

CHANGES TO NCEA – FACT SHEET – for Auckland Schools

For schools who have spent 20 days or more in Alert Level 3 or 4

Info can be found on the [NZQA website](#), with [additional information for Auckland schools here](#). However the below info should clarify some questions:

- PLEASE NOTE: For NCEA Level 2 or 3, learners still need a **total of 80 credits**. However, this includes **up to 12 LRCs** earned from **48 credits at that level**, plus **20 credits from the previous year**.
For every 4 credits earned, 1 LRC is also earned towards the NCEA certificate.
Learners can earn up to a **maximum of 12LRCs** for Level 2 and 3 learners. *This means, if learners have 20 credits from last year, they only need 48 credits towards their Level 2 or 3 certificate this year.*
- LRCs count towards an NCEA certificate, but they do not count towards 12 credits for a UE subject, nor towards course endorsement. (**U.E. now requires 12 credits in each of 3 university approved subjects**, in addition to NCEA Level 3 and UE Literacy and L1 Numeracy).
- LRCs do not count towards Literacy or Numeracy credits required.
- For **Certificate Endorsements**, students would need **at least 44 credits** at Merit or Excellence level, instead of the usual 50. This certificate is not year bound. **See: Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess 2021.** Here is the link [rules under 8.4](#).
- **Course Endorsements would require 12 credits** at Achieved or Merit or Excellence level in a course, rather than 14. These credits must be gained in a single school year. Students would still need to achieve **at least 3 credits from external** assessment and 3 from internal assessment (where these requirements usually apply). Note that Achieved endorsements are new this year.
- Level 2 credits earn L2 LRCs, Level 3 credits earn L3 LRCs.
- L3 credits and LRCs can drop down to count towards an NCEA certificate at Level 2. However, LRCs can only be used once – ie said if a learner gained 4LR credits at Level 3 in 2020 which were used to reach NCEA L2 that year, these 4LR cannot be re-used to reach NCEA L3 in 2021. However, if a learner earned some Level 3 credits last year, that also earned LRCs, if the Level 3 LRCs were not used towards the NCEA L2 certificate, then they can count towards the Level 3 certificate this year. (“Leftover” LRCs from 2020 can be used for 2021).

New School Practice Examination Dates are **Wed 27 Oct-Wed 3 Nov**

[New NCEA Examination Timetable for External Examinations is here.](#)