



The Year 12 & 13 NCEA Quiz

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE.



How to do the quiz.

- Work individually or in small groups
- Year 13 students can't have access to the internet while doing the quiz as you have more NCEA experience. Year 12 students can access the internet if necessary.
- There are five sections worth 40 marks. General (5 marks), Endorsements (17 marks), University Entrance (5 marks), The Importance of having an NZQA Login (7 marks) and External Exams (6 marks).

Mark your answers after each question. Tally up your marks at the end.

What is your goal?

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A) General Section:

<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/about-ncea/>

Notes:

NCEA is the main qualification for secondary school students in New Zealand.

NCEA is recognised by employers and used for selection by universities and other tertiary education providers in New Zealand and overseas.



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Question 1:

What does NCEA stand for?



Answer 1:

National Certificate of Educational Achievement (2 marks)

(deduct one mark for every error, minimum mark = 0)



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Question 2:

**What do you need to gain a
Level 2 and 3 NCEA certificate?**



Answer 2:

- 60 Level 2 or 3 credits for NCEA Level 2, (1 mark)
60 Level 3 credits for NCEA level 3 (1 mark)
&
- NCEA Literacy & Numeracy for both Level 2 & 3
(1 mark)

Maximum = 3 marks



B) Endorsements:

<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/about-ncea/ncea-endorsements/>

Notes:

Students can have their results 'endorsed' to reflect high achievement.

Students can achieve an endorsement at the NCEA certificate or individual course level.



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Question 3:

How many types of NCEA
certificate endorsement are
there?



Answer 3:

Two.

- Merit certificate endorsement
- Excellence certificate endorsement

(2 marks)



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Question 4:

What do you need to get a
Merit certificate endorsement?



Answer 4:

50 Merit or Excellence credits at the level of the certificate or above. (2 marks)

(deduct 1 mark for missing *Excellence*)

- ▶ Note: 50 Excellence credits, at the level of the certificate or above, are needed for an Excellence certificate endorsement.



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Question 5:

How many types of NCEA
course endorsement are
there?



Answer 5:

Three.

- Achieved course endorsement
- Merit course endorsement
- Excellence course endorsement

(3 marks)

Note: You can gain a course endorsement even if you don't complete the NCEA qualification.



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Question 6:

What do you need to get a
Merit course endorsement?



Answer 6:

14 Merit or Excellence credits. At least three credits must be from internals and at least three must come from externals. (3 marks)

(1 mark for 14, “Merit or Excellence”, “internals or externals”)

Maximum = 3 marks

Note: 14 Achieved, Merit or Excellence credits are needed in a course to gain an Achieved course endorsement.



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Question 7:

What do you need to get an
Excellence course endorsement?



Answer 7:

14 Excellence credits. At least three credits must be from internals and at least three must come from externals. (2 marks)

(take off 1 mark if missing 14, Excellence, internals or externals)

Minimum = 0 marks

Note: PE and Level 3 Visual Arts are exempt from having to have internal and external credits when it comes to any course endorsement.



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Question 8a:

I am in Year 12 working on Level 2 NCEA and have gained some level 3 credits. Can these credits be used for my Level 2 NCEA certificate or course endorsements?



Answer 8a:

Yes, they can. Level 2 or above credits can count towards the Level 2 NCEA certificate or a course endorsement.

(1 mark)



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Question 8b:

Can my Level 3 credits earned in Year 12, count towards my Level 3 Merit certificate or course endorsement when I am in Year 13? Explain why.



Answer 8b:

No. (1 mark) The Year 12 Level 3 credits can count towards Level 3 certificate endorsement, but not a Level 3 course endorsement. (1 mark)

Note: Merit of Excellence credits can only count towards a course endorsement in the year you did the course. Certificate endorsement is not time bound. It can be gained over more than one year.

Total = 2 marks



Question 8c:

I have 46 Merit and Excellence Level 2 credits from Year 12 .
Can I use my Merit or Excellence Level 3 credits in Year 13 to top up my Level 2 results and gain a Level 2 certificate endorsement?



Answer 8c:

Yes, if you don't get Level 3 Merit or Excellence certificate endorsement in Year 13

or,

No, if you do get Level 3 Merit or Excellence certificate endorsement in Year 13. (2 marks for either answer)

Note: You can't use your Level 3 endorsement results twice in Year 13 (towards a Level 3 and Level 2 certificate endorsement). If you gained a Level 3 certificate endorsement in Year 13 and not a Level 2 certificate endorsement in Year 12, you would need to get Level 2 endorsement grades in Year 13 to top up your level 2 qualification.



C) University Entrance (UE):

<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/understanding-secondary-quals/university-entrance/>

Notes:

University Entrance is the minimum requirement to go from school to a New Zealand university.

Being awarded University Entrance also opens doors to tertiary study in other countries.

Once you have met the requirements for University Entrance, it will appear on your Record of Achievement.



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Question 9:

There are four parts to University Entrance (UE). Name two that can be gained in Year 11 or 12?



Answer 9:

Numeracy (1 mark) and UE literacy (1 mark)

Note: UE literacy is different to NCEA literacy. UE literacy requires 5 reading and 5 writing credits. These UE literacy credits can be at Level 2 or 3 NCEA.

