

# A REMINDER ABOUT HOW NCEA WORKS



NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY  
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# Credits

- **Subjects are divided into standards**
- **Every standard is worth a set number of credits**
- **Credits count towards qualification(s)**
- **Credits can be used towards more than one qualification**

# Collecting credits for NCEA

- Level 1**      80 credits required at any level including 10 in reading and writing and 10 in number skills
- Level 2**      80 credits of which a minimum of 60 credits is at level 2 or above
- Level 3**      60 credits at level 3 and 20 credits from level 2 or above



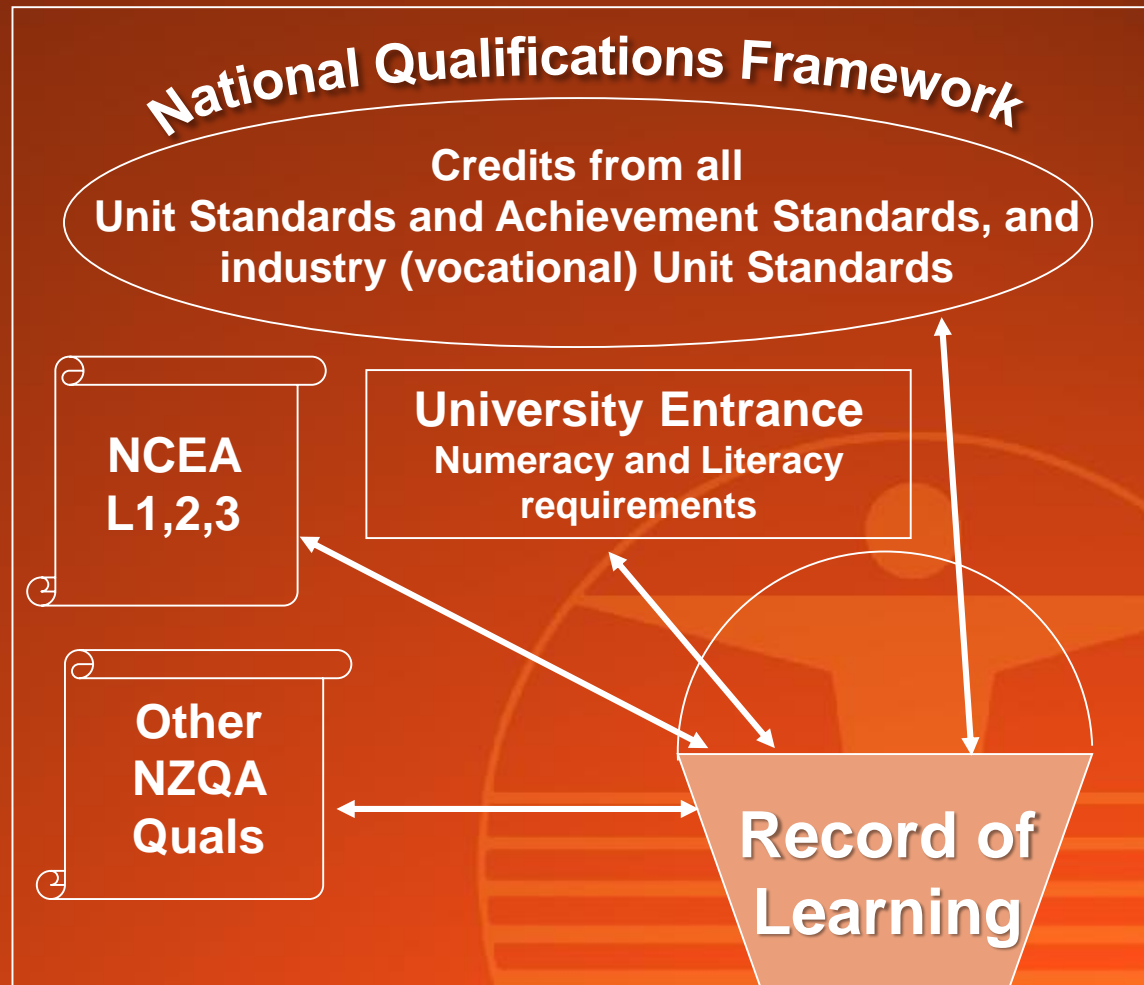
# University Entrance

- Achievement of NCEA Level 3
- 14 credits in each of three subjects from the list of approved subjects.
- The remaining credits to achieve NCEA Level 3 may come from either achievement or unit standards.
- UE numeracy – 10 credits at Level 1 or higher
- UE literacy – 10 credits (five in reading and five in writing) from specific Level 2 and higher achievement standards or specific Te Reo Maori level 2 standards.



