

INFORMATION FOR LEVEL 1 NCEA CANDIDATES

NCEA Level 1 Examinations in 2011

Marking your booklet

In 2011 all level 1 examination booklets will be marked using a system called Grade Score Marking (GSM).

In your answer booklet, you will get **a score beside the grade for each question**. For example, if you give an achieved answer, the marker will write either A3 for a lower achieved or A4 for a higher achieved.

Question scores:

Not Achieved			Achieved		Merit		Excellence	
NØ	N1	N2	A3	A4	M5	M6	E7	E8

Final grade for the standard

The scores for each of the questions are added together to give the **total score** on the cover of your answer booklet. The total score is then converted into your grade for the standard. This grade will not be shown on your answer booklet but will appear on your online results.

Results

Your online results will show one of four grades for each standard you answered: Not achieved (N), Achieved (A), Merit (M) or Excellence (E).

When your marked booklets are returned in January you will be able to check on the NZQA website that your grades are the correct ones for the scores you received.

An **example** of a score and grade range for a four question exam:

	Not Achieved (N)	Achievement (A)	Achievement with Merit (M)	Achievement with Excellence (E)
Score range	0 - 10	11 - 18	19 - 26	27 - 32

Assessment information about any achievement standard can be located at www.nzqa.govt.nz/subjects

Summary:

- The scores are added up so you should answer every question in the exam booklet.
- The marking change does not affect the exam booklet.
- Results for questions in your exam booklet will be a grade and a score.
- The result on the front of your exam booklet will be a score.
- The result for the standard in your online Results Notice will be your grade.