



**WESTERN  
SPRINGS  
COLLEGE**



GUIDE TO NCEA for  
WHĀNAU for 2023  
only.

## #1: WHAT IS NCEA?

**N**ational **C**ertificate of  
**E**ducational **A**chievement

## #2: WHAT ARE STANDARDS?

- ▶ Each subject is assessed against a range of standards – some may assess a skills, others may assess subject knowledge.
- ▶ Each standard is given a title and a number.
- ▶ *“91001 – Demonstrate understanding of an historical event, or place, of significance to New Zealanders”*
- ▶ Short title – *His1.1*

## #3: HOW ARE STANDARDS GRADED?

- ▶ Grades will range from:
  - ▶ Excellence
  - ▶ Merit
  - ▶ Achieved
  - ▶ Not Achieved
  
- ▶ The passing grade (A, M, E) does not affect the number of credits gained for the standard

## #4: HOW DO CREDITS WORK?

- ▶ Each standard is worth a certain number of credits, usually between 2 credits and 6 credits
- ▶ When an assessment is successfully completed the credits are awarded.



- ▶ The grade (E, M, or A) awarded makes no difference to the number of credits gained for a standard

# #5: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN *INTERNAL* AND *EXTERNAL* STANDARDS?

## *INTERNAL*

- ▶ Marked by WSC/NPOW teachers
- ▶ Could be:
  - ▶ a speech
  - ▶ an essay or report
  - ▶ a performance
  - ▶ creating a video
- ▶ students may get an opportunity to **resubmit** to try and improve from a high Not Achieved to an Achieved.

## *EXTERNAL*

- ▶ Goes away to be marked
- ▶ Could be:
  - ▶ a timed exam
  - ▶ a portfolio of work (eg. Art or Graphics) that you work on over the year, but is sent away to be marked.
- ▶ The coursebook will tell you which it is.

## Practice exam papers

Practice papers and marking schedules can be accessed on the NZQA website. The website also offers sample answers at all grade levels to show what is expected.

How to access these resources:

Use the web address below and then add / and the name of the subject

eg  
[www.nzqa.govt.nz/samoan](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/samoan)

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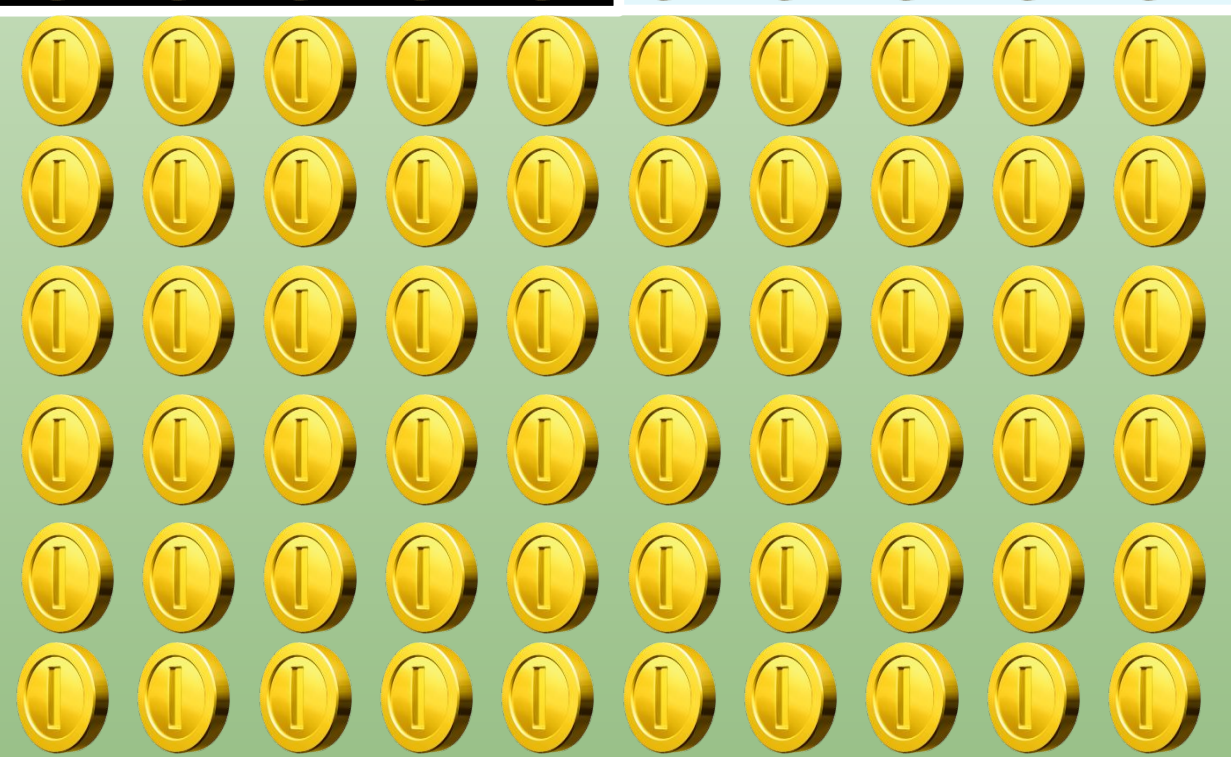
# #6: WHAT IS NEEDED TO GET NCEA LEVEL ONE?



