

COVID-19 Response Summary of changes

Changes

- All students will be eligible for learning recognition credits (LR credits) as they have had their learning disrupted to varying degrees.
- These are based on the number of credits students achieve in their 2020 NCEA learning and assessment programme.
- NZQA will award excellence and merit certificate endorsements for eligible students who achieve 46 or more credits.
- NZQA will award excellence and merit course endorsements for eligible students who achieve 12 or more credits.
- NZQA will award University Entrance (UE) to students who achieve 12 credits in three UE approved subjects, along with NCEA Level 3 and the UE literacy and numeracy requirements.

How it will work

NCEA

- Every eligible student (see conditions) is entitled to 1 LR credit for every 5 credits they achieve through internal and/or external assessment.
- A maximum of 10 LR credits will count towards an NCEA Level 1 certificate and a maximum of 8 LR credits for NCEA Levels 2 and 3.
- Learning recognition credits:
 - > are not standards and do not have a N,A,M or E grade
 - > will not show on the student's Record of Achievement (RoA).
- NZQA will produce a table to assist schools and students track the LR credits students are entitled to.
- NZQA will apply the LR credits to award an NCEA certificate, once all internally and externally assessed results are in, and before results release in late January 2021.
- At results release, students will be notified on their Learner Login of how many learning recognition credits counted to their NCEA certificate.

Endorsements

- NZQA will award an excellence certificate endorsement to a student who achieves 46 or more excellence credits.
- NZQA will award a merit certificate endorsement to a student who achieves 46 or more merit credits or merit and excellence credits.
- NZQA will award a course endorsement to a student who achieves 12 or more merit or excellence credits in their course, and who meets the 3 credits from internal assessment and 3 from external assessment rule.

Conditions

- Students must be enrolled in an NCEA Programme of study or tertiary Vocational Pathways Programme in 2020. This policy does not extend to other NZ certificates.
- The LR credits will count towards the NCEA a student is closest to being awarded in 2020.
- The changes to endorsements and University Entrance will only apply in the 2020 academic year.
- Students who do not get their NCEA certificate will retain their entitlement to LR credits gained in 2020. These will count towards that NCEA certificate in 2021 and beyond if necessary.
- There is no change to New Zealand Scholarship.

My name is Marty, and I achieved 50 Level 1 credits in 2020. I am entitled to an additional 10 credits. I now have 60 credits at Level 1. Next year (2021) I am studying towards my NCEA Level 2 and once I achieve Level 2, I will be awarded Level 1 as well. My additional Level 1 credits won't be needed.

Hi, it's Eng Lim and I need to have level 2 to get on my apprenticeship programme. I achieved 57 Level 2 credits in 2020. I also have 8 LR credits which means I've got my Level 2 and can start my apprenticeship.

I am Sione and I want to go to university. In 2020 I studied towards my NCEA Level 3. I achieved 54 Level 3 credits, and 12 credits in my 3 UE approved subjects. I met the UE literacy and numeracy requirements in 2019. And because I achieved 54 credits, I also was entitled to 8 LR credits. So I had over 60 credits and was awarded my NCEA Level 3 and University Entrance in January 2021. Now I can go to Uni in March.

Kia ora. My name is Tui. I couldn't do much schoolwork during lockdown, but I worked hard when we got back to kura. We didn't do as many assessments as I thought we were going to because the kaiako changed our programme to look after our wellbeing. But I still got 61 Level 2 credits. I was entitled to 8 learning recognition credits, but I didn't need them to get my NCEA level 2.

Kia ora. My name is Huia and in 2020 I was doing my NCEA Level 2. I achieved 80 credits through assessment. 48 of my 80 credits were achieved with Merit. In January 2021, I was awarded my NCEA Level 2 with Merit.

My name is Genna. In 2020 I did NCEA Level 2. I achieved 65 credits through assessment. I achieved 13 excellence credits in Technology; 9 from internals and 4 from externals. In January 2021, I was awarded my NCEA Level 2 and my Technology course was endorsed with Excellence.

My name is Peter and I achieved 30 Level 1 credits in 2020. That means I am entitled to 6 LR credits so now I've got 36 credits that count for my NCEA Level 1. Next year (2021) I can use all 36 credits to complete my NCEA Level 1. I only need to achieve another 44 more credits. I've got this.