



NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY
MANA TOHU MĀTAURANGA O AOTEAROA



CONSEJERÍA DE EDUCACIÓN

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Recognition of the National Certificates of Educational Achievement (NCEA) in Spain

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority and the equivalent Spanish Government agencies do not have a formal agreement in place for the recognition of the National Certificates of Educational Achievement (NCEA) in Spain.

New Zealand is advised by the Spanish Counsellor for Education in Australia and New Zealand, that Spain recognises the quality of New Zealand schools and the education system. NZQA and the Spanish Counsellor for Education are not aware of any problems regarding the recognition of NCEA when a student returns to Spain.

Up until the age of 16, Spanish students returning to Spain must take their signed school reports and their Result Notice (and/or Record of Achievement).

Spanish students who have studied at Year 12 and 13 in New Zealand who plan to return to the upper secondary school system in Spain are required to have school reports and Results Notice (and/or Record of Achievement) officially translated. These documents should be sent to the Spanish Embassy in New Zealand for their submission to the Spanish Ministry of Education.

The address for the Embassy is Box 24, 150 Manners Street, Wellington, New Zealand. The documents will be forwarded to the Spanish Counsellor for Education in Australia and New Zealand who is based in Canberra. The Counsellor will validate all the marks and prepare a report for the Spanish authorities. This report is important for university entrance in Spain.

Students who have completed their Year 13 and NCEA Level 3 in New Zealand, and would like to pursue university studies in Spain need to apply for the recognition and accreditation of their secondary education diploma and to register for the Universities Entrance Examinations with the Spanish *Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia* (UNED). A link to this information is available from the Embassy of Spain in Wellington at:

<http://www.educacion.gob.es/exterior/nz/en/studyinspain/recognition.shtml>

Students are advised to seek advice on their study programme in New Zealand so that it reflects as closely as possible the standard programme for secondary education in Spain. Students should aim to achieve as many Merits and Excellence in their programme as possible.

NZQA, where possible, will assist in conjunction the Counsellor and Spanish Embassy in New Zealand if a student experiences any difficulties with recognition of their study in New Zealand,

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