**80 credits are  
required at Level 1  
(or above)**



# #7: ARE THERE ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS?

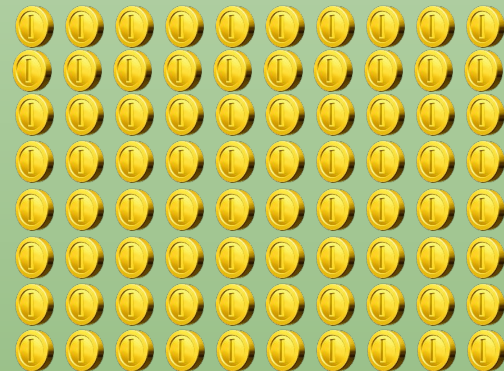
There must be 10 <b>literacy</b> credits			and 10 <b>numeracy</b> credits
			

## #8: LITERACY AND NUMERACY?

- ▶ **Numeracy credits** mainly come from maths, though there are opportunities in other subjects like geography and media studies
- ▶ **Literacy credits** can be gained in English and a wide number of other subjects.
- ▶ Literacy credits can be gained in Te Reo or in English but not a combination of the two.

# #9: WHAT ARE ENDORSEMENTS?

- ▶ If 50 or more credits at Excellence are earned then NCEA Level One is awarded with an **Excellence Endorsement**
- ▶ 50 or more credits at Merit or better will earn a Merit Endorsement
- ▶ 50 or more credits at Achieved or better will earn an Achieved Endorsement



# #10: CAN YOU GET ENDORSEMENT IN A SINGLE SUBJECT?

- ▶ 14 credits at Excellence are needed in a subject to get an Excellence endorsement.
- ▶ **AND** at least 3 credits of these would need to come from an external.
- ▶ a Merit Endorsement has similar requirements.

# #11: IS AUTHENTICITY OF STUDENTS' WORK AN ISSUE?

- ▶ Assessments must be handed in on time, and must be a student's own work
- ▶ This means :
  - ▶ information or quotes that others have written must be acknowledged
  - ▶ other students' work must not be used
  - ▶ students must not make their work available to other students to use
- ▶ If there is a breach of these rules then it is likely the credits for that assessment will be lost

A resubmission is only when a student is at the Not Achieved grade boundary and needs to fix something small to get to an Achieved grade.

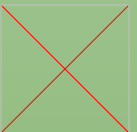
Teachers do not have to offer a resubmission to all students. Teachers will signal when it is appropriate for a resubmission to be offered.

No new teaching may occur between the assessment being handed back and the work being resubmitted.

A resubmission must take place immediately after the work is handed back.

An FAO is a further assessment opportunity which is only offered very rarely as this requires a completely new assessment to be given.

## Resubmissions and FAO's.



# #12: DOES LEVEL TWO WORK THE SAME WAY?

- ▶ 80 credits are required to gain Level 2 NCEA.
- ▶ At least 60 credits must be Level 2, but 20 Level 1 credits can be used to 'top-up' if needed.



- ▶ Grade quality at Level 2 is important.
  - ▶ eligibility for university scholarships is assessed on the number of Level Two Excellence results
  - ▶ Admission to university hostels can also be dependent on these grades

## #13: AND LEVEL THREE?

- ▶ 80 credits are required to gain Level 3 NCEA.
- ▶ At least 60 credits must be Level 3, but 20 Level 2 credits can be used to 'top-up'.



# #13: AND LEVEL THREE?

## University Entrance

Level 3

A minimum of 60cr at Level 3 which includes:

14cr in one  
approved L3  
subject



14cr in a second  
approved L3  
subject



14cr in a third  
approved L3  
subject

plus

Level 2

10 **Literacy** credits: 5 in reading and 5 in writing

plus

Level 1

10 **Numeracy** credits

\* each university may have different (and higher) entry requirements \*  
eg: Auckland Uni requires 17 credits in English

# #14: CAN I SEE MY CHILD'S CREDITS?

- ▶ You can log-on through the Parents' Portal to see what the school has on record. This is in Kamar.

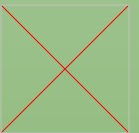


You can use gmail, yahoo or Facebook to log in.  
You will see the Kamar caregiver screen to log in.

Once in you can check:

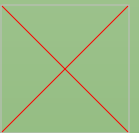
- NCEA progress
- NCEA credit summary
- Timetable- cycle view
- Student reports
- School payments and options to pay

The School Portal.



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