

Kia ora koutou

Changes to NCEA Credit Requirements for 2021

Good news! As we expected the requirements for NCEA, NZ Scholarship and University Entrance have been adjusted to make sure it's fair for students who are learning from home during lockdown. This is great news because the credit requirements are more achievable and the mahi students are doing in lockdown is being acknowledged.

Learning Recognition Credits

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 extra credit. These extra credits are called Learning Recognition Credits (LRCs)

- For NCEA Level 1 up to 10 of your LRC's earned this year can be used towards the 80 you need
- For NCEA Level 2 & 3 up to 8 LRC's earned this year can be used towards the 60 you need

Endorsements are still achievable

- To get a **certificate endorsement** you will need 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, instead of the usual 50.
- To get a **course endorsement** you will need 12 credits at Achieved or 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.

Your LRCs don't come with Merit or Excellence, so they can't count towards an endorsement.

University Entrance has been adjusted.

For 2021 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.

Most portfolio due dates and exams for NCEA and Scholarship have been moved later, to give more time for students to learn and prepare.

What do I need to do?

Keep working to make sure that you achieve as many standards as you can. Your teachers will help you to track your progress. You don't need to do anything else to get your LRCs. NZQA will do the calculations before you get your results.

Make sure that you know when your portfolios are due, and double check the [new exam timetable](#).

If you need any more information, check the NZQA website <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/>

Ngā manaakitanga

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