

Field: General Education

Change report for National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA)

(Levels 1-3) qualifications

Reviewed qualifications

Ref	Version	Title	Level	Credits
0928	9	National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA)	1	80*
0973	6	National Certificate of Educational Achievement	2	80*
1039	5	National Certificate of Educational Achievement	3	80*

* A total of 80 credits including the 20-credit Te Reo Matatini me te Pāngarau | Literacy and Numeracy Co-requisite (the NCEA Co-requisite) is required to be awarded an NCEA qualification.

Review information

Qualification Developer	Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga Ministry of Education
Reason for the review	First major review of the NCEA qualifications since registration in 2002
Review date	2023
Outcome date	November 2023
Next review date	2028 Level 1 2029 Level 2 and Level 3

Summary of development/review and consultation process

Public engagement on the future of NCEA took place between May and October 2018 as part of the national Education Conversation | Kōrero Mātauranga. New Zealanders were given a wide range of options for engaging in the review and for providing feedback. More than 16,000 points of engagement occurred.

A vision for NCEA's future and draft qualification outcome statements were developed and public engagement occurred on these in 2019-2020. Seven areas of change to strengthen NCEA were endorsed by Cabinet in February 2020.

The NCEA Change Programme was established to design and deliver the agreed changes. The programme of work has included development of the NCEA Subject Lists, the NCEA Co-requisite and related unit standards, NCEA achievement standards and related teaching, learning and assessment products for both curricula. Feedback received through public engagement and expert advice from a diverse range of stakeholder groups has informed and supported this work.

Public engagement to help shape the NCEA Level 1 Outcome Statement occurred in June/July 2023. Engagement on NCEA Level 2 and 3 Outcome Statements will follow as their related new achievement standards are developed.

Main changes resulting from the development/review process

All NCEA qualifications include the 20-credit Te Reo Matatini me te Pāngarau | Literacy and Numeracy Co-requisite (the NCEA Co-requisite) required for the award of NCEA.

National Certificate of Educational Achievement (Level 1)

The review reflects the [seven areas of change to strengthen NCEA](#):

1. Make NCEA more accessible
2. Mana ōrite mō te mātauranga Māori
3. Strengthen literacy and numeracy requirements and assessments
4. Fewer, larger standards
5. Simplify NCEA's structure
6. Clearer pathways to further education or work
7. Keep NCEA Level 1 optional.

The review also included:

- Development of a qualification Graduate Profile statement (Strategic purpose, Graduate profile outcomes, and Education, Employment, Community, and Cultural pathways)
- NCEA Co-requisite requirements.

National Certificate of Educational Achievement (Level 2)

- Inclusion of NCEA Co-requisite requirements and new review date.

National Certificate of Educational Achievement (Level 3)

- Inclusion of NCEA Co-requisite requirements and new review date.

Review outcome

Ref:	Version	Reviewed qualification	Outcome category	New version details
0928	9	National Certificate of Educational Achievement (Level 1)	B-New version of qualification	Version 10
0973	6	National Certificate of Educational Achievement (Level 2)	B-New version of qualification	Version 7
1039	5	National Certificate of Educational Achievement (Level 3)	B-New version of qualification	Version 6

Qualification review outcome categories

Outcome	Result	Category
Minor changes to the qualification	Qualification version number and ID (Ref) remain the same New review date is required	A
Moderate changes to the qualification	New qualification version number ID (Ref) remains the same New review date is required	B
Significant changes to the qualification	New replacement qualification with a new ID (Ref) The existing qualification will expire	C
The qualification is no longer required by industry	The qualification will expire with no replacement	D

Transition information

Ref:	Version	Qualification title	Last date of entry*	Last date of assessment
0928	9	National Certificate of Educational Achievement (Level 1)	N/A	31 March 2024
0973	6	National Certificate of Educational Achievement (Level 2)	N/A	31 March 2024
1039	5	National Certificate of Educational Achievement (Level 3)	N/A	31 March 2024

**only required for outcome category C or D*

Any additional information

It is not intended that any existing candidate be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements; however, anyone who feels they have been disadvantaged may contact:

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