



Understanding **NCEA 2022**



What is NCEA?

- The National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) is the main national qualification for secondary school students in New Zealand.
- NCEA is recognised by employers, and used for selection by universities and polytechnics, both in New Zealand and overseas.

How is NCEA assessed?



Internal Assessment

is when your work is assessed throughout the year by teachers at your school.

External Assessment

is when your work is assessed by NZQA. This includes your end-of-year examinations, MCAT, and portfolios of work for some courses.

When a student passes an assessment they gain credits.

Students must achieve a certain number of credits to gain an NCEA certificate.

Qualification	Requirements
NCEA Level 1 80 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80 credits at Level 1 or above 10 literacy credits and 10 numeracy credits (Level 1 <u>literacy and numeracy</u>)
NCEA Level 2 80 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60 credits at level 2 or above 20 credits from any level Level 1 literacy and numeracy
NCEA Level 3 80 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60 credits at level 3 or above 20 credits from level 2 or above Level 1 literacy and numeracy
University Entrance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCEA Level 3 14 credits in each of <u>three university approved subjects</u> at Level 3 UE Literacy – 10 credits at Level 2 or above, (5 reading & 5 writing credits) UE Numeracy – 10 credits at Level 1 or above

What are CREDITS?

- Each Achievement Standard is worth a certain number of credits
- A single standard is usually worth three or four credits
- **Literacy credits** show that a learner can demonstrate reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.
- **Numeracy credits** show that a learner can demonstrate number, measurement and statistical skills.

NCEA Grading

There are four possible grades:

Not achieved (N) for not meeting the criteria of the standard

Achieved (A) for meeting the criteria of the standard

Merit (M) for meeting the criteria of the standard to a very good level

Excellence (E) for meeting the criteria of the standard to an outstanding level



Unit Standards



Achievement Standards

Unit standards are competency based

Unit standards count towards NCEA not University Entrance

- There are usually just two grades:
 - **Achieved** (A) for meeting the criteria of the standard
 - **Not achieved** (N) if a student does not meet the criteria of the standard

Achievement standards are NZ curriculum based

Achievement standards count towards NCEA and University Entrance

There are four grades:

- **Not achieved** (N) if students do not meet the criteria of the standard
- **Achieved** (A) for a satisfactory performance
- **Merit** (M) for very good performance
- **Excellence** (E) for outstanding performance

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NCEA Certificate Endorsement

If a student gains 50 Level 1 **Excellence** credits they may have their Level 1 certificate endorsed with **Excellence**

If a student gains 50 credits at **Merit** (or Merit and Excellence) at Level 1 their NCEA Level 1 certificate may be endorsed with **Merit**

NCEA Course Endorsement

Students will gain a Course Endorsement if in a single school year they achieve:

- 14 or more credits at Achieved or Merit or Excellence, and
- at least 3 of these credits from externally assessed standards and 3 credits from internally assessed standards.

Note:

1. Course Endorsement does not apply to Physical Education, Religious Studies and level 3 Visual Arts.
2. A course endorsement can be awarded even if a qualification for that level is not achieved. For example, a student may achieve a Merit endorsement for their Level 2 Mathematics course regardless of whether they achieve NCEA Level 2.





Acceptance into University

Many Universities require points for entry into a specific course. Points are accrued from approved subjects as follows:

- 2 points for each ACHIEVED credit
- 3 points for each MERIT credit
- 4 points for each EXCELLENCE credit

Total points required varies from 140-270

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Global connections

NCEA is recognised by overseas universities