

NCEA Level 2 - Matthayom 6 Equivalence and University Entrance requirements Thailand

The Council of University Presidents Thailand has agreed to support Matthayom 6 qualifications recognition arrangement for university entry.

This arrangement provides two options for students to meet university entry requirements. The Council has informed Thai universities that students who have completed NCEA Level 2 - Matthayom 6 are eligible to apply for study at a Thai university under the Thai University Entrance Requirements.

The criteria for Option 1 and Option 2 are below.

Thai universities make their own admission decisions. NZQA has been asked to continue to use the NCEA Level 2 - Matthayom 6 equivalence criteria.

NCEA Level 2 - Matthayom 6 equivalence

There are two options to meet the NCEA Level 2 - Matthayom 6 equivalence criteria.

Option 1: NCEA Level 2 Certificate (at least 80 credits, of which 60 must be at Level 2). The entry requirements are the same as those for NCEA Level 1. See [Literacy and Numeracy](#)

Option 2: 60 credits at Level 2 or higher in a minimum of five subjects with a requirement of 4 credits in English (literacy) at Level 2 or higher and 4 credits in mathematics at Level 2 or higher.

Note about Option 2:

- This option does not require a student to achieve NCEA Level 2.
- To achieve this option, Thai students must have studied at least 5 subjects at Level 2 or higher.
- Students are advised to achieve a minimum of 12 Level 2 credits per subject.

English Language (EL) - English for Speakers of Other Languages

Students who have taken English Language (EL) as a subject must meet the following requirements:

For Option 1

- English Language (EL) is not accepted for literacy, except English for Speakers of Other Languages (EFL) at Level 2.
- English Language (EL) credits are accepted as part of the 80 credits required for NCEA Level 2 from either NCEA Level 1 or 2 or a combination of both.

For Option 2

- English Language (EL) is not accepted as a subject and does not count towards the 60 credit requirement. The English (literacy) credits must be in English.

Literacy and numeracy requirements

How to tell if a student has met the literacy and numeracy requirements:

To achieve either Option 1 or Option 2 for NCEA Level 2 - Matthayom 6 equivalent, students must meet the literacy and numeracy requirements.

Option 1: Students will know they have met the literacy and numeracy requirements for an NCEA Level 2 Certificate.

Option 2: Students will know they have met the literacy and numeracy requirements of 4 credits in English (literacy) at Level 2 or higher and 4 credits in Mathematics. In this option, the English (literacy) credits must be in English, not English Language.

Planning and course selection

Students wanting to attend university in Thailand should be advised to plan ahead about their school subject selection. More...

NCEA is a very flexible qualification with a large number of subject areas. Some subjects available in New Zealand may not be accepted as subjects that can count towards university study overseas. Students should approach their schools and agents for advice about which subjects studied can count towards entry into academic tertiary courses or vocational study or career path.

We recommend that universities' expectations should be taken into consideration.

- Check admission requirements for the universities students plan to enter.
- Check the pre-requisite subjects for students' intended university study.

Advice to students wishing to apply for university study:

- Study five distinct subjects (similar to a course of study a New Zealander would study at Level 2).
- Achieve a minimum of 12 Level 2 credits per subject (preferably more if possible).
- Achieve numeracy and literacy requirements (note Option 2 above).

Applying to Thai universities

How to apply and what documents you need..

Students should approach the universities directly for admission. This is a chance to send their NCEA results to the Bureau of Educational Testing to apply for Matriculation.

Students are advised to:

- check the admission requirements and documentation for the universities
- include the following NZQA results documents with their application:
 - [New Zealand Record of Achievement](#)
 - [Thai Overseas Results Notice](#)
 - Some universities may also require an NCEA Level 2 Certificate and a copy of the

Students can access and download these documents using the learner login. They should save the New Zealand Record of Achievement as a PDF copy to be submitted as an electronic copy using the [NZRoA Verification service](#).

For information about ordering results documents, see [here](#).

About NZQA results documents

Understanding NZQA results documents...

The New Zealand Record of Achievement (NZRoA) is a student's official record of results.

- The NZRoA lists qualifications achieved, including NCEA Certificates.
- It can be downloaded at any time from the NZQA website for the previous school year.
- Final results and qualifications for the previous school year are available. Results are released in mid-January (e.g. results for 2017 are available in early 2018).

The Thai Overseas Results Notice (ORN)

- The Thai ORN is a summary of qualifications, NCEA Levels, subjects, and study. It is available in mid-January each year.
- International fee-paying students with Thai citizenship can download the documents' section of the [learner login](#). Thai students who have New Zealand citizenship can download the documents directly or the New Zealand Embassy in Bangkok.

For students who completed NCEA Level 2 in 2017 or earlier:

Thai universities will use the NZRoA and Thai ORN to check whether the student meets the requirements for NCEA Level 2–Matthayom 6 equivalency. If there are any difficulties, contact the universities directly.

For students completing NCEA Level 2 from 2018:

The Thai ORN will clearly show whether the student's results meet the criteria. The following sentences:

- These results meet Option 1 requirements for Matthayom 6 for the academic year.
- These results meet Option 2 requirements for Matthayom 6 for the academic year.
- These results do not meet NCEA requirements for Matthayom 6.

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