

## Year 10 into Year 11 2022 How NCEA works?

Standards/credits, Qualifications, Endorsements, Video 6mins, Q and A

#### How NCEA works - Just Google this phrase

- Each year, students study a number of courses or subjects.
- In each subject, skills and knowledge are assessed against a number of standards. For example, a Mathematics standard could be: *Apply numeric reasoning in solving problems*.
- Schools use a range of internal and external assessments to measure how well students meet these standards.
- When a student achieves a standard, they gain a number of credits. Students must achieve a certain number of credits to gain an NCEA certificate.
- All results are record on the students record of learning

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This achievement standard involves demonstrating understanding of aspects of mechanics and may include using methods when solving related problems.

#### **Achievement Criteria**

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<ul> <li>Demonstrate understanding of aspects of mechanics.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Demonstrate in-depth understanding of aspects of mechanics.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of aspects of mechanics.</li> </ul>

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#### The qualification: 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.

NCEA can be achieved at three levels: Levels 1, 2 and 3.





# The qualification: Credits needed at each Level of NCEA

- Level 1 80 credits required at any level, including 10 in literacy and 10 in numeracy. Generally a Year 11 qualification.
- Level 2 80 credits of which a minimum of 60 credits are at level 2 or above, plus the same literacy and numeracy requirements as level 1. Generally a Year 12 qualification.
- Level 3 60 credits at level 3 or above and 20 credits from level 2 or above plus the same literacy and numeracy requirements as level 1. Generally a Year 13 qualification.

#### The qualification can be endorsed in two different ways

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### **Course Endorsement**

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Students require 14 credits at Excellence to gain a course endorsement at Excellence level, and 14 credits at Merit (or Merit and Excellence), for Merit endorsement.

At least 3 of the merit / excellence credits must be earned through external standards and at least 3 of the merit / excellence credits must be earned through internal standards.

#### Certificate Endorsement

- Students require 50 credits at Excellence to gain an NCEA endorsed with Excellence, and 50 credits at Merit (or Merit and Excellence), to gain an NCEA endorsed with Merit.
- This must be at the level of the certificate or higher e.g. for excellence endorsement at level 2 a student must gain 50 excellence credits at level 2 or higher.

University Entrance (UE) is the minimum requirement to go to a New Zealand university. To be awarded UE you will need:

• NCEA Level 3

- 14 credits each, in three <u>approved subjects</u>
- Literacy 10 credits at level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading & 5 credits in writing
- Numeracy <u>10 credits at Level 1 or above</u>, made up of: achievement standards (through a range of subjects), or a package of three numeracy unit standards.

## Rank Score/ Guaranteed Entry Score

A minimum Rank Score of 150 (eg it's 150 for a BA) to gain entry to undergraduate programs. Some courses require a higher score – eg Akld Uni require 250 for Bachelor of Health Science.

Also note some courses have L3 subject specifications such as 'three subjects from the following list'). The rank score is calculated by awarding 2 points for Achievement Standard A's, 3 points for M's and 4 points for E's, up to 24 credits in each approved subject taken at Level 3, from the best 80 credits.

(An example: 150 points could come from 45 Achieved credits and 20 Merit credits; or from 75 Achieved credits 75 x 2 = 150).

## Scholarship (Level 3)

- Is a monetary award recognising top students and is demanding for the most able students
- does not earn credits, is not a qualification but appears on a Record of Achievement
- Students are expected to demonstrate
  - high-level critical thinking
  - abstraction and generalisation, and to
  - integrate, synthesise and apply knowledge, skills, understanding and ideas to complex situations