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The National Certificate in Educational Achievement (NCEA) qualifications are organised by NZQA. Students automatically become a candidate for NCEA when their school first sends results for internally assessed standards to NZQA, entries are made for externally assessed standards, or an entry is made for New Zealand Scholarship.

Each student has a unique National Student Number (NSN). The student can use this to look up information that NZQA holds about them, including their entries, results and Record of Achievement. Students may also be studying courses with other providers such as Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu, workplace providers or a polytechnic.

Students must obey all the rules and procedures for NCEA. See the [Assessment \(including Examination\) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess](#).

For an introductory pamphlet for NCEA candidates see:

[Candidate Information Sheet \(PDF, 884KB\)](#)

[Candidate Information Sheet - Te Reo Maori Translation \(PDF, 926KB\)](#)

[Examination Timetable \(PDF, 198KB\)](#)

Fees

There are separate fee structures for domestic students and international students. See [Fees for NCEA](#).

Home-schooled students

A home-schooled student who wishes to enter for achievement or unit standards must establish a link with a registered school. The school must have the relevant New Zealand Qualifications Framework accreditation. For more information, see [Assessment and Examination Rules for Home Schools](#).

International students

International students resident in New Zealand can gain National Certificates of Educational Achievement. For more information see [Coming to New Zealand](#).

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