

Changes to strengthen NCEA

Informed by a year-long public engagement, the NCEA Change Package paves the way for the most significant reform of senior secondary schooling in almost two decades.

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Make NCEA more accessible

- zero fees, fewer barriers for learners with disabilities and learning support needs, and learners are able to see their culture, identity and language reflected in their learning

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Mana ōrite mō te mātauranga Māori (equal status for mātauranga Māori in NCEA)

- ensure mātauranga Māori is equitably valued and resourced in NCEA, broadening access to mātauranga Māori pathways and increasing teacher capability

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Strengthen literacy and numeracy | te reo matatini me te pāngarau standards and assessments

- ensure students with an NCEA have functional literacy and numeracy skills that will ready them to transition into tertiary education or the workplace

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Fewer, larger standards

- new achievement standards and resources will be developed to replace all existing achievement standards and ensure that the most significant learning in each subject is credentialled

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Simplify NCEA's structure

- credits can no longer be carried over to the next level. Sixty credits are required to pass each NCEA level along with Te Reo Matatini | Literacy and Numeracy co-requisite

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Clearer pathways to further education or work

- develop a Vocational Entrance Award to clearly signal when a student is ready to transition into higher level vocational education and strengthen vocational pathways through NCEA

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Keep NCEA Level 1 optional

- ensure Level 1 provides students with the broad, foundational learning needed to support further study at Levels 2 and 3 where there will be opportunities for greater specialisation



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