



## NCEA Change Programme update: 2021

*The NCEA changes will make our senior secondary qualification more robust, consistent, inclusive and accessible for students of all abilities and backgrounds. This outlines the changes and work taking place in 2021:*

### Course Endorsements

- Expand Course Endorsements to include Achieved as well as Merit and Excellence grades.
  - Courses are designed by teachers and submitted to NZQA. Teachers can design courses using any standards (unit standards and achievement standards), including from different subject areas.
  - To gain a Course Endorsement, a student must attain 14 or more credits in a course with at least three internally assessed credits and three externally assessed credits.
  - Previously students could only gain Course Endorsements at Merit or Excellence level. From 2021, students will also gain an Achieved Course Endorsement if they achieve 14 or more credits in a course with any grade.
  - Course Endorsements appear on the student's permanent Record of Achievement using the name of the course which the school has provided to NZQA.

### Resubmissions

- Only resubmissions that take a student from 'Not Achieved' to 'Achieved' are now allowed.
  - The current practice is leading to workload concerns for both teachers and students, equity concerns between schools, and poor assessment practice.
  - Effective assessment should ensure students are made aware of what is required to meet the standard and gain each grade and given sufficient opportunity to demonstrate what they know and can do.

### NCEA Level 1 Mini-Pilot

- We are running a mini-pilot in schools this year with the new Level 1 English, Visual Arts, Religious Studies, and Science. The pilot will help us to confirm the materials are fit for purpose, identify necessary refinements, and inform the development of further support materials.

### Te Ao Haka Pilot

- This school year, 34 secondary schools and kura are piloting Te Ao Haka, a new Māori Performing Arts subject, across all three NCEA levels and for University Entrance. A wider pilot is planned for 2022 before the subject is rolled out nationally in 2023.

### Level 1 Review of Achievement Standards Development NZC and TMoA

- In 2020, the NCEA Level 1 subjects to be developed and fully implemented by 2023 was confirmed. The subjects which will be available at NCEA Level 1 can be found on the [NCEA Education website](#).

- All new Level 1 standards and materials – for both *The New Zealand Curriculum* and *Te Marautanga o Aotearoa* – will be completed in 2021. Materials will be made available for public consultation throughout the year. More information on when materials will be released can also be found on the [NCEA Education website](#).

### **Literacy and Numeracy Pilot**

- New standards are being developed to credential literacy and numeracy, as a co-requisite to the qualification. From 2023, students will need to pass these externally assessed standards as a co-requisite to achieving an NCEA.
- Assessment standards for literacy and numeracy have been developed and will be piloted in Terms 3 and 4 of 2021. These will include both Māori-medium and English-medium standards.
- Through the pilot, schools and kura will be supported by MoE and NZQA and the process will inform teaching and learning guidance that will be available to all schools and kura in the future.

### **Confirming Level 2 and 3 Subjects**

- As a part of the NCEA Change Programme, the Ministry will consult on and confirm the subject list for NCEA Levels 2 and 3. This is in preparation for the development of Levels 2 and 3 achievement standards from 2022.
- The new Level 2 Achievement Standards are to be piloted in 2023 and fully implemented in 2024, and the new Level 3 Achievement Standards are to be piloted in 2024 and fully implemented in 2025.

More information is available on the NCEA Education website ([www.ncea.education.govt.nz](http://www.ncea.education.govt.nz)).

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