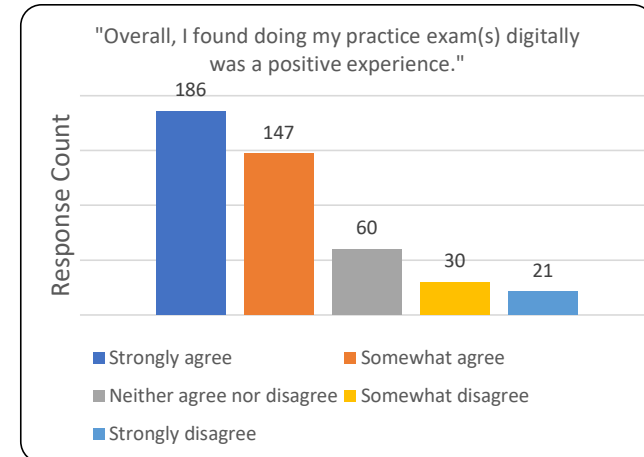
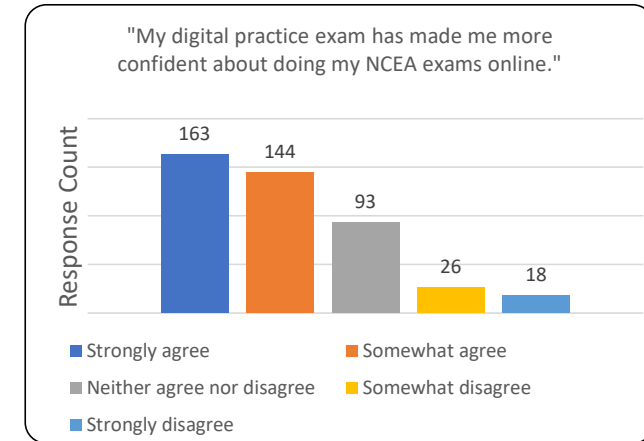
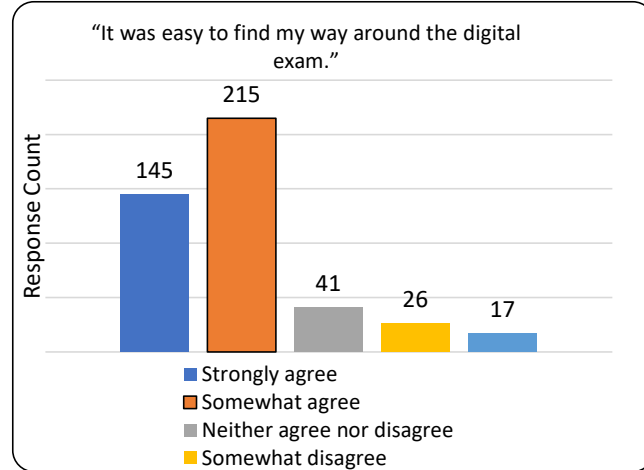
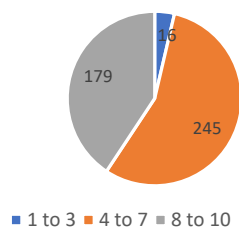


# 2021 Digital Practice Exams – Student experience

## Key points:

- ✓ In 2021 NZQA offered digital practice exams in six subjects (English, Classical Studies, Media Studies, Te Reo Māori, Te Reo Rangitira, and Agricultural and Horticultural Science) at levels 1-3.
- ✓ 11,782 students from 152 schools participated in at least one digital practice exam, with 857 students doing more than one session.
- ✓ We had a survey response rate of 3.8%, with 444 students responding to the student survey offered as part of the digital practice exams.
- ✓ Of the student responses to the post-exam survey, 11% (56 of 507) identified as Māori and 4.3% (22 of 507) as Pacific.
- ✓ 75% of surveyed students reported that doing their practice exams digitally was a positive experience.
- ✓ When asked what they thought would improve digital practice exams, common suggestions from student respondents were:
  - enable keyboard shortcuts
  - make website design simpler and more user friendly
  - easier navigation to locate exam
  - improve mobility of viewing between examination pages
  - enable spell check for entire exam without need to refresh
  - enlarge font of exam instructions and materials
  - create a 'not attempted' tick box.

Student responses by school decile band



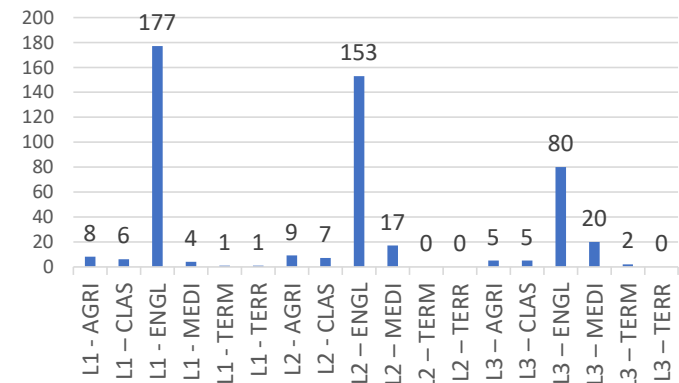
## Percentages of student respondents who agreed with these statements:

- "My digital practice exam has made me more confident about doing my NCEA exams online." (69.14%)
- "Overall, I found doing my practice exam(s) digitally was a positive experience." (75%)
- "It was easy to find my way around the digital exam." (81.1%)

