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.