



Cameroon

Background: There are two differing educational systems in this country

Francophone System:

Academic Calendar	<i>September-June</i>
What is year nine called?	<i>Quatrieme, 4eme</i>
Where is year nine typically located?	<i>Third year of lower secondary school</i>
Native Language(s)	<i>French</i>
Graduation Timeline	
$6 + 4 + 3 = 13$	<i>13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary and three years upper secondary</i>

Anglophone System:

Academic Calendar	<i>September-June</i>
What is year nine called?	<i>Key Stage 3, KS3, Form Three</i>
Where is year nine typically located?	<i>Last year of lower secondary school</i>
Native Language(s)	<i>English</i>
Graduation Timeline	
Varies	<i>11, 12 or 13 years</i>

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

Francophone System:

1. Baccalauréat/Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Secondaire/Baccalauréat General [Secondary Education Baccalaureat]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Secondaire Technique/Baccalauréat Technique/Diplome de Bachelier de Technicien [Technical Baccalaureat]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Brevet de Technicien [Technician Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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4. Brevet de Professionnel [Professional Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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5. Brevet d'Etudes Professionnelles (BEP) [Certificate of Professional Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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6. Certificat de Probation [Certificate of Probation] (*sometimes referred to as Probatoire*)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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7. Certificat d'Aptitude Pédagogique d'Instituteur de l'enseignement Maternel et Primaire (CAPIEMP)
[pre-primary and primary teacher certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine for Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle (BEPC) holders) and two years or four semesters after on-time achievement of the Cameroon General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level examination (GCE O-level) holders (see <i>Anglophone system</i>).
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Anglophone System:

1. Cameroon General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level (GCE O-level) (*must pass **five** or more separate GCE O-level examinations 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	Board of Examinations
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	July

2. Cameroon General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCE A-level) (*must pass **two** or more separate GCE A-level examinations to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation and to advance the expected date of high school graduation two years from the on-time completion of GCE O-level examinations*)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Board of Examinations
First Available Date of Issue (typical)	July

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle (BEPC) du Second Degré [Certificate of First Cycle Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Two years from the initial start of year nine
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2. Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle (CAP) [Certificate of Professional Competency]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Two years 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
3	0.75

Units of Credit	U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year
2	0.5
1	0.25



Grading Scales:

Francophone System:

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
16-20	A	4
14-15.99	A	4
12-13.99	B	3
10-11.99	C	2
8-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

***NOTE: Conceded Pass**—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade “D”) only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.”

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Très Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	A	4
Assez Bien	Quite Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2
Ajourné	Fail	F	0

Anglophone System:

GCE O-Level Examinations

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	C	2
D	D	1
E	D	1
F	F (Failure)	0

GCE A-Level Examinations

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
F	F (Failure)	0
O	F (Failure)	0



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Important Information:

Francophone System:

Native language terms for years nine through 13:

Native Language	School Year
Quatrieme (4eme)	9
Troisieme (3eme)	10
Deuxieme/Seconde (2eme/2nde)	11
Premiere (1er/1ere)	12
Terminale (Ter)	13

- The following are less commonly known course titles that are **approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - TSQ – approved as an “English/native language” core course.
- The following course titles have been reviewed and **denied** for use in an academic certification:
 - Spelling.

References:

See the “Multi-country References” section of this guide, located [here](#).

A complete version of the NCAA “Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility” can be found [here](#).

Visit www.eligibilitycenter.org for more information on NCAA initial eligibility requirements.