

NCEA Changes 2023



From 2017 the Government has been working on making changes to NCEA Level 1 effective in 2023. Level 2 and Level 3 will follow in 2024 and 2025. These changes have evolved after consultation with teachers, employers, students, parents and communities.

Key changes at Level 1 for 2023 include broadening access to a science curriculum by consolidating Physics with Earth and Space Science and Chemistry with Biology, along with a new general nature of Science subject. Maaori Performing Arts has been added as a new subject and specialised subjects such as Art History, Classical Studies, Media Studies and Psychology will no longer be offered at Level 1. However, these subjects can be offered from Level 2 and Level 3.

Mandatory literacy and numeracy standards will be introduced from 2023 to help ensure everyone who has an NCEA qualification has a good level of foundational literacy and numeracy. The standards will be externally assessed and students will need to achieve them in order to be awarded any level of NCEA qualification.

Level 1 which has required 80 credits will now require 60 credits plus attainment of specific Literacy and Numeracy standards.

These shifts have taken place to combat an excessive NCEA workload for students and those who teach them. Inclusion and equity have also been addressed whereas in the past NCEA often excluded learners' identities, cultures and aspirations from the assessment process.

In preparation for 2023 Level 1, standards have been rebuilt so there are fewer, but larger, standards. There may be more of an external component for some subjects than students have been used to, although this may not necessarily mean an increase in examinations.

These changes are likely to have impact on our current Year 9, that is those who will be Year 11 in 2023. However, with NCEA's encouragement a small number of our subjects here, notably English, Mathematics and Commerce may be involved in the pilot programmes that are becoming available next year. This will not affect our students adversely, the credit number will be the same, and the credits earned will go toward NCEA Level 1 in 2022. It is a good opportunity for our school and many others nationally to begin the process for change.

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