UE Numeracy is the same as NCEA numeracy



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Question 10:

If I gain some of my UE literacy credits in Year 12, can I add to these in Year 13 or do I have to start over?



Answer 10:

You can add to them in Year 13. (1 mark)

Note: UE literacy credits are not time bound, meaning you can gain UE literacy over a number of years.



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Question 11:

What are the other two requirements for UE?



Answer 11:

NCEA Level 3 (1 mark)

&

14 credits at Level 3 in each of three UE approved subjects. (1 mark)

Note: The 14 credits can be at any grade, Achieved, Merit or Excellence



D) The Importance of having an NZQA login <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/login/>

Notes:

- All students need to set up their own login on the NZQA website to access very important information.
- NZQA (The New Zealand Qualifications Authority) are a government department that oversee NCEA, UE and scholarship for all schools.
- Schools send their NCEA internal results during the year to NZQA. NZQA have a complete record of all student's NCEA, UE and scholarship results. NZQA send out actual hardcopy qualifications to students.



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Question 12:

All NCEA students are expected to have set up their NZQA login. List three things you can access from this login.



Answer 12:

You can:

- 1) access Digital external exams
- 2) view NCEA results (internals and externals)
- 3) order your actual NCEA certificate (hardcopy)
- 4) view our Record of Achievement and can order a hardcopy
- 5) request your hardcopy external exam papers
- 6) view your digital exam papers
- 7) appeal your exam/folio grades

3 marks maximum.



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Question 13:

Sometimes students don't want to attempt an external exam as they don't want a Not Achieved on their official NCEA record. Do Not Achieved grades appear on official NCEA records?



Answer 13:

No. The official NCEA record is called the Record of Achievement (ROA). This record lists every single NCEA result a student has obtained i.e., Achieved, Merit or Excellence grades. Not Achieved grades do not appear on a ROA. (1 mark)

Note: Every grade, including Not Achieved, appears on a student year summary which is different to the ROA.



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Question 14:

If you sit a hardcopy external exam in November, can you get the exam paper back later on?



Answer 14:

Yes. (1 mark)

Note: You can have your exam papers sent to you at no cost. You do this in late January after exam results are released using your NZQA login. The exams are not sent to you unless you request them.



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Question 15:

If I check my exam papers (digital or hardcopy) and think they have been marked incorrectly, can I appeal the grade?



Answer 15:

Yes. (1 mark)

Note: You can apply for a reconsideration, which means the exam will be remarked. To apply, you download a form from your NZQA login, send the particular paper/s to NZQA and pay the \$20.40 fee for each exam paper (standard). If the result is upgraded, your fee is refunded.

If you have completed a folio or scholarship exam, you can also apply for a reconsideration.



Question 16:

If you think an external exam paper that you completed is missing some or all of its content, or a grade score has been calculated or reported incorrectly can I appeal the grade?

Answer 16:

Yes. (1 mark)

Note: You can apply for a review. A review does not involve re-marking and there is no charge. You apply using your NZQA login. This involves downloading/submitting a form and returning the hardcopy exam paper.



D) External (end of year) Exams:

<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/external-assessment/>

Notes:

NZQA run the external exams for all of NZ. All schools have the same exams on the same day at the same time. NZQA publishes the national exam timetable in March/April each year.

NZQA supervisors run exams in each school during Nov/Dec, not teachers.

Teachers don't get to see the exam papers until after the exams.



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Question 17:

If you felt ill during an external exam, or were not able to sit an exam due to being too ill or an exceptional circumstance (family funeral, being selected for a national team etc.) who should you contact at school?

Answer 17:

Mr Melton – The Principal Nominee (1 mark)

Note: It is best to contact Mr Melton by email (tme@lincoln.school.nz) as soon as possible. He will help you apply for a derived grade. This involves completing a form, collating evidence to show why you could not sit an exam (e.g., details from a doctor), or were impacted during an exam and submitting the application to NZQA. If NZQA approves the application your final grade will be the result you gained in the derived grade exams.

Derived grades do not apply to scholarship exams. External exams cannot be rescheduled (sat at a different time).



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Question 18:

Name at least three things you can't take into an external exam room?



Answer 18:

- blank paper or refill paper.
- correcting fluid.
- books, written notes or electronic notes.
- Phones or electronic devices.
- Dictionaries (or translators).
- watches of any type (digital or analogue)

Maximum = 3 marks



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Question 19:

Early in Term 4, you will receive a personalised exam timetable (Admission slip) and a copy of NZQA's exam rules and information. You must take the admission slip into every exam room. Who at school will give you your admission slip?



Answer 19:

Your Linc teacher. (1 mark)

Note: If a student does not collect their admission slip from their Linc teacher before their last day of school, they can collect it from the school office. If a student loses their admission slip, they can get an extra copy for \$1 from the school office. Admission slips will be checked when students enter their exam rooms.

The personalised admission slip has a student's name, exam dates, exam topics and national student number.



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Question 20:

Who runs the external exams in November, the school or some outside organisation?



Answer 20:

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA). (1 mark)

Note: High schools throughout NZ provide rooms for students to sit their exams. NZQA run the exams, provide the exam papers, arrange for them to be marked and publish the results on their website in mid-January.

Teachers are not allowed in the exam rooms. It is important that students follow the instructions of the exam supervisors who work for NZQA. All students throughout NZ sit the same exams on the same day at the same time.



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