



Requirements for NCEA Level 2 are:

80 credits, of which:

- a minimum of 60 credits are at Level 2;
- and the other 20 credits are from Level 1 or another Level; and
- include literacy and numeracy credits at Level 1 or above.

Literacy requirement

A minimum of 10 credits through either:

- [specified achievement standards](#) available through a range of subjects and [English for Academic Purposes](#)
- [unit standards](#) (minimum of 10 credits) or unit standards – package of three [literacy unit standards](#) (minimum of 10 credits – **all** three are required).

Numeracy requirement

A minimum of 10 credits through either:

- Achievement standards – [specified achievement standards](#) available through a range of subjects (minimum of 10 credits) or
- Unit standards – package of three [numeracy unit standards](#) (minimum of 10 credits – **all** three are required).

Additional recognition of achievement available

Vocational Pathway Award

Achieves 60 Level 2 credits from the *Recommended* assessment standards for a Vocational Pathway sector, including 20 credits from the *Sector-related* standards for the same sector.

Course Endorsement

Students will gain an endorsement for a course, if, in a single [school] academic year, they achieve:

- 14 or more credits at Merit or Excellence and at least 3 of these credits are from externally assessed standards, and 3 credits from internally assessed standards.

Note: This does not apply to physical education, religious studies and Level 3 visual arts.

Certificate Endorsement

If a student gains 50 credits at Excellence, their NCEA will be endorsed with Excellence.

Likewise, if a student gains 50 credits at Merit (or Merit and Excellence), their NCEA will be endorsed with Merit.