
7-8	D	1 (lowest passing grade)
V	D	1

General Certificate of Education—Advanced A-Level Examinations H1, H2 and H3 Level		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2 (lowest passing grade)
O	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

English/Native Language	Math	Science	Social Science	Additional Courses
General Paper (at the A-levels)			Combined Humanities	

» Students enrolled in the “Raffles Programme” in Singapore do not take the O-level examinations and move directly into A-level studies.

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.](#)