

NCEA and University Entrance (UE) 2020 COVID-19 Response

Why has NZQA done this?

- NZQA knows that it was hard for students during the lockdown and that some assessments couldn't happen. These changes are to help you gain the qualification you were aiming to achieve this year.

What does it mean for me?

The more credits you achieve the more you are entitled to

- For every 5 credits you achieve through internal or external assessment, you are entitled to 1 more credit. These extra credits are called Learning Recognition Credits (LR Credits)
 - >> Up to 10 of your LR credits can count towards the 80 you need for NCEA Level 1
 - >> Up to 8 LR credits can count towards the 60 you need at Level 2 and Level 3

Endorsements are still achievable

- To get a **certificate endorsement** this year you need 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, instead of the usual 50. Your LR credits don't come with Merit or Excellence so they can't count towards an endorsement.
- To get a **course endorsement** this year you need 12 credits at Merit or Excellence level in a course rather than 14. You still need to achieve at least 3 credits in externals and 3 in internals.

University Entrance has been adjusted

- For 2020 the UE requirements have been adjusted from 14 down to 12 credits in three UE-approved subjects. You still need to have NCEA Level 3 and the usual literacy and numeracy standards.

You've got more time to study

- Portfolio due dates and exams for NCEA and Scholarship have been moved later to give you more time to learn and prepare.

What do I need to do?

- Keep working to make sure that you achieve as many standards as you can. The more you achieve, the more LR Credits you are entitled to.
- Your teachers will help you to track your progress. NZQA will do the calculations and count your LR credits towards your NCEA certificate. You don't need to do anything else.
- Make sure that you know when your portfolios are due and double check the new exam timetable.
- If you need any more information talk to your teacher, your Dean or the person in your school who manages NCEA (Principal's Nominee), or you can ring NZQA on 0800 697 296.

What else do I need to know?

- You must be enrolled in an NCEA course at a secondary school in 2020 to be entitled to LR credits.
- The LR credits won't show on your Record of Achievement (ROA), but you will be able to see how many you got through your Learner Login when you check your results next January.
- If you don't complete your qualification this year, your LR credits will count towards that qualification again in 2021.

NCEA Level 1 examples

