

# NZQA

New Zealand Qualifications Authority

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## Awards

### University Entrance

To meet the minimum entry requirements to a New Zealand university, you will need to achieve NCEA Level 3, including 14 credits in each of three subjects on the approved subject list, and meet the literacy and numeracy requirements.

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Universities and other tertiary providers in New Zealand sometimes have other specific requirements for entry to particular programmes or courses. If you have a particular university programme in mind, check the entry criteria as soon as possible, to ensure that you are entering for the right standards at Level 3.

### New Zealand Scholarship

New Zealand Scholarship is designed to extend the very best students and to financially reward very able students who are going on to tertiary study. It is not a qualification.

Students entered for New Zealand Scholarship are assessed on their ability to demonstrate high-level critical thinking, abstraction and generalisation, and to integrate, synthesise and apply knowledge, skills, understanding and ideas to complex situations. The examinations or portfolios cover the same content as level 3 achievement standards, but the standard of performance required is much higher.

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### Vocational Pathways

The Vocational Pathways provide new ways to achieve NCEA Level 2. These pathways let you see how learning and achievement is valued in the workplace. They also suggest the types of study options and job opportunities available to learners.

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### Training Schemes

A training scheme is defined as study and training that leads to an award but does not, of itself, lead to a qualification listed on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF).

A training scheme can be at any NZQF level and can provide a range of academic or vocational learning opportunities.

Some training schemes require [approval](#) by NZQA before delivery.

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