

Tonga

Background

Academic Calendar	February-December
What is year nine called?	Form three, third form
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Tongan, English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 5 + 1 = 12 or 6 + 5 + 2 = 13	12 or 13 years total: six years primary, five years lower secondary, one or two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Pacific Senior Secondary Examination/Form 6

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	South Pacific Board for Educational Assessment (SPBEA)

2. Higher School Certificate/Form 7

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	South Pacific Board for Educational Assessment (SPBEA)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Tonga School Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year
2	0.50
1	0.25



GRADING SCALES

<i>Numeric Grade</i>	<i>U.S. Grade Equivalent</i>	<i>Quality Points</i>
1	A	4
2	A	4
3	B	3
4	B	3
5	C	2
6	C	2
7	C	2
8	D	1
9	F	0

<i>Description</i>	<i>U.S. Grade Equivalent</i>	<i>Quality Points</i>
Excellent Standard of Achievement	A	4
Very High Standard of Achievement	A	4
High Standard of Achievement	B	3
Good Standard of Achievement	B	3
Standard Standard of Achievement	C	2
Adequate	C	2
Some Achievement	C	2
Lower Level of Achievement	D	1
Little Level of Achievement	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.](#)