

REPLACING NCEA

What's changing in the new qualification?

The name

BEFORE: National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Levels 1,2, and 3.

NOW:
NZ Certificate of Education (NZCE) @ year 12,
NZ Advanced Certificate of Education (NZACE) @ year 13

The grades

BEFORE: Gain NCEA Level with 80 credits at Achieved, Merit, or Excellence.

NOW:
Students must pass 3 out of 5 subjects. Grades will be given from A+ to E, with a C being a passing grade. Each subject will require at least one exam.

The subjects

BEFORE: Schools could make courses using standards from different learning areas.

NOW:
Students can only choose from an approved set of subjects, with no “cross-curricula” options.

EXPERTS IN THE CLASSROOM

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What are teachers saying about the new national qualification?



It's back-to-the-future

A return to familiar subjects, grades, and language might feel reassuring, but it doesn't fit with our students or the world they live in now.



It's one-size-fits-all

Our students have different strengths and skills, and live in very different local contexts and communities. Making all assessment activities the same ignores different ways students can show their understanding.



Some students will be left behind.

This is unacceptable and unnecessary. Every effort should be made to ensure the qualification system benefits all learners.