

## GENERAL AND NCEA LEVEL 1

Question	Answer
What do you need to pass NCEA Level one?	A total of 80 credits including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 literacy</li> <li>• 10 numeracy</li> </ul>
What does NSN stand for?	National Student Number
What does NCEA stand for?	National certificate of Educational Achievement
When a result is entered on the school system, how long is it until it can be seen on the NZQA website?	At the beginning of the following month
What is one difference between an achievement standard (AS) and a unit standard (US)?	Many answers to this. Some include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can't get to University on just USs</li> <li>• USs only grade Achieved or not achieved, ASs give 4 grades (see below)</li> <li>• USs are internally assessed, ASs are both internally and externally assessed</li> </ul>
How are students graded in NCEA Achievement Standards (AS)?	Not Achieved, Achieved, Merit, or Excellence (NAME)
How are students graded in Unit Standards (US)?	Achieved or not achieved
What is an internal assessment?	Assessments conducted throughout the year, by class teachers, within the school. All US and some AS are internally assessed.
What does external assessment mean?	Conducted once a year, by specially appointed examiners, through a national examination held in November and December each year. Art and Technology portfolios are submitted for external assessment/examination in November as well.
Which skills are assessed in the literacy achievement standards?	Reading, writing, listening and speaking (Literacy can be gained in subjects other than English.)

## NCEA LEVEL 2

Question	Answer
What is an approved subject?	This subject is approved for the awarding of the UE qualification. Not all subjects are on the approved list <a href="http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/awards/university-entrance/approved-subjects-for-university-entrance/">http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/awards/university-entrance/approved-subjects-for-university-entrance/</a>
If I don't get the literacy credits needed for NCEA Level 1, can I get NCEA Level 2?	Yes. There is no literacy requirement for NCEA Level 2 or 3, just NCEA Level 1 and UE
What is the minimum number of credits needed to attain NCEA Level 2?	80 credits made up of 60 Level 2 credits plus 20 credits from Level 1 (can come from previous years credits)
What is the difference between a School Results Summary (SRS) and a Record of Achievement (ROA)?	SRS received at the beginning of the year show all standards attempted including those where students were given Not Achieved, and the ROA does not include these.
What are the options for reassessment?	Schools have the choice to offer a re-sit <b>once</b> for students who have failed an internal standard after re-teaching.
What are the differences between NCEA Level 3 and a 'National Certificate' (NC), for example a National Certificate in Business Studies Level 3?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCEA is a school qualification (compulsory sector) and NCs can be attained through other providers.</li> <li>• NCEA is across many different subject fields, NCs tend to be one subject or a group of related subjects (e.g. business studies)</li> <li>• NCEA can be made up of USs and ASs, but NCs are USs based.</li> <li>• There are over 1000 different NCs and diplomas in various subjects, and only one NCEA with 3 levels.</li> <li>• Mostly NCs are designed by industries and can include workplace assessment</li> </ul>
How many credits do you need for a single subject endorsement at Merit?	14 credits at merit or excellence
What do you need to receive a certificate endorsement for NCEA?	50 credits with merit or excellence <a href="http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/understanding-ncea/how-ncea-works/endorsements/">http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/understanding-ncea/how-ncea-works/endorsements/</a>
Can externally assessed standards be reassessed?	No, not in the same year, but they can be redone the following year
Why do we have moderation?	This ensures schools maintain similar standards of internal assessment

## NCEA LEVEL 3

Question	Answer
What is the minimum amount of credits to attain NCEA Level 3?	80 credits comprising 60 credits at Level 3 or above and 20 at Level 2 or higher (which can come from previous years credits)
How many credits do you need to achieve UE literacy currently (2012)?	8 credits in Level 2 in English or Te Reo Maori (must include 4 in reading/panui and 4 in writing/tuhituhi)
What is the minimum amount of credits to attain UE?	42 at NCEA Level 3 (other criteria need to be met before UE is awarded – see below)
How many credits do you need to achieve UE numeracy?	14 credits at Level 1 or above
What are the university entrance (UE) criteria?	<p>University Entrance criteria are 42 credits at Level 3 which must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 credits each from 2 approved subjects (see approved list above)</li> <li>• 14 credits from one or two additional domains or approved subject at Level 3</li> <li>• Literacy requirements - 8 in English or Te Reo Maori at Level 2 or higher (must be at least 4 in reading, 4 in writing)</li> <li>• Numeracy requirements - 14 credits in numeracy in Level 1 or higher</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/awards/university-entrance/">http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/awards/university-entrance/</a> (Requirements change in 2014, see website)</p>
What are the UE criteria from 2014? (Changes are bolded.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gaining NCEA Level 3</b></li> <li>• 14 credits in each of <b>3</b> approved subjects</li> <li>• 14 credits from one additional domain or approved subject at NCEA Level 3</li> <li>• Literacy requirements - <b>10</b> in English or Te Reo Maori at NCEA Level 2 or higher – (<b>5</b> reading/panui, <b>5</b> writing/tuhituhi)</li> <li>• Numeracy requirements- <b>10</b> credits in numeracy in NCEA Level 1 or higher</li> </ul>
There are 4 new subjects added to the approved list for 2012 for UE? Name 2 of them.	<p>Two of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Studies</li> <li>• Education for Sustainability</li> <li>• Home Economics</li> <li>• Religious Studies</li> </ul>
What approved subjects for UE will be added or renamed in 2013? (8)	Calculus, Mathematics, Statistics, Earth and Space Science, Processing Technologies, Construction and Mechanical Technologies, Design and Visual Communication, Digital Technologies
What current approved subjects for UE will be removed (renamed) in 2014? (4)	Graphics, Computing, Statistics and Modeling, Mathematics with Calculus
Can results be accumulated over more than one year for UE?	Yes
What is a rank score and why is it important?	<p>A rank score is calculated using your top 80 NCEA L3 Credits (approved subjects only). It is determined according to the following points allocation - Excellence 4 points; Merit 3 points; &amp; Achieved 2 points. In some universities a rank score can determine a student's course eligibility. E.g. The rank score required for the University of Auckland BA degree in 2012 is 150 points. (See university websites for their rank scores.)</p>