



Frequently Asked Questions

2021 NCEA New Subjects Engagement

We are inviting feedback on proposed NCEA subjects *New Zealand Curriculum* (Levels 2 and 3) and *Te Marautanga o Aotearoa* (Levels 1 to 3) between 16 June – 13 August. This sheet contains answers to the questions we hear most with regards to new subjects. It supports the factsheets and discussion document available on [NCEA.education.govt.nz](https://www.ncea.education.govt.nz).

NCEA - New Subjects Questions and Answers		
1	Will all the subjects on the list be available at my school?	No. Schools will select achievement standards from the finalised subjects and build courses that balance what will work for their students/ākonga, community, and character with practical considerations.
2	Can students/ākonga earn credits for subjects that aren't on the confirmed subject list, once confirmed?	<p>This is the list of NCEA subjects that will have achievement standards developed by the Ministry and a wide range of unit standards will still be available for learning not on the list. All learning assessed with standards at the appropriate level can count towards NCEA.</p> <p>Students/ākonga do not have to participate in all the achievement standards in the subject to gain some credits.</p> <p>Whānau, you can talk to your local school to understand what credits are available for students/ākonga in the courses they are planning on taking.</p>
3	How would these subject changes affect New Zealand Scholarship?	<p>We will work with NZQA to confirm the New Zealand Scholarship subjects after a decision has been made on these proposed subjects.</p> <p>The Ministry generally expects all NCEA Level 3 subjects to be offered as Scholarship subjects if a valid assessment can be designed noting that for new subjects this may follow a year or so later</p>
4	How would the changes to Level 3 subjects impact on University Entrance?	<p>We will work on University Entrance requirements with NZQA and Universities New Zealand once a decision has been made on the proposed subjects.</p> <p>The Ministry is designing all NCEA Level 3 subjects with the intention that they will be suitable to be UE-accredited subjects</p>

5	<p>Why are there changes to NZC NCEA Levels 2 and 3 subjects?</p>	<p>The Level 2 and 3 subject options were developed to ensure learning is high quality and relevant. We aim to:</p> <p>Support clearer pathways into further education and training</p> <p>Allow students/ākonga to specialise in their final years of school.</p> <p>Help ensure mātauranga Māori has equal status in NCEA.</p>
6	<p>Will there be overlap between The New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa? Some of the proposed subject names are the same.</p>	<p>Mau Rākau and Toi Whakairo are proposed for both the New Zealand Curriculum (NZC) and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa (TMoA). We'd like feedback on whether these subjects should be developed under NZC, TMoA or both.</p>
7	<p>Will these subjects give students/ākonga clearer pathways to further education or work?</p>	<p>We have worked to ensure these proposed subjects will provide clear pathways to further education or work. Some proposed subjects have greater emphasis on applied learning.</p> <p>As we get the subjects ready, we will work with employers, industry, tertiary, students/ākonga, whānau and community groups make sure learning is relevant and clear for students/ākonga and the people around them.</p>
8	<p>Teachers are busy. How will the proposed subjects impact workload?</p>	<p>Feedback on workload implications is welcome. Some adaptation will be required, and we will work with schools to support this. Long term, there will be less assessment workload.</p>
9	<p>These subjects are only provisional. What will happen from here?</p>	<p>Once the engagement period is over, we will read and collate the feedback. Themes and further policy issues that arise from feedback will inform our final recommendations to the Minister in September 2021. The next step is developing Level 2 achievement standards for piloting in 2023.</p>
10	<p>Can I propose new or different subjects than are currently on the list?</p>	<p>You are welcome to suggest further subjects.</p> <p>Brand new suggestions would likely need more work to be confirmed, so may not be progressed or developed immediately as part of this engagement.</p>

The FAQs are supported by factsheets, a discussion document and a survey on [NCEA.education.govt.nz](https://www.education.govt.nz/ncea/). If you have further questions after reading this material, please contact us at ncea.review@education.govt.nz