# 'The Bucket'

**Remember  
credits can be  
used for more  
than one  
qualification.**



# Using credits for 2 Qualifications

Kerry has gained NCEA Level 2  
and the National Certificate in Computing.  
This is how it worked for Kerry.

In Year 11

**Level 1  
NCEA Credits  
Gained**

15	Maths
16	English
18	Geography
18	Computing
<u>13</u>	Technology
<u>80</u>	<b>TOTAL</b>



**80 Level 1**

# Using credits for 2 Qualifications

In Year 11 gained

and then

In Year 12 gained

## Level 1 NCEA

15	Maths
16	English
18	Geography
18	Computing
<u>13</u>	Technology
<u>80</u>	TOTAL

## Level 2 NCEA

10	Maths
10	English
10	Geography
<u>30</u>	Computing
<u>60</u>	TOTAL

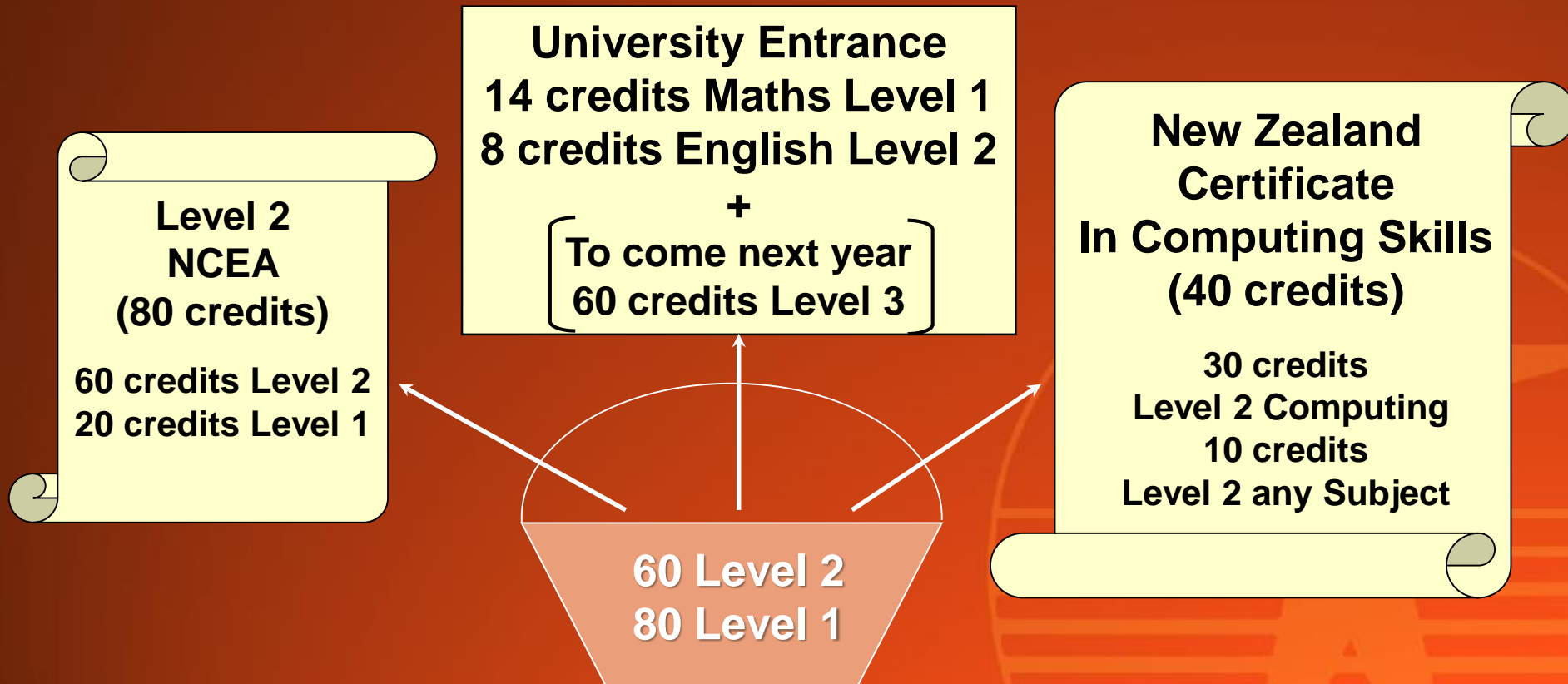


60 credits Level 2  
80 credits Level 1



# Using credits for 2 Qualifications

Using credits to gain 2 qualifications and numeracy literacy requirements for University Entrance.





