

Sri Lanka

Background

Academic Calendar	January-December
What is year nine called?	Form three, key stage three, year nine
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Sinhalese language, Tamil
Graduation Timeline	
$5 + 3 + 3 = 11$ or $5 + 3 + 5 = 13$	11 or 13 years total: five years primary school, three years lower secondary school, and three or five years upper secondary school.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This section is divided into two “tiers.” All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. *University of London General Certificate of Education (GCE) at ordinary 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	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

Tier Two

The expected timeline for completion of all Tier Two forms of proof of acceptable high school graduation is upon successful on time completion of year 13. Earning a Tier Two form of proof of high school graduation will advance the expected date of high school graduation **two years** from the on-time expected timeline of a Tier One document.

1. *Sri Lankan General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced Level* [Must pass **two** or more A-level examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *National Certificate*

GRADING SCALES

GCE: Ordinary Level (O-Level) and Advanced Level (A-Level) Examinations		
<i>Numeric Grade</i>	<i>U.S. Grade Equivalent</i>	<i>Quality Points</i>
75 - 100	A	4
65 - 74	B	3
50 - 64	B	3
35 - 49	C	2
0 - 34	F	0



GCE: Ordinary Level (O-Level) and Advanced Level (A-Level) Examinations

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Distinction (D)	A	4
Very good pass (B)	B	3
Credit (C)	B	3
Ordinary Pass (S)	C	2
Weak (W)	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.](#)

