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New Zealand Qualifications Authority

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University Entrance

University Entrance (UE) is the minimum requirement to go to a New Zealand university. To qualify you will need:

- NCEA Level 3
- Three subjects - at **Level 3**, made up of:
 - 14 credits each, in three **approved subjects**
- Literacy - **10 credits at Level 2 or above**, made up of:
 - 5 credits in reading
 - 5 credits in writing
- Numeracy - **10 credits at Level 1 or above**, made up of:
 - achievement standards - specified achievement standards available through a range of subjects, or
 - unit standards - package of three numeracy unit standards (26623, 26626, 26627- **all** three required).

Once you have met the requirements for University Entrance it will appear on your Record of Achievement.

Credits

Credits can be accumulated over more than one year.

If a unit and an achievement standard assess the same learning outcome, only the credits for ONE standard can be counted. In other words they are 'mutually exclusive'. A list of such [exclusions](#) is published each year.

Discretionary entrance

When an applicant does not qualify for University Entrance to a New Zealand university, they may be eligible for Discretionary Entrance.

See [Universities New Zealand - Discretionary Entrance](#) for more information.

Appeals process for Discretionary and *Ad Eundem Statum* Entrance

Applicants who are not happy with the decision of a University regarding discretionary entrance may [appeal that decision](#).

Review of University Entrance requirements

NZQA has completed the 2016-2017 review of University Entrance requirements 2016-2017. Please go to the [Review](#) page for more information.