# Range of External Qualifications

- NCEA is only one qualification registered on the National Qualifications Framework.
- Other qualifications (registered on NZQA) and assessed (whole or in part) at Otumoetai College area:

National Certificate in Employment Skills

National Certificate in Hospitality (Introductory Cookery) Level 1

National Certificate in Furniture (Introduction to General Furniture Manufacturing) Level 2

National Certificate in Tourism & Travel Level 2

National Certificate in Computing Level 2

National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering Technology Level 1

National Certificate in Business Administration



# Achievement Standards

All Achievement Standards are derived from NZ Curriculum.  
Each achievement standard will be assessed to 4 grades:

- **Non-Achieved** – the standard is not met.
- **Achievement** – the standard is met.
- **With Merit** – shows very good work.
- **With Excellence** – outstanding skills or depth of understanding.

Obtaining *Excellence grades* in all 5 – 8 achievement standards of any subject is a real challenge for the very best students.

If a result is *Non-Achieved* – such a result is reported to parents but not shown on the Record of Learning.

At Level 1 only, *achievement grades* set to provide incentive for the majority of students to get on to the qualifications ladder. Quite a jump up at Level 2.

Achievement Standards are identified as Internally assessed, Externally assessed (traditional exam)



# Unit Standards

## Unit Standards:

- do not relate to NZ Curriculum
- used to assess vocationally orientated subjects
- are all assessed internally in the College
- Some unit standards can be gained with Merit and some with Excellence



# Literacy and Numeracy Requirements

- **NCEA Level 1 Literacy/Numeracy requirements – 10 credits**
  - Based on either literacy/numeracy Unit Standards
  - Or on an identified wide range of Achievement Standards (Level 1 upwards)

**Student result notices will say either:**

**‘Literacy/Numeracy requirement met by Achievement Standards’  
or  
‘Literacy/Numeracy requirement met by Unit Standards’**

- **Literacy requirement may be met by Achievement Standards and the Numeracy requirement by Unit Standards or visa versa.**





# Certificate Endorsements

- Eligibility for endorsement is based on credits achieved for which appropriate fees have been paid and is awarded on the release of results in January.
- Standards achieved in January each year by a candidate will be used to calculate the highest certificate endorsement for which the candidate is eligible. This only happens once per year.
- For a merit endorsement an endorsed certificate can be issued to candidates who have achieved 50 credits at Merit or Excellence at the same level, or higher on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF), as the certificate being awarded.
- Credits can be accumulated over more than one year for the purposes of Certificate endorsement.
- Only one endorsed certificate will be awarded in a year unless a candidate has achieved two or three NCEA levels.



# Course Endorsements Levels 1, 2 and 3

- **Course (subject) endorsement will provide recognition for students who perform exceptionally well in individual courses. (From NZQA's point of view they accept a school subject as an identified course for the purpose of endorsement). There are 4 criteria:**
  - 1. 14 or more credits at Excellence = course endorsed with Excellence**
  - 2. 14 credits at merit or higher = course endorsed with Merit**
  - 3. At least 3 credits from externals and 3 credits from internals**
  - 4. Sufficient credits in a single school year**
- **NZQA Course name will be the Otumoetai College subject name.**
- **The result for a standard can only be used in one course endorsement within the school year that it is reported.**
- **NZQA will award a maximum of one endorsement for each course**



# Vocational Pathways

The introduction of the Vocational Pathways Award and Vocational Profile means that all students will be able to see how their achievement relates to the learning or skills training employers are seeking.

## Vocational Pathways Award

To achieve the Vocational Pathways Award, you must:

- Meet the NCEA literacy and numeracy requirements at Level 1 or above; and
- Achieve 60 level 2 credits from the *Recommended* Assessment Standards for Vocational Pathways sector e.g.: Primary Industries, *including* 20 level 2 credits from *Sector-Related* Standards for that sector e.g.: Primary Industries

## Vocational Profile

Students are able to access their Vocational Profile from the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) website.

The Vocational Profile is a visual graph which will show achievement against the six Vocational Pathways.





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NZQA ensures that New Zealand qualifications are valued as credible and robust both nationally and internationally.

*Te manu ka kai i te miro, nōna te ngahere. Te manu ka kai i te mātauranga, nōna te ao.*  
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