

Look online for exam results

Secondary students who sat NCEA examinations should look online for their results in mid-January.

This year printed Result Notices will not be posted out automatically. Candidates wanting to obtain a printed Result Notice by mid-January will need to request one by 31 December via the NZQA website.

More than 143,000 candidates were enrolled for this year's NCEA and NZ Scholarship exams being held from 10-30 November.

A media release will be issued when results are posted online. Over 100,000 people checked results on the NZQA website on the day 2010 results were posted.

Availability of Certificates

Students will need to order certificates and other results documents online and will receive them in late January. This includes NCEA or other school-based certificates, School Results Summaries and Records of Achievements. Students can do this via the learner log-in area of the NZQA website. This service is free.

If students have applied for reviews and reconsiderations of externally assessed standards, they should wait until these are completed before ordering documents.

Examination 2011 facts and figures:

- 143,520 candidates have entered a total of 1,586,956 million entries across 373 standards
- The largest exam is Level 1 English with 46,967 entries, followed by Level 1 Mathematics with 39,199
- There are 1,825 markers, and around 3,400 Exam Centre Managers and supervisors
- There are 400 exam centres in New Zealand, 6 in the Cook Islands and 1 in Niue
- There are 495 candidates in the Cook Islands and 64 in Niue.

Grade Score Marking

This year a modified marking system Grade Score Marking will be used for most Level 1 standards. This system was piloted on 12 externally assessed Level 1 standards during the 2010 NCEA examinations and proved to be effective in assisting teachers mark work close to the grade boundary.

The aim of the Grade Score Marking system is to create greater discrimination at grade boundaries and over time, to give greater, year-on-year, consistency against examination standards.

The GSM system will apply to almost all Level 1 standards in 2011, with the exception of Visual Arts, Technology (including Design and Visual Communication), and the Mathematics Common Assessment Task, which are all marked using different processes.

The Grade Score Marking system will be implemented at Level 2 in 2012 and Level 3 in 2013.

Students will not notice any change in the way their results are reported, they will continue to receive N (Not achieved), A (Achieved), M (Merit), and E (Excellence) grades.

Initiatives for earthquake affected students

NZQA has been working closely with schools throughout the year to ensure an effective plan has been developed for the assessment of NCEA in Christchurch schools.

A number of initiatives are in place addressing the circumstances faced by students attending schools within the Earthquake Affected School zone, and how this has impaired their schooling this year as a result of lost teaching and learning time.

These initiatives include:

- For external assessment, (mainly examinations) a Earthquake Impaired Derived Grade process grade process has been established based on the procedures used successfully for Christchurch students after the September 2010 earthquake
- School leavers, who have narrowly missed achieving their Level 3 NCEA and/or University Entrance, can apply for a special credit inclusion appeal process
- The requirements for course endorsement for earthquake affected students have also been relaxed. Students will still need to get 14 credits at Merit or Excellence, but the requirements about the mix of internal and external assessment used will not be applied to Christchurch schools (for more information see circular: S2011/049).

NZQA has liaised with all universities to ensure the NZQA initiatives are understood and to discuss the challenges Year 13 students have faced during 2011.

NZQA is continuing to monitor the situation and is in regular contact with Christchurch schools regarding their students' progress towards NCEA.

MILLION EXAM ENTRIES

1,586,956

143,520

TOTAL NUMBER OF CANDIDATES

400

NEW ZEALAND EXAM CENTRES

1,825

TOTAL NUMBER OF EXAM MARKERS

373

STANDARDS

Guide to online results

- 1 All qualifications and achievements gained to date, including NCEA endorsements and course endorsements.
- 2 A summary of all credits achieved to date, by level, standard type, assessment type and result.
- 3 An entries and results section for each year your school has reported NCEA results.
- 4 A summary of all credits achieved in the year, by level, standard type, assessment type and result.
- 5 A summary of credits entered by course, level and result.
- 6 An explanation of the entries and results details.
- 7 Course studied, including any endorsement gained and the option to drill down to view more information about the course, including an analysis of credits.
- 8 Details of the standards entered in the course, including what the standard covered, the level, the credits it is worth.
- 9 The results in each standard that has been assessed: 'A' for Achieved, 'M' for Achieved with Merit, 'E' for Achieved with Excellence, 'N' for Not Achieved.

New Course Endorsement tutorial shows you how it is done!

Viewing information on student's progress towards Course Endorsement has become easier with new video tutorials available on the NZQA website.

These online tutorials are on:

- Monitoring your progress
- Exemptions

In the new tutorials, 'Andrea' explains how students can view the courses they are enrolled in, entries and results for each course and a summary of the credits they have obtained so far.

These tutorials are available at: www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea-endorsements

When students log in to 'My school entries and results', they'll be able to see a summary of credits obtained for each course. Internal assessment results are recorded once supplied by the school to NZQA.

A progress bar shows the progress they have made towards a course endorsement and the results needed for them to meet the endorsement criteria. An interactive function allows students to calculate possible endorsements by entering anticipated results. So, for example, they could see if they gained merit in an external assessment, they could gain merit for that course. For each course there is a statement indicating what endorsements are available.

The log-in section for schools has also been adjusted, with schools able to see how their candidates are doing in their courses and if they are able to have their courses endorsed. This section highlights courses not currently endorseable, data entry errors or issues with the structure of courses. This section does not allow schools to calculate possible endorsement results.