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NCEA Information

NCEA Level 1

- Minimum of 60 credits required at Level 1 (or higher), plus
 - 10 credits in Literacy co-requisites or specified achievement standards and
 - 10 credits in Numeracy co-requisites or specified achievement standards

Credits and Standards

- Courses of work (subjects) are broken into units based on skills or content knowledge. Each of these units of work has an **Achievement Standard**.
- Each Standard attracts **credits**-the number of credits attached to each standard depends on such things as the depth of knowledge required, the amount of effort and time required, the complexity of skill needed.
- Credits are accumulated during the year.

Form of Assessment

Each unit of work is assessed either as:

- **Internals** (assessments are prepared, supervised, marked and moderated by teachers within the school), or
- **Externals** (assessments are prepared, supervised and marked by NZQA employees).

Grades Possible

Achievement Standards have 3 levels of achievement:

- Achieved – the minimum required for success (A)
- Achieved with Merit (M)
- Achieved with Excellence (E)

NB: a Not Achieved grade (N) is given for students who had the opportunity to succeed but who did not reach the minimum standard for success.

Recognising High Achievement

- Subject Endorsement
 - Excellence endorsement – 14 or more credits at Excellence *in a single subject in a single year*, including at least 3 Excellence credits from external assessment and 3 Excellence credits from internal assessment.
 - Merit endorsement - 14 or more credits at Merit (or a mix of Merit and Excellence) *in a single subject in a single year*, including at least 3 Merit credits from external assessment and 3 Merit credits from internal assessment.

Recognising High Achievement

- Level Endorsement
 - Excellence endorsement – 50 or more credits from any combination of subjects achieved with Excellence
 - Merit endorsement – 50 or more credits from any combination of subjects achieved with Merit (or a mix of Merit and Excellence)
- Note that Certificate Endorsement is not ‘year specific’ – Merit and Excellence grades earned across more than one year will all be counted. Certificate endorsements can be earned retrospectively.

Results – KAMAR portal

- Parents and students can access NCEA results (and a range of other school data) via our database software portal
- Please note that these results are not official results – these are shown on the NZQA website

Fees

- There is no fee for entering NCEA or Scholarship exams.
- The fee for International students remains.

Further information: NZQA website: www2.nzqa.govt.nz

<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/About-us/Publications/Resources-and-videos/Guide-to-NCEA/Guide-to-NCEA-English.pdf>

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