



Entering NCEA and NZ Scholarship

A guide for students/ākonga,
caregivers & whānau 2022



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Tēnā koutou katoa,

The **National Certificate of Educational Achievement** (NCEA) is the main national qualification for secondary school students/ākonga in New Zealand.

It is made up of internally and externally assessed standards on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework which have a credit value. External standards include exams and portfolios of work.

NCEA is recognised by employers, and used for selection by universities and polytechnics, both in New Zealand and overseas. **New Zealand Scholarship** provides recognition and monetary rewards to top students/ākonga, which contribute to the cost of tertiary study.

How do I become a candidate for NCEA or NZ Scholarship?

When your school or kura first sends your entries to NZQA in March, you automatically become a candidate for NCEA. If you are interested in entering for NZ Scholarship, your school/kura can help you enrol in this as well.

Results of every standard you achieve will be recorded on your New Zealand Record of Achievement.

If you are doing any other study, for example at Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu or another provider, you will need to tell your school/kura.

Find more information at: www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/

Gaining NCEA Level 1, 2 or 3

NCEA Level	Requirements
Level 1	80 credits are required at any level (level 1, 2 or 3) including literacy and numeracy. Literacy requirement - minimum of 10 credits in specified standards Numeracy requirement - minimum of 10 credits in specified standards
Level 2	60 credits at level 2 or above + 20 credits from any level The Level 1 literacy and numeracy requirements must also be met.
Level 3	60 credits at level 3 or above + 20 credits from level 2 or above The Level 1 literacy and numeracy requirements must also be met.

If you have questions about literacy and numeracy, talk to your school/kura. Schools can explain the NCEA standard pathway they are using.

End of Year Exam Timetable

The 2022 Examination Timetable is available on the NZQA website www.nzqa.govt.nz/timetable. Check with your teacher/kaiako if you have any timetable clashes. They will work with NZQA to manage these.

Special Assessment Conditions

If you have sensory, physical, medical or learning difficulties, you may be able to get help to access assessments during the year. This help is called Special Assessment Conditions. Your school/kura needs to apply to NZQA on your behalf to approve this help. If help has been approved, your school/kura will explain what this means for you. There is no cost to you for this.

For more information regarding Special Assessment Conditions, please refer to the following link: www.nzqa.govt.nz/sac

How do I gain entrance to a New Zealand university?

University Entrance (UE) is the minimum requirement for getting into a New Zealand university. Many universities and other tertiary providers have further programme-specific entry requirements. You'll need to talk to them to find out the exact requirements for individual programmes of study, including limited entry programmes.

To gain UE you will need:

- NCEA Level 3
- 14 credits in each of three UE approved subjects
- Literacy - 10 credits at Level 2 or above, made up of:
 - 5 credits in reading standards
 - 5 credits in writing standards
- Numeracy - 10 numeracy credits at Level 1 or above.

Go to www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/awards/university-entrance/ or ask your teachers/kaiako for further information.

Fees for International Students

Entry for NCEA and NZ Scholarship is free of charge for Domestic students/ākonga.

International Fee-Paying students must pay the following amount to enter NCEA and/or NZ Scholarship:

- *NCEA entry* *\$383.30 per candidate*
- *Each NZ Scholarship subject* *\$102.20 per subject*

You pay international student fees to your school/kura. They will be able to tell you when and how much to pay.

Your school or kura will pay all the fees collected to NZQA by 31 October 2022.

Your results

Any credits you achieve will be recorded against your name and National Student Number (NSN) on your **New Zealand Record of Achievement**. Information on how to log in to see your records is available at www.nzqa.govt.nz/login and will be sent to your school or kura in June.

Results released to universities and polytechnics

In January 2023, NZQA will send all Level 2, Level 3, and University Entrance results that have been authorised for release to all New Zealand universities and some polytechnics, to help these institutions process pre-enrolments. If you do not want your results to be released, you **must** tell your school or kura.

Studying overseas

If you're planning to study overseas, contact the institution(s) where you intend to study as early as possible. Make sure you understand their enrolment requirements, procedures and deadlines. Australian universities can access your results directly from NZQA systems, unless you have specifically requested that your results are not made available.

Digital exams

NZQA is offering digital exams in 24 NCEA subjects in 2022, along with New Zealand Scholarship Media Studies. Your school or kura will let you know which exams they are offering digitally and help you prepare.

Getting ready for a digital exam

Along with the revision you would do for exams, you need to get familiar with the digital exam platform. Activities to familiarise yourself with the exam platform and prepare your device can be found on our website:

www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea-exams-and-portfolios/external/digital-exams/

**Find out more at www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea
or talk with your school/kura.**