



How do IEB students perform in the IEB NSC examination?

Very well.

The results of the ± 8 500 learners who write the NSC examinations offered by the IEB are regularly more or less as follows:

- 98% pass rate
- 80%+ pass with entry to bachelor degree study
- 15%+ entry to diploma study
- 2% with entry to Higher Certificate study

At IEB schools, learners are encouraged to achieve as best they can. Subject results of IEB candidates in 2011 indicate that the total number of subject results from the 8 281 learners who wrote the 2011 IEB NSC examination was 60 462 of which 85% were 50% or higher, 94% were 40% or higher and 99% were 30% and above.

The quality of IEB NSC candidates is recognised by the University of Edinburgh, a highly ranked institution internationally, as indicated in an extract from correspondence that the IEB received from the university's International Officer for the Middle East and Africa, in 2010:

Following a long conversation with colleagues of mine in our Admissions team for our College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, we've finally been given notification that the **IEB NSC** has been approved for entry to our courses in that College, as well as already being accepted for entry into our other Colleges in Humanities and Social Sciences, and Science and Engineering.

This development is the first change in some time to our entry requirements for our Medicine (MBChB) course as up until now, only A-levels, Scottish Highers, the IB and Irish Leaving Certificates were accepted for this course.

The NSC certificate is issued by Umalusi and hence universities do not know which NSC examination a learner has written

Universities are able to see whether a learner is from an IEB school or not from their initial Statement of Results and from the download of IEB data to universities.

Most universities ask learners to indicate on their application forms which examination they have written.

In addition, the IEB makes candidates' results available to universities and universities of technology via an electronic

download directly from our examinations database. In addition, learners receive a hardcopy IEB Statement of Results.

Most universities consider the Grade 11 results of learners when making initial selections, and pay particular attention to schools known to have reliable assessment systems. School reports reflect

that the school is affiliated to the IEB and writes its examinations for the NSC.

IEB students make up less than 6% of candidates who qualify for university entrance nationally. However, over 15% of first year students in 2012 accepted into the University of Cape Town were

from schools that write the IEB NSC. The University of Pretoria estimates that 16.3% of their 2013 student intake will be learners from schools that write the IEB NSC. This is an increase of almost 5% from their 2010 intake where 11.6% of first year students came from schools that wrote the IEB NSC.

