

## Credits from gaining a driver's licence

It is possible to gain credits when getting a driver's licence.

2 credits Level 1- passing learner licence theory test

4 credits Level 2 – gaining a restricted licence

2 credits Level 2 – gaining a full licence.

## How can you track your child's NCEA performance?

- Reports and parent interviews with progress totals from Term Two
- 'Family Connection' – online updates via the College parent portal
- Student NZQA log on with updates from April onwards
- Result notice from NZQA in January

## New Zealand Scholarship

- Prestigious awards for the most able and designed to satisfy their intellectual needs - a special feature of New Zealand education for NCEA and CAIE candidates.
- Financial awards (ranging from \$500 per single subject payment to \$10,000 each year for three years for Premier Scholars).
- Taken as additional examinations alongside NCEA or CAIE in November.
- Preparation and enrichment in Scholarship tutorial groups and Scholars' Academy throughout the year.

## To calculate an NCEA rank score:

- Based on the student's 80 best credits in University Entrance achieved over a maximum of five subjects.
- Approved subjects at Level 3 (or higher), and weighted by the level of achievement.
- The scores awarded are: four points for Excellence, three points for Merit and two for Achieved.
- The maximum possible score is 320.
- A maximum of 24 credits in each subject may be counted.

### At University of Auckland:

- Bachelor of Arts requires 150 points
- Bachelor of Science (Bio Med) 280 points

## Other things to consider

- Student responsibility for learning is critical for NCEA success.
- Pathways and targets should be identified and followed
- Individual strengths and preferences need consideration (e.g. external vs. internal standards, collecting Unit standards or Achievement standards, vocational vs. academic, Scholarship preparation).
- Numeracy and Literacy proficiency is essential.
- Quality over quantity (e.g. University of Auckland rank score points).



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**NCEA**  
NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF  
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

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"NCEA has provided me with a pathway where I can reach my full potential in whatever field I choose. It is challenging, rewarding and adaptable to each and every student." - Cate

# NCEA

## What is NCEA?

- National qualifications that replaced School Certificate, Sixth Form Certificate and Bursary in 2002
- Part of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF)
- Derived from the New Zealand Curriculum
- Standards-based qualifications that measure performance against pre-set standards

## How is NCEA assessed?

- Courses are assessed in separate parts
- Each assessment part is called a standard
- Each standard is worth credits
- Credits are gathered to achieve a qualification at NCEA Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3

## What are NCEA standards?

Standards are a summary of the knowledge, understanding and skills that students must demonstrate to achieve the standard.

## How do standards combine in a course?

- Courses may combine internally assessed standards (done at the school) and externally assessed standards (examined in the end of year NZQA exams) or be only internally assessed.
- Courses may combine Unit Standards or Achievement Standards.
- Each course will typically offer a total of 20-24 credits from standards carrying 2-12 credits each.

*"I chose this pathway as it allowed me to develop my analytical and critical thinking skills." - Tasfia*

## Unit Standards and Achievement Standards

### Unit Standards

Are all internally assessed and usually have only two possible levels of achievement: Achieved or Not Achieved ('Pass' or 'Fail')  
Some Unit Standards now have Merit and Excellence grades

### Achievement Standards

Can be internally or externally assessed and have four possible levels of achievement:

|              |                            |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| Excellence   | (Two steps above Achieved) |
| Merit        | (One step above Achieved)  |
| Achieved     |                            |
| Not Achieved |                            |

## What is required to achieve each NCEA Level?

### For Level One (Year 11) completion

60 credits plus:

- 10 literacy credits (reading and writing) in English or Te Reo Maori
- 10 numeracy credits

### For Level Two (Year 12) completion

80 credits including:

- 60 credits at Level 2
- 20 credits carried over from Level 1

### For Level Three (Year 13) completion

80 credits including:

- 60 credits at Level 3
- 20 credits carried over from Level 2

*(Note: These totals are the minimum number required to complete each level)*

## NCEA at Avondale College : The Dual Pathway

|         | NCEA                    | CAIE                                       |
|---------|-------------------------|--|
| Year 11 | Level 1<br>(5 subjects) | IGCSE<br>(5 subjects, or<br>4 + 1 NCEA)    |
| Year 12 | Level 2<br>(5 subjects) | AS<br>(5 subjects or<br>4+1 NCEA or IGCSE) |
| Year 13 | Level 3<br>(5 subjects) | A2<br>(4 subjects or<br>3 + 1 NCEA or AS)  |

## What are 'approved' subjects for University Entrance at Avondale College?

Accounting, Horticulture, Biology, Business Studies, Calculus, Chemistry, Classical Studies, Core Science, Dance, Design (Art and Design and Visual Communication), Digital Technologies, Drama, Earth and Space Science, Economics, English, French, Geography, Health Education, History, History of Art, Japanese, Mathematics, Media Studies, Music, Painting (Practical Art), Photography (Practical Art), Physical Education, Physics, Psychology, Samoan, Science, Spanish, Social Studies, Statistics, Technology, Te Reo Rangatira or Te Reo Māori.

### Note:

Maths is not compulsory in Year 12 or 13  
English is not compulsory in Year 13

**BUT Numeracy and Literacy credits are essential for University Entrance**

## What are NCEA Endorsements?

These reward students who achieve with Merit and Excellence

### 1. Certificate Endorsement

'Endorsement with Merit' requires 50 credits at Merit or Excellence at the same level or higher

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### 2. Course Endorsement

Individual course endorsements are awarded to students that get 14 credits or more at Merit or Excellence level for a single subject in a single year.

## How will students get NZ University Entrance from NCEA?

**Level One (Numeracy)**  
10 Level 1 (or above) Maths credits  
**Plus**

**Level Two (Literacy)**  
5 Level 2 or 3 Reading credits  
5 Level 2 or 3 Writing credits  
**Plus**

Level Three

**14 Level 3 credits in 3 approved subjects**  
(Minimum of 42 Credits) and must have gained the NCEA L3 Qualification, ie 60 credits

### Note:

UE is the **minimum** requirement for entry to degree programmes – most university courses require a higher standard for entry.

### Entry to University of Auckland:

UE plus 17 NCEA Level 2 or 3 English credits