## Device use

- 76.2% of student respondents reported experiencing no network or device problems while accessing or completing their digital exam.
- 18.7% of student respondents reported using a school-provided device to complete their digital exam.
- 81.3% of student respondents reported using their own device to complete their digital exam, as follows:
  - 66.66% of Māori respondents
  - 70.58% of Pacific respondents
  - 83.82% of non-Māori/non-Pacific respondents

Student survey responses by digital exam session



## Preparation

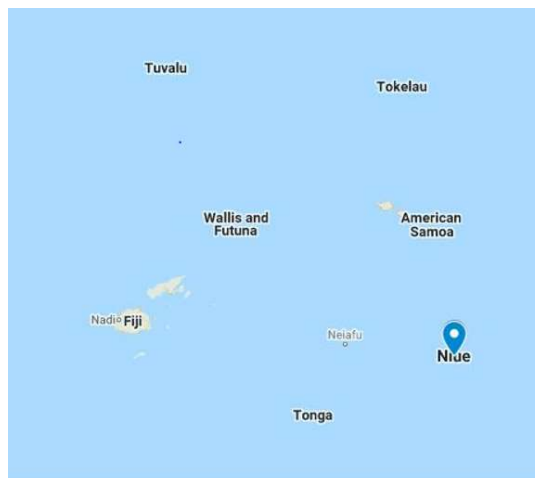
Students responding to the survey said they prepared for their practice exams as follows:

- ✓ tried a past digital exam on the NZQA website (15.7%)
- ✓ watched a video on the NZQA website (6.5%)
- ✓ checked their device on the NZQA website (15.5%)
- ✓ discussed the digital practice exam in class (25.5%)
- ✓ created or checked their NCEA login (28.1%)
- ✓ didn't prepare for their digital practice exam (5.9%)

## Key points:

- ✓ Digital practice exams were available to schools for 13 weeks from 2 August to 31 October 2021. Schools chose the week in which they would participate.
- ✓ NZQA worked with subject associations and subject matter experts to offer digital practice exams at Levels 1-3 for English, Classical Studies, Media Studies, Te Reo Māori, Te Reo Rangatira and Agricultural and Horticultural Science.
- ✓ 152 schools participated – 142 schools from outside Auckland (including Niue High School) and ten Auckland schools which ran their digital practice exams remotely.
- ✓ 188 administrators, 495 supervisors and 645 markers made up the school-based participants.
- ✓ Of the 152 participating schools, 59 had participated in 2020 digital practice exams and 115 had participated in the 2020 NCEA Online exams.
- ✓ More information about schools' and students' participation in 2021 digital exams will be available in the summary evaluation reports on these practice exams and NCEA end of year exams.

## Location of the 152 participating schools



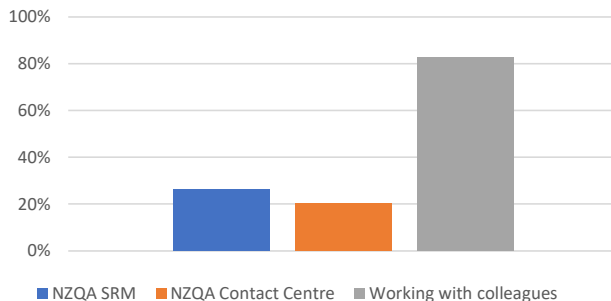
## Survey responses:

NZQA received completed survey responses as follows:

- 495 from students (attending 32 unique schools)
- 211 from school-based participants identifying their role(s) as Administrator, Supervisor or Marker (in 63 unique schools).

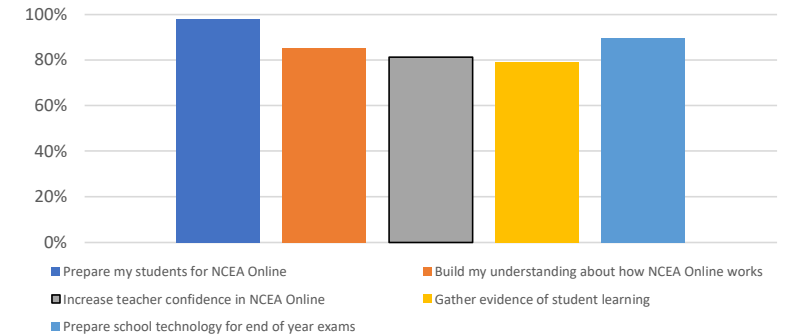
## Marker survey respondents

Marker survey respondents who found the following NZQA support useful:

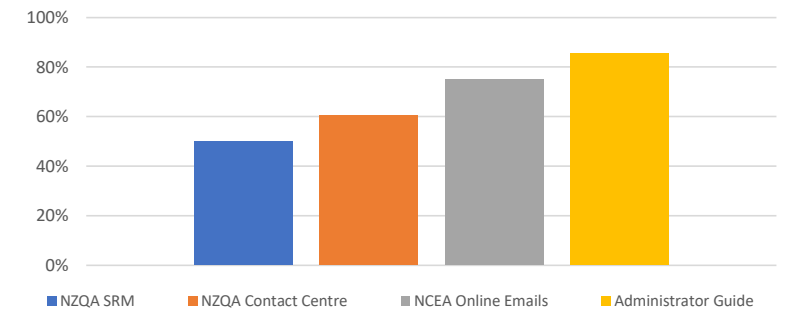


## Administrator survey respondents

Administrator survey respondents who found the "The digital practice exams were useful to



Administrator survey respondents who found the following NZQA support useful:



## Supervisor survey respondents

Supervisor survey respondents who found the following activities user-friendly and helpful preparation for digital supervision:

