

Studying in New Zealand

New Zealand's education system allows for flexibility, choice and a range of qualifications. The New Zealand Qualifications' Framework (NZQF). This lists all qualifications from level 1 to level 10, and includes certificates, diplomas and degrees. Whether you're a student or a professional, it's a good idea to check that your study programme will lead to a qualification because this means it's quality assured.

All about New Zealand qualifications

A look at the New Zealand Qualifications' Framework and the education system.

- [Understanding New Zealand qualifications \(NZQF\)](#)
- [Levels and qualification types \(certificates, diplomas, degrees\)](#)
- [Search for a qualification](#)

Secondary school and NCEA

In New Zealand, secondary education runs from Year 9 (around 12-13 years old). Students generally work towards the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) and they begin level one in Year 11 and work through to level 3 in Year 13.

- [Understanding NCEA](#)
- [Choosing secondary school subjects](#)
- [International recognition of NCEA](#)

- [Explore secondary schools in New Zealand](#)

Tertiary education›

Students ready to continue their study have a great selection of tertiary education in New Zealand, from universities to institutes of technology and polytechnics or workplace training.

- [About tertiary education in NZ](#)
- [Choosing a tertiary qualification](#)
- [Tips for choosing a tertiary provider](#)
- [Search recognised education providers in New Zealand](#)

International students in New Zealand

New Zealand welcomes international students from all around the world. New Zealand's qualifications are world-class, and we have a number of systems in place to ensure international students are looked after well.

- [Information for international students](#)
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- [Caring for International Students - The Code of Practice](#)