

Zimbabwe

Background

Academic Calendar	January-December
What is year nine called?	Form II, year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Second year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
7 + 4 = 11 with an optional +2 = 13	11 or 13 years total: seven years primary, four or six years upper secondary

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. *Zimbabwe Certificate of Secondary Education (CSE)* [Must pass **five** or more CSE 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

2. *General Certificate of Education (GCE) at Ordinary Level (O-level)* [Must pass **five** or more GCE-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	Zimbabwe School Examinations Council (ZIMSEC)

3. *Cambridge Overseas School Certificate* [Must pass **five** or more 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. *Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education (GCE) at Advanced Level (A-level)* [Must pass **two** or more GCE-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

2. *Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education (ACSE)* [Must pass **two** or more ACSE-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. *Grade 7 Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Awarded Upon the Completion of Year (Grade) 7
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2. *Zimbabwe Junior Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Awarded Upon the Completion of Year (Grade) 9
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3. *National Foundation Certificate*
4. *City and Guilds of London Institute Craft Qualifications.*

GRADING SCALE

Grade	Numeric Grade	U.s. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	2-1	A	4
B	4-3	B	3
C	6-5	C	2
D, E	8-7	D	1
Ungraded	9	F	0

*A grade of an "O" indicates that the candidate sat for but did not pass the "Advanced" (A-level) subject.

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
			Heritage 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.](#)

