

## Digital pilot examination results

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The New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) has reviewed all of the N0 (zero) marks allocated to students who sat digital examinations in 2017.

'The digital examination scripts are being marked and results for most students will be updated by the end of the day,' says Deputy Chief Executive Digital Assessment Transformation, Andrea Gray.

'Our initial investigation indicates that the design of the interface that markers used to enter results meant approximately two percent of digital scripts were inadvertently not marked. NZQA has quality assurance processes in place, including reviewing random samples of examinations. In this instance, no incomplete results were identified through this process.'

The 265 affected scripts of 258 students, have now been marked as a matter of priority so students can receive their results as soon as possible. Four digital examinations were affected - English Level 1 and 2, Media Studies Level 1, and Classical Studies Level 2.

There were 5,100 students entered for Digital Pilot examinations in 2017, with over 11,000 digital entries received across the six examinations offered. Digital examinations were available at NCEA Level 1 in English, Media Studies and Classical Studies, and in these subjects at NCEA Level 2.

'We apologise to the students who have been impacted. We have been in touch with the relevant schools and most affected students should expect their results to be updated today. Although these are Pilot examinations, this was unexpected. NZQA is taking immediate steps to change the marking interface and put additional controls in place to ensure this cannot occur in the future,' says Ms Gray.

NZQA remains on track to achieve its goal of having NCEA examinations available online by 2020, and will be working with schools and students to offer Digital Trial and Pilot examinations in 2018.

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