

## **NCEA changes 2021 Information for students outside Auckland**

NZQA knows that it was hard for students during the lockdown and that some assessments couldn't happen because you were at COVID-19 Alert Level 3 or 4 in 2021. These changes are to help you gain the qualification you were aiming to achieve this year.

### **What do Learning Recognition Credits mean for me?**

For every 5 credits you achieve through internal or external assessment, you earn 1 more credit. These extra credits are called Learning Recognition Credits (LRCs)

- You can earn up to 8 LRCs towards the 80 credits you need for NCEA Level 1 in 2021
- You can earn up to 6 LRCs towards the 60 credits you need at Level 2 and 3 in 2021

### **What are LRCs?**

- LRCs recognise the learning you have completed. They don't have grades, but they do have levels. For example, if you achieve 17 Level 2 credits, you will earn 3 Level 2 LRCs.

### **Can I use my LRCs from last year?**

- If needed, we will use your LRCs from last year where they are at the required level.
- Talk to your school about how to track your credits.

### **You've got more time to study**

- Portfolio due dates and exams for NCEA and Scholarship have been moved later to give you more time to learn and prepare.
- Check the exam timetable on the NZQA website.

### **No Change to Endorsements/UE**

- To get a Certificate endorsement this year you need the usual 50 credits at Merit, or Excellence level. To get a Course endorsement this year you need the usual 14 credits at Achieved, Merit, or Excellence level. You still need to achieve at least 3 credits in externals and 3 in internals where required.
- For 2021 the UE requirements are the usual 14 credits in three UE approved subjects. You still need to have Level 3 and the usual literacy and numeracy requirements.

### **What do I need to do?**

- Keep working to make sure that you achieve as many standards as you need. The more you achieve, the more you earn, up to the cap. Your teachers will help you to track your progress.
- You don't need to do anything else. NZQA will do the calculations and count your LRCs towards your NCEA certificate
- Make sure that you know when your portfolios are due and double check the new exam timetable.
- If you need any more information talk to your teacher, your Dean or the person in your school who manages NCEA (Principal's Nominee), or you can ring NZQA on 0800697296.
- If you haven't been able to attend school for longer than you classmates, due to COVID, see your school's Principal's Nominee.

### **What else do I need to know?**

- You must be enrolled at a secondary school in 2021 to earn LRCs.
- LRCs won't show on your Record of Achievement but you will be able to see how many you earn for 2021 through your Learner Login Schools Entries and results tab when you check your results next January. It shows any LRCs already earned in 2020.
- Your LRCs can also count towards an NCEA qualification in